

WMUL-FM

Quarterly Issues and Programs List

July - September 2019

Making Contact

#22-19 - 190529 - Hidden in Plain Sight - Rebecca Gordon on Torture

2019-Jul-01	30 minutes	4:30 pm
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Soon after 9/11, the US began holding people in secret prisons around the world in places called “black sites.” Black sites were secret and what happened within them was unknown. When we did learn about the techniques our government was using to extract information, we were told it was not torture but something called “enhanced interrogation.” It sounded new and not so brutal. But it was torture. An updated version of it, but torture nonetheless, which forced us to think about what we were willing to do to other human beings in a state of war. In this episode, Rebecca Gordon argues that enhanced interrogation isn’t new. Torture as a tactic has been used by the United States since its inception to control people and suppress uprisings, domestically and abroad. She wants us to confront our history with torture and its connection to power and race, especially if we want to hold governments and interrogators accountable for their crimes.

Featuring: Rebecca Gordon, Author of “Mainstreaming Torture: Ethical Approaches in the Post 9/11 United States” & Teacher in the Philosophy Department of the University of San Francisco

#25-19 - 190619 - From Juneteenth to Reparations - The Freedom Promise of Unfinished Resolve

2019-Jul-15	30 minutes	4:30 pm
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Juneteenth, also known as Juneteenth Independence Day or Freedom Day, is the oldest known celebration commemorating the end of slavery in the United States.

Dating back to 1865, it was on June 19th Major Gen. Gordon Granger came to Galveston, Texas, to inform a reluctant community that President Abraham Lincoln, two years earlier, had abolished slavery in the U.S.

In this show, we’ll explore the history of Juneteenth and we’ll expand our conversation of Juneteenth to include a case for reparations. The topic of reparations for African Americans has recently resurfaced with Democratic presidential candidates taking positions on the issue, elevating the discussion to the mainstream.

Featuring: Dr. Shennette Garrett-Scott, historian of gender, race, and capitalism. Fania Davis, social justice activist, Civil Rights trial attorney, and restorative justice practitioner

#48-18 - 181128 - I Am Because I Am: The Expansion of Gender Identity

2019-Jul-22	30 minutes	4:30 pm
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I Am Because I Am, explores the expansion of gender identity and presumed roles in our society. A look beyond the socially constructed ideas of what is male, female, masculine or feminine. Especially considering Trump's administration attempts to redefine gender to be solely based on a person's genitalia at birth. Thus potentially threatening Transgender, Intersex and Non-Binary Identity.

In this show we'll ask the questions, what does it mean when individuals challenge specific societal expectations of gender? In the case of intersex individuals, how are these ideas of gender challenged? In the spectrum of "queer identity" how does one embody masculinity, femininity, or neither? And how are communities responding to the potential threat of erasure?

Special Thanks to YR Media for the feature, "Meet Me at The Club".

Featuring: Sean Saifa Wall is a Black intersex man, advocate for intersex rights and former president of Interact Advocates for Intersex Youth. He is widely published, and works in intersex and HIV advocacy, and social documentary. Niki Khanna is an Associate Marriage and Family Therapist. She is also a certified Sexual Health Educator and has spent over 20 years working in Sex Education, Sexual Assault and Rape Prevention Education as well as Intimate Partner Violence Prevention Education. She identifies as a Femme, Intersex POC. She is passionate about finding ways to use the skills she has developed to contribute to the Intersex community. She provides workshops and mental health support to both the AIS-DSD Support Group and InterAct, two of the largest Intersex support and advocacy organizations in the country. She is currently developing practical training modules for mental health providers working with Intersex clients and their families.; Eden Anaï Luna, Transgender Economic Empowerment Project at the Los Angeles LGBT Center; Kray Lit, YR Media; Terry Sok Wolfson and Aliyah Baker, Qulture Collective; Chaney Turner, Social Life Productions

#24-19 - 190612 - Dana Frank on the Long Honduran Night

2019-Jul-29	30 minutes	4:30 pm
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June 2019 marks ten years since then President of Honduras, Manuel Zelaya, was ousted in a military coup.

In this program, Dr. Dana Frank, author of the Long Honduran Night, examines the long term impact of the coup in Honduras, and the evolution of resistance movements in its aftermath.

Featuring: Dr. Dana Frank, Author of “The Long Honduran Night: Resistance, Terror and the United States in the Aftermath of the Coup” & Professor of History Emerita at the University of California, Santa Cruz

#22-15 - 150603 - Beyond Stonewall - The Push for LGBT Civil Rights

2019-Aug-05	30 minutes	4:30 pm
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We go back to the night in June 1969 at the New York City Stonewall Inn that sparked the LGBT rights movement. On today's show we'll hear about the day that galvanized a generation and the continued fight for LGBT civil rights.

The first Pride parades took place in June 1970 marking the 1st anniversary of the Stonewall Uprising. Michael Schirker and David Isay bring us an oral history Remembering Stonewall: The Birth of a Movement.

Editor at large of the Huffington Posts' Gay Voices Michelangelo Signorile says while there have been a series of recent wins for the LGBT rights movement, bigotry remains a daily reality for many.

At a New America NYC forum Signorile spoke with June Thomas, Culture Critic and Editor of Outward, Slate's LGBTQ Section about what he calls “victory blindness”. It's a central theme in his new book, “It's Not Over, Getting to Beyond Tolerance Defeating Homophobia and Winning True Equality.”

Featuring: President Barack Obama; Geane Harwood, Bruce Merrow, Sylvia Rivera, Seymour Pine, Red Mahoney, Joan Nestle, Randy Wicker, Jim Fouratt, Howard Smith, Martin Boyce aka Miss Martin, Rudy, Mama Jean, participants in Remembering Stonewall oral history project; Michelangelo Signorile, host of the Michelangelo Signorile Sirius XM; June Thomas, Culture Critic and Editor of Outward, Slate's LGBTQ section

#27-19 - 190703 - The Port Chicago Sailors - Separate and Unequal

2019-Aug-19	30 minutes	4:30 pm
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75 years ago during World War II a deadly disaster hit when sailors, most of them African-Americans, were loading ammunition onto ships at California's Port Chicago. 320 men were killed and while the White officers were given leave time and commended for heroic efforts, 328 of the surviving Black enlistees were sent to load ammunition on another ship. When they refused, fifty men were charged and convicted of mutiny. It was the largest mutiny trial in U.S. naval history, and an early spark in the Civil Rights struggle.

Featuring: Port Chicago disaster survivors, now deceased: Albert Williams Jr.; Robert Routh, Jr.; Joseph R. Randolph Small Sr.; Freddie Meeks; Percy Robinson; Reenactments of the words of: Thurgood Marshall and Professor Robert Allen

#14-19 - 190403 - Reckonings with Lewis Wallace		
2019-Aug-26	30 minutes	4:30 pm
Lewis Wallace was a reporter at Marketplace. You may have heard his voice on the Marketplace Morning Report with David Brancaccio.		
That was until he publicly questioned the role of objectivity in a Medium post:		
<p>“We need to let go of idea that objectivity is dying. A more useful framework is that objectivity is a mythology that we’re urgently debunking to figure out what can stand in its place. That doesn’t lessen our pursuit of truth, it just reveals the complexity that was always there, which is that subjectivity that informs that pursuit.”</p>		
This questioning of “objectivity” ultimately got him fired from Marketplace. Our friends over at the Reckonings podcast interviewed Wallace and allowed us to share excerpts with you here. Listen and dive into one journalist’s reckoning with truth(s).		
Featuring: Lewis Wallace, Journalist		
#02-19 - 190109 - 70 Million: Undocumented immigrants are tethered to ICE, and private companies		
2019-Sep-02	30 minutes	4:30 pm
A handful of companies are making millions off of ankle monitors strapped to undocumented immigrants in ICE custody. The makers pitch the monitors as an alternative to being jailed, but are they simply another form of bondage? Reporter Ryan Katz looks at what life is like while wearing one of these monitors. He untangles the complicated web of ICE, immigration bail agent companies, and the attorneys fighting them.		
Featuring: Floricel Liborio Ramos; Armando Sandoval; Mayela Sandoval; Denise Gillman, Director of Immigration Clinic at University of Texas Law School		
#07-19 - 190213 - Afrofuturism - Imagination and Humanity - Ytasha Womack		
2019-Sep-09	30 minutes	4:30 pm
According to Ytasha Womack, use of the imagination for self-development and social change is one of the greatest tenets of Afrofuturism. This show features Womack’s presentation at the 2017 Sonic Acts Festival, Afrofuturism: Imagination and Humanity. She explores resilience encouraged through the championing of the imagination, tensions that arise from embracing hope, the separation of humanity from itself through the creation of the technology called race, and the power of storytelling.		
Womack is author of the award winning book, Afrofuturism: The World of Black Sci Fi & Fantasy Culture.		

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#32-17 - 170808 - The Struggle Inside - The Murder of George Jackson

2019-Sep-16

30 minutes

4:30 pm

On this edition of Making Contact we present, The Struggle Inside: The Murder of George Jackson, a program about the modern anti-prison movement. This year marks the 38th anniversary of Black August, first originated in the California prisons to honor fallen Freedom Fighters, George and Jonathan Jackson, Khatari Gaulden, James McClain, and William Christmas.

Jonathan Jackson was gunned down outside the Marin County courthouse on August 7, 1970 as he attempted to take hostages in a plan to negotiate the release of his brother, George. This action liberated three imprisoned Black Liberation Fighters: James McClain, William Christmas and Ruchell Magee. Ruchell Magee still imprisoned, and is the sole survivor of the Marin County Rebellion.

Special thanks to Omnia Foundation for supporting Making Contact's prison issues work and to the Freedom Archives for producing and allowing us to share The Struggle Inside: The Murder of George Jackson.

Featuring: Angela Davis, UC Santa Cruz professor, who supported George & Jonathan Jackson; David Hilliard, former Black Panther Party leader; Ruchell Magee, prison activist and leader, still in prison for his political activities; Georgia Jackson, mother of George and Jonathan Jackson; Harry Belafonte, performer and human rights activist; James Baldwin, outspoken writer and social activist; George and Jonathan Jackson, activist; David Johnson, Hugo Pinell, Luis Talamantez and Sundiata Tate, all charged with the San Quentin rebellion following the murder of George Jackson; Narrated by Jonathan Jackson, Jr.

#03-19 - 190116 - Abortion Beyond Clinics - Part 1 - Call Jane

2019-Sep-23

30 minutes

4:30 pm

In a special 2 part program by Making Contact we explore new safe at-home abortion options and the growing movement for "self-managed abortions."

Amidst changes to the Supreme Court of the United States, and after decades of restrictions to abortion access across the country, people continue to find ways to make this vital procedure safer, more affordable, and more accessible. Advances in medicine and discoveries made by women themselves have changed the kind of options available outside of clinics.

Featuring: Making Contact's adaptation of a piece by Hannah Nguyen and State of the Human at the Stanford Storytelling Project: a look back at the Jane Collective of the 1970's in Chicago told by the Janes themselves: Jeanne Galatzer-Levy, Martha Scott, Judith Arcana;

Linci Comy, former executive director of Woman's Choice Clinic, the West Coast Feminist Health Project; Nina Liss-Schultz, research editor at Mother Jones Magazine

#31-12 - 120731 - Lessons of Nagasaki

2019-Sep-30

30 minutes

4:30 pm

The US dropped the world's first atomic bomb on Hiroshima, Japan on August 6, 1945. Three days later, the small fishing village of Nagasaki also fell victim. On this edition, we hear the voices and lessons of the most deadly attacks the world had ever seen. We commemorate the anniversary of the bombings with excerpts from two documentaries, "Hiroshima Countdown" and "Nagasaki Journey."

The Bioneers

#13-11 - Molecular Psychology: Good Chemistry with Nature's Green Chemistry

2019-Jul-05

30 minutes

09:00 AM

Did you ever ask yourself who in their right mind would invent a convenience to keep food fresh that would one day litter the landscape, wash up on every beach around the world and release toxic substances into the web of life and your body long after its short disposable life?

Master green chemists and educators John Warner and Amy Cannon say all that is changing -- by necessity and by design. The radical growth of green chemistry is showing we can have good chemistry with the Earth by emulating nature's green chemistry and do good business at the same time.

#01-12 - Working With Nature to Heal Nature: Landscapes of Hope

2019-Jul-19

30 minutes

09:00 AM

Just like our bodies, nature has a profound capacity for healing and self-repair. Filmmaker-turned-ecological-restorer John Liu shifted from documenting China's massive environmental and societal upheavals to filming a groundbreaking, large-scale ecosystem restoration cum local economic renewal. Prioritizing nature's ecological functions above producing goods and services, the groundbreaking work is spreading to other nations, with Liu as a global ambassador of dramatic ecosystem restoration wonders.

#02-12 - Escaping Control: Linking Gender, Social Movements and Democracy

2019-Jul-26

30 minutes

09:00 AM

World-renowned feminist, writer and change-maker Gloria Steinem connects the dots among disparate social movements to reveal the common patterns of oppression that underlie them all. From gender and race to democracy and universal spirituality, she applies her razor intellect, compassionate heart and nuanced eye to weave a unifying vision of a richly human and humane world where all people are valued for their uniqueness and full humanity - neither treated as property, nor defined by labels or stereotypes.

#03-12 - A World That Works For All: Fireflies, Dumpsters, Soft Power and the Design Science Revolution		
2019-Aug-02	30 minutes	09:00 AM
The visionary designer and architect R. Buckminster Fuller's remarkable legacy inspires new generations to create the Design Science Revolution he first called for in the 1960s. Elizabeth Thompson, executive director of the Buckminster Fuller Institute (BFI), brings to life Bucky's vision, along with contemporary BFI Challenge Award recipients. Sheila Kennedy, Professor of Architecture at MIT, and John Edel, Director of the Chicago Sustainable Manufacturing Center, whose imaginative design innovations "address humanity's most pressing problems."		
#05-12 - Millions of Elders: Biomimicry and How Nature Would Do It		
2019-Aug-09	30 minutes	09:00 AM
Biomimicry is decoding astonishing treasures from nature's recipe book that we can mimic for our technological and industrial practices. It's also changing how we think: a crash course in environmental education from nature's viewpoint. Biomimicry Guild co-founder Dr. Dayna Baumeister chronicles the latest biomimicry inventions and educational breakthroughs by asking, "How would nature do it?" The U.S. Government's first certified biomimicry professional, Marie Zanowick, shows how biomimicry is influencing federal policy and actions.		
#06-12 - Good Jobs, Clean Environment: Both or Neither		
2019-Aug-16	30 minutes	09:00 AM
The emerging green economy promises to provide large-scale job creation while healing the Earth and building the middle class. Roxanne Brown, Assistant Legislative Director for the United Steelworkers and Steering Committee member of the BlueGreen Alliance, describes how this national partnership of major labor unions and environmental organizations is expanding the number and quality of jobs in the green economy. BlueGreen Alliance Director of Chemicals, Public Health and Green Chemistry Charlotte Brody portrays the real-time societal transformation underway when workers and environmentalists find common ground and also honestly acknowledge their differences.		
#07-12 - Conspiracy of Ancestors: The Indigeneity Essentials		
2019-Aug-23	30 minutes	09:00 AM
We're all indigenous to planet Earth, but we've not been acting that way. Cultural ecologist, indigenous scholar and activist Dr. Melissa K. Nelson reminds native and non-native peoples alike that we all need to re-indigenize ourselves by learning and practicing nature's operating instructions and the Original Instructions for how to be a human being. At this unprecedented moment of globalized environmental breakdown, it's going to take the best of Western science and the indigenous science of Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) to navigate this evolutionary keyhole.		
#08-12 - Passing Through: Farming Fields of Dreams		
2019-Aug-30	30 minutes	09:00 AM
Our food and farming systems may top the list of the most destructive abuses of land in history. What needs to change? What models are there to guide us? Visionary organic farmer, food system entrepreneur and award-winning writer/photographer Michael Ableman		

reflects on what it will take to restore healthy thriving lands and a functional and equitable food system with access for all. How will we feed the world's growing population and provide access to healthy food? As locavores know, the answers hit close to home.

#09-12 - Swimming Our Talk: Blue Mind, Ocean Heart

2019-Sep-06	30 minutes	09:00 AM
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Illuminating the magical underwater world, Jacques Cousteau's 1960s films and TV show caused a sea change by moving the hearts and minds of tens of millions. Marine biologist Wallace J. Nichols, ocean advocates Philippe and Alexandra Cousteau, and the Truckee High School Envirovolution Club are among the rising tides of passionate innovators making remarkable advances to understand and restore the waters of the world. Their inspiring stories give good reason for hope, including the scientific fact that we have a "blue mind" born in and of the ocean to guide us.

#01-13 - Regeneration: Wisdom of the Wild, Generosity of the Heart

2019-Sep-13	30 minutes	09:00 AM
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What we're trying to do is not about winning, it's about losing, and it's about losing this burden of having to make it, to be rich, to be comfortable, to be seen, to be famous, to be followed, to be friended, to be known. We don't need all that because it's an upside down world and the winners are the losers. And what we lose is the delusion and suffering that we are here on Earth for ourselves. That is such a delusion, you know. Takers suffer always.

"For the first time in history, a civilization -- its people, companies, and governments -- is trying to arrest the downspin and understand how to live on Earth, a watershed in human existence." Globally renowned social entrepreneur and author Paul Hawken eloquently portrays how we will win a sustainable future by losing the delusion we're here on Earth for ourselves alone.

New World Notes

New World Notes - #402 - 151117 - Parenti Ad-Lib - Part 1

New World Notes - #403 - 151124 - Parenti Ad-Lib - Part 2

2019-Jul-05	30 minutes	09:30 AM
2019-Jul-19		

Part 1: Progressive political scientist MICHAEL PARENTI's unscripted reflections on capitalism, socialism, the role of universities, Cuban plumbers, Russian prostitutes, and his former running mate--and once close friend--Bernie Sanders. Plus a relevant song by David Rovics. Part 2: Insightful commentary on capitalism, socialism, public utilities, popular rebellion, plutocrats in general, the Waltons in particular, Occupy Wall Street, and the monetary system. Plus a brief recorded essay by Parenti from 2005--"Welfare for the Wealthy"--and a relevant song by Monty Python's Flying Circus. Recorded October 6, 2015 in Springfield, Illinois. This installment of NWN comprises selections from the Q&A following a talk by Parenti ("Capitalism vs. Reality").

New World Notes - #588 - 190612 - Everything You Know Is Wrong		
2019-Jul-26	30 minutes	09:30 AM
Lies, distortions, and omissions by the Powers That Be concerning current events and past history.		
<p>First an article by David Swanson on how the CIA invented the story of Chinese "brainwashing" of American POWs during the Korean War. In fact, the POWs were honestly confessing atrocities and war crimes they had been ordered to commit--including germ warfare against civilians.</p>		
<p>Then Ralph Nader and James Loewen discuss the distortions, omissions, and lies taught in American history courses in school.</p>		
<p>Plus a couple minutes of Firesign Theater, from whom I have stolen this week's title.</p>		
New World Notes - #591 - 190703 - American Oppression, American Resistance		
2019-Aug-02	30 minutes	09:30 AM
<p>A fine talk (technically an interview) by NOAM CHOMSKY, recorded in his office on November 20, 2012. Chomsky brilliantly explores three questions highly relevant to today: (1) In a free society such as the US, by what means do the rulers control the common people? (2) How do protest movements today compare with those of the 1960s? (3) What issues are most pressing for today's generation of activists? Chomsky's long answer to question #2 is especially interesting and surprising: The 1960s were NOT the great age of popular protest, as legend has it. The 1980s were.</p>		
New World Notes #562 - 181211 - Plundering the Workers for Fun and Profit		
2019-Aug-09	30 minutes	09:30 AM
<p>With typical verve and wit, economist RICHARD WOLFF shows how and why the corporate elite made themselves even richer and more powerful by plundering the American working class--and misleading them about what was happening to them. He also shows why the scam cannot go on much longer. Wolff spoke at the 2018 Left Forum in New York.</p>		
New World Notes - #593 - 190717 - Eugenics		
2019-Aug-16	30 minutes	09:30 AM
<p>Eugenics is in the news again. We explore the sordid pseudo-science with a section from the film Human Resources (not previously broadcast on NWN), reflections by KD, and a song by David Rovics.</p>		
New World Notes - #594 - 190724 - Corporations		
2019-Aug-23	30 minutes	09:30 AM
<p>Our nation's Founders encouraged business but distrusted corporations--which they tightly regulated and restricted. Jefferson warned that corporations could end up running the country. (Yep!) In a fine talk, business expert Ted Nace describes the history of corporations, their growing power, and their frequent battles with The People--some of which The People won.</p>		

Also reflections by K.D. on the branding of everything and 2 relevant songs.

New World Notes - #273 - 130524 - The Seven Sisters and The Oil in the Middle East - Part 1
 New World Notes - #274 - 130531 - The Seven Sisters and The Oil in the Middle East - Part 2

2019-Aug-30	30 minutes	09:30 AM
2019-Sep-06		

The "Seven Sisters" was Big Oil--the cartel of corporations that came to own almost all the oil in the Middle East. They gained this treasure by hook and by crook, in violation of the law, with help from corrupt monarchs abroad and the U.S. government, armed forces, and CIA. We adapt to radio a new documentary. Part 1 takes us from the founding of the cartel in 1928 (by Standard Oil, Shell, and BP) to the creation of OPEC in 1960. The story of how BP came to own all of the oil in Iran--and how, in 1953, Iran's parliament tried to regain control of the country's oil--and how the United States government responded by overthrowing Iran's democratic government and installing the Shah as dictator of Iran. (We then gave Iran's oil to US-based oil companies, not back to BP.)

Part 2 of the documentary takes us from the creation of OPEC in 1960 to the fate of Iraq today--its oil wealth once more taken away from the Iraqi people and handed over to the big oil companies. Includes the Suez crisis, OPEC price hikes, Iraq's nationalizing of its oil in 1972 (succeeding where Iran in 1953 had failed), the Iranian revolution, and Gulf Wars I and II.

New World Notes #552 - 181002 - How to Fight Back

2019-Sep-13	30 minutes	09:30 AM
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With the Kavanaugh hearings, American politics seems to have reached yet another new low; and the majority of Americans are sick the whole corrupt system. But the Progressive opposition is fragmented and without a unifying vision. What to do? KD briefly explores the problem.

Then Progressive Black activist and intellectual GLEN FORD proposes a solution: unite the opposition in a crusade to nationalize the banks. Could this work?

Ford spoke at the Left Forum in June 2018. I have slightly condensed his talk.

Radio Curious

190529 - Dr. Jim Cole - Teaching Tolerance

2019-Jul-05	30 minutes	10:00 AM
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Prejudices exist in almost every human context, but how do we overcome them and act without stereotypes? This program's guest is Dr. Jim Cole, who lives in Ellingsburg, Washington and is a psychologist. We discussed diversity training – the process of becoming more aware of the prejudices we have. This program was originally broadcast in November of 1993, when Radio Curious was called Government, Politics and Ideas.

180130 - Concentration Death Camps		
2019-Jul-19	30 minutes	10:00 AM
You may remember the Radio Curious interview with Bernard Offen, recorded in May 2005, and re-broadcast the end of May 2017. In telling the story of his youth in Poland during World War II, being forced into four different concentration camps established and controlled by the Nazis, Bernard Offen characterized those camps as “Polish concentration camps.”		
Soon after the 2017 re-broadcast, I received an email from Stefan Komar, our guest in this edition of Radio Curious. Komar pointed out that calling any German concentration camp in German occupied Poland “Polish,” or referring to a German concentration camp in occupied Poland as “in Poland”, “of Poland,” or “Poland’s,” is insensitive to the families of the millions of ethnic Poles who were killed, forced into slave labor, tortured, maimed, terrorized and starved during the brutal and inhuman German occupation of Poland in the name of “Deutschland, Deutschland Uber Alles.”		
Komar, who was born in Queens, New York, lived in Warsaw, Poland, for about 10 years beginning when he was 12 years old. Currently he's a Captain in the New York Police Department, after serving with the NYPD for 37 years.		
A few days before Stefan Komar, and I visited by phone from his home in Queens, New York, on January 28, 2018, many newspapers, including the Los Angeles Times (http://www.latimes.com/world/la-fg-israel-poland-nazis-20180128-story.html) reported a “bill passed by the lower house of Poland's parliament” would make it illegal to utter the phrase “Polish concentration camp” or to assign Poland culpability for Nazi crimes committed on its soil. The Israeli government was infuriated, as reported in Reuters, (https://www.reuters.com/article/us-israel-poland/israel-and-poland-clash-over-proposed-holocaust-law-idUSKBN1FH0S3), among other news outlets, and called the Polish law revisionary history.		
This is clearly a curious issue to follow. In doing so Komar provided a link to “A Platform for Polish Jewish Dialogue,” (http://www.dialog.org/) which may be found at Dialog.org, and a youtube link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SztV961KKhA&t=58s , on Polish history including a discussion on how the Nazi occupation of Poland may be characterized. These links may be found on radiocurious.org.		
Stefan Komar and I unfortunately did not directly discuss this new law or the Israeli reaction. We did however put the topic in context from his point of view. We began our visit when I asked him to discuss the characterization of these concentration camps.		

The books Stefan Komar recommends are “Hollywood’s War with Poland, 1939-1945” by M.B.B. Biskupski; and “Dopes: How America’s Adversaries Have Manipulated Progressives for a Century,” by Paul Kengor.

190612 - Scott McCloud - The Invisible Art

2019-Jul-26	30 minutes	10:00 AM
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Comics have come to hold quite an important place in contemporary society. Satire, particularly political commentary, is perhaps closest to its essence when expressed in the visual comic. However, it also can be argued that comics have played a far greater role in the history of humanity, tracing back to all images depicting a sequential number of actions. My guest in this program is Scott McCloud, author of “Understanding Comics, A Rather Colorful Display: The Invisible Art,” a book about the history of comics.

190619 - Lucy Grealy - What is Ugly

2019-Aug-02	30 minutes	10:00 AM
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Lucy Grealy, a victim of Ewing’s Sarcoma, beginning when was nine years old suffered from a cancer of the jaw that is 90% fatal in the first few years. In Lucy’s case, it was not fatal. Rather it brought about many intense and emotional experiences that most of us could not imagine. She had a large part of her lower jaw removed when she was about nine and half and for two and a half years had weekly chemotherapy treatments. Throughout her teenage years, she had multiple surgeries to reshape her jaw. Her book, “Autobiography of a Face,” reveals her experiences, her mistaken conflation of beauty and love, and what she learned about emotions, both her own and other people’s.

190626 - Judi Bari - Conversation with an Earth First Leader

2019-Aug-09	30 minutes	10:00 AM
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Until the mid-1990s, the Redwood Industry dominated much of North Coast economy. In the mid-1990s, due to a number of circumstances particularly involving Pacific Lumber Company and Charles Hurwitz, industry advocates collided with environmentalists in a final hurrah. Few figures among the environmentalists carry as much name-recognition and power as did Judi Bari. In this program, recorded in March of 1995 at the height of the conflict, Judi Bari and I discussed the position of Earth First!

190703 - Dr. Donald Perry – A Ride Through a Rain Forest in Costa Rica

2019-Aug-16	30 minutes	10:00 AM
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In the middle of the Costa Rican rain forest, about an hour west of San Jose, Costa Rica, on the east side of the continental divide, you can find the Rain Forest Aerial Tram located on a private rain forest reserve. It’s a series of small, open-air cars that hold about five people each held together by a three kilometers long cable. The tramcars carry visitors through, above and below this portion of the Central American rainforest canopy. The Rain Forest Aerial Tram was the brainchild of Dr. Donald Perry, a biologist trained at the University of California at Los Angeles, who, beginning in 1970, has specialized in the study of the flora and fauna of the Central American Rainforest. In April of 1995, I visited the Rain Forest Aerial Tram with Dr. Perry.

190724 - Jonathan Harr – Toxic Water, A Book		
2019-Aug-23	30 minutes	10:00 AM
Woburn, MA, is a small, blue-collar community just north and west of Boston. In the 1970s, some children in Woburn, MA, became sick and died from childhood leukemia. Some adults in that town developed rare forms of cancer. All of these people live very close to each other. Their illnesses were traced to two contaminated water wells that provided the water to their homes for drinking and bathing. As a result, one of the most complicated personal injury lawsuits was tried in the US Federal District Court in Boston. In this program of Radio Curious, I spoke with author Jonathan Harr, who wrote "A Civil Action," the horrendous story of the people who became sick and the subsequent trial.		
190731 - Swearingen, Wesley - Illegal FBI Break-Ins, Told By a Former Agent		
2019-Aug-30	30 minutes	10:00 AM
Agents at the Federal Bureau of Investigation have a history of illegal break-ins to homes and offices and conducting wiretaps without a search warrant. In the years when J. Edgar Hoover was the Director of the F.B.I., these warrantless break-ins came to be known as "black-bag jobs". This archive edition of Radio Curious is a December 1995 interview with Wesley Swearingen a former F.B.I. agent, who in 1995 wrote "FBI Secrets: An Agent's Expose." His book describes some of the "black-bag" warrantless searches in which he was involved and his opinion of those activities. He ends his book by saying that the Hoover era will continue to haunt the F.B.I. because Hoover knowingly undermined the United States Constitution. When I spoke with Wesley Swearingen, I asked him what he meant by that.		
190904 - Alexis de Tocqueville - Dick Johnson - A Visit with Alexis de Tocqueville		
2019-Sep-13	30 minutes	10:00 AM
In 1831, a 25 year-old Frenchman, Alexis de Tocqueville, trained as a lawyer, and preoccupied with democracy, came to the US to study this new political scheme. Alexis de Tocqueville and his traveling companion, Gustave de Beaumont, arrived at Newport, RI, in an America comprised, then, of 23 states and 13 million people. They stayed for nine months, and then returned to France at which time de Tocqueville began his epic poem entitled "Democracy in America." At a time then when slavery was an economic base in the South, and abolitionism was beginning to thrive in the North, America had three frontiers: geography, industry, and democracy. In this program of Radio Curious, we'll be talking with Alexis De Tocqueville, through the person of Chautauqua scholar, Dick Johnson.		