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Quarterly Issues and Programs List

January - March 2024

Making Contact		
Making Contact - #44-22 - 221031 - Ollas Populares - Lessons from Lockdowns		
1 January 2024	4:30 pm	30 minutes

Reporter Rosina Castillo takes us to her Buenos Aires neighborhood. There, a community arts organization called La Casona de Humahuaca hosts an olla popular, a community kitchen, to feed hundreds of hungry neighbors during pandemic lockdowns. In turn, La Casona learns more about their own identity and purpose while transforming how they operate. And, we sit down with architect and urbanist, Belen Desmaison. She explains how the Research Action Group worked with community members in Jose Carlos Mariategui, a neighborhood in the outer ring of Lima, Peru to build modular structures for food preparation and communal living.

Featuring: La Casona de Humahuaca, Community Arts Organization in Buenos Aires; Guille, Teacher and Volunteer; Mariela Jungberg, Social Psychologist and Cultural Worker; Belen Desmaison, Urbanist and Architect

Making Contact - #40-21 - 211004 - But Next Time - Part 1 - Toward the Fire		
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Making Contact - #48-21 - 211129 - But Next Time, Episode 3: Rising Waters		
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8 January 2024	4:30 pm	30 minutes
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As fires ravaged California's world-famous wine country in 2017, a community radio station, emergency dispatcher, and tenant organizers helped the most vulnerable in their community survive and recover. Community organizers and hosts of the podcasts But Next Time Chrishelle Palay and Rose Arrieta bring us the first of four stories of hard-won lessons learned from people on the frontlines of California's wildfires and Texas' storms as they work to answer the question, how can next time be different?

Continue delving into community-rooted responses to disaster in California, from the fires to the pandemic. You'll hear about how people banded together to build mutual aid networks, translate emergency messages in Spanish and indigenous languages, and disseminate crucial recovery information to their communities. In Sonoma County, organizers hit the fields with

information about where to get food, shelter, and support. In San Francisco, they set up a strong response to COVID-19 in the city's Mission District. Tune in and hear how these leaders act collectively to confront those in power, work for justice before and after the storms, and together answer one vital question: how can next time be different?

No matter where we come from, or how much money we make, we all deserve a safe and healthy place to call home. In this episode we meet parents who are fighting to save their families' homes despite a perfect storm of greedy landlords and hurricane-related flooding. Jaime, a mom who lives in subsidized housing in Houston Texas, joins with other moms to stand up to landlords and local officials whose policies and practices have kept working-class Black and Brown families trapped in moldy and unsafe homes for years.

Before and after Hurricane Harvey, Jaime and organizers in Houston come together to take collective action and push for change. Along the way they connect with leaders in Puerto Rico who have also been resisting and re-building in the wake of ongoing disaster. We hear from renowned Puerto Rican activist and former political prisoner Oscar Lopez Rivera, Luis O. Gallardo Rivera, director of Centro para la Reconstrucción del Hábitat and Adriana Godreau, director of Ayuda Legal Puerto Rico, who along with our host Chrishelle Palay engage in on the ground work and advocacy in their communities, in the halls of Congress, and beyond.

Whether they are educating their communities, building back power grids, or bringing their fight to the courtroom, these community leaders are working together to shape the healthier future we all deserve. Join us to hear their stories as they work tirelessly to ensure that next time will be different.

When communities face the aftermath of catastrophes, what does it take to ensure that the next time will be different? In Houston, it takes a city council member who bicycles in her neighborhood to hear from constituents about what they need most. It takes 12 moms who organize to take legal action against the landlords that have kept their families in moldy, substandard apartments. And it takes a city official who blows the whistle on corrupt and dangerous practices related to housing policy. Travel to Houston with our hosts Chrishelle Palay and Rose Arrieta to meet these changemakers in our final episode of this limited-run podcast. They witness people power in action, as author and artist Adrienne Maree Brown describes it, "...bending the future, together, into something we have never experienced."

Featuring: Mariano Alvarez, California Rural Legal Assistance; Alicia Sanchez, President of Board of Directors of KBBF; Alma Bowen, Founder / Executive Director of Nuestra Comunidad; Edgar Avila, Director of Programming KBBF; Beatrice Camacho, ERAP Manager of North Bay Organizing Project. Featuring: Alma Bowen, Founder / Executive Director of Nuestra Comunidad; Maribel Merino, Host, Radio Autóctona Indigenista on KBBF; Xulio Soriano, California Rural Legal Assistance; Mariano Alvarez, California Rural Legal Assistance;

Gervacion Peña Lopez, Host, Radio Autóctona Indigenista on KBBF; Beatrice Camacho, ERAP manager of North Bay Organizing Project; Valerie Tulier-Laiwa, Coordinator of the Latino Task Force. Jaime (we don't use her last name in the episode)— Mother in Houston Texas who is part of the 12 Moms campaign; Zoe Middleton – Southeast Texas and Houston Co-Director for Texas Housers; Erika Bowman – Community Organizer with Texas Housers; Cashauna Hill Executive Director of the Louisiana Fair Housing Action Center; Ariadna Godreau – Founder and Director of Ayuda Legal Puerto Rico; Luis O. Gallardo Rivera— Executive Director, Center for Habitat Reconstruction; Oscar Lopez Rivera – Puerto Rican Activist and Former Political Prisoner; María Yvelisse Inirio – Executive Assistant of Corporación del Proyecto ENLACE del Caño Martín Peña; Mariolga Juliá Pacheco – Director of Citizen Participation Corporación del Proyecto ENLACE del Caño Martín Peña. Jaime – Mother in Houston Texas who is part of the 12 Moms campaign; Zoe Middleton – Southeast Texas and Houston co-director for Texas Housers; Erika Bowman – Community Organizer with Texas Housers; Cashauna Hill – Executive Director of the Louisiana Fair Housing Action Center; Ariadna Godreau – Founder and Director of Ayuda Legal Puerto Rico; Tom McCasland – Houston Director of Housing and Community Development; Sylvester Turner – Mayor of Houston; Ms. Hankins – Resident of Houston giving testimony at public meeting.

Making Contact - #01-24 - 240103 - The Rise of the New Labor Movement		
5 February 2024	4:30 pm	30 minutes

The last few years have seen a wave of labor organizing as it becomes more and more clear to workers that their work is not expendable, but actually the heart of every business. From walkouts to unionization, workers at every workplace from Starbucks to Amazon to your local coffee shop have come together to build and exercise their power. In this episode we explore the issues that led organizers to take the initiative to organize their workplaces and the ins and outs and ups and downs of the process, and the backlash.

On the forefront of the next labor revolution, we visit a coffee shop in Maine called Little Dog whose workers start to organize a union. Then we talk to Robert Chala from the UCLA Labor Center about the rise in unionization efforts among service workers and the social and cultural ethos in a post lockdown country that have led to this new wave of the labor movement.

Featuring: Robert Chlala – postdoctoral scholar at the UCLA Labor Center & Institute for Research on Labor & Employment (IRLE); Jessica Czarnecki, Sydney, Sophie, Kira – Workers at Little Dog Cafe

Making Contact - #02-24 - 240110 - Denial of the Funk - The Impact of Racism on our Nation's Health

12 February 2024 4:30 pm 30 minutes

The problem in America is, America's been in denial about its problems. And that's a problem.

America doesn't have a race problem, in reality there's been catastrophes visited upon Black people. Catastrophes visited on Indigenous brothers and sisters. Catastrophes visited on Latino brothers and sisters. Catastrophes visited on working people. Catastrophes visited on women of all colors. We can go on and on.

This week on Making Contact, we bring you a talk from noted author, scholar, and self-described intellectual freedom fighter, Dr. Cornel West speaking at the Guild Theater in Sacramento, California in 2023. In his discussion, West uses America's music legacy as a way to explore catastrophic conditions brought on by our denial of the funk, seen through the impacts of racism on the nation's health.

Featuring: Dr. Cornel West, Dietrich Bonhoeffer Chair at Union Theological Seminary

Making Contact - #38-23 - 230920 - The Shadow of Nuclear Colonialism		
19 February 2024	4:30 pm	30 minutes

The film Oppenheimer has reignited public interest in the Manhattan Project, the WWII-era secret program to develop the atomic bomb. But the movie leaves out important parts of the story. On today's show, we hear about the impact of nuclear colonialism and the Manhattan Project on the people and places of New Mexico with Myrriah Gómez, author of Nuclear Nuevo México: Colonialism and the Effects of the Nuclear Industrial Complex on Nuevomexicanos. And then we dig into how nuclear testing during the Cold War led to dangerous and lasting contamination in the Marshall Islands and San Francisco's Bayview Hunters Point neighborhood.

Featuring: Myrriah Gómez, associate professor in the Honors College at the University of New Mexico and author of Nuclear Nuevo México: Colonialism and the Effects of the Nuclear Industrial Complex on Nuevomexicanos

Making Contact - #12-23 - 230322 - Blindspot - Tulsa Burning and Focus - Black Oklahoma			
26 February 2024	4:30 pm	30 minutes	

On this episode, we turn our focus to how journalists and historians today are covering the Tulsa Race Massacre. We hear from KalaLea, host of the critically acclaimed podcast series Blindspot: Tulsa Burning. The series tells the story of the rise of Greenwood, a prosperous Black neighborhood in Tulsa, Oklahoma, also known as Black Wall Street. The podcast recounts the brutal 1921 massacre and attack led by a group of white people and backed by the local police. KalaLea spoke about the behind-the-scenes process of producing a deeply traumatic historical chapter, why healing is important and the necessary inclusion of

accountability. We also hear from Bracken Klar and Carlos Moreno of Tulsa's Tri-City Collective and the radio show Focus: Black Oklahoma, in partnership with KOSU. They discuss current efforts to better understand not just the tragedy of the event, but also the success of the neighborhood before and after the attack.

Featuring: KalaLea – Lead Producer and Host of Blindspot: Tulsa Burning and Producer, Reporter and Editor with WNYC and The New Yorker Radio Hour; Bracken Klar – Co-Executive Producer of Focus: Black Oklahoma, Vice-President of Tulsa's Tri-City Collective and DEI consultant; Carlos Moreno – Member of Tulsa's Tri-City Collective, journalist and author of The Victory of Greenwood and A Kid's Book About the Tulsa Race Massacre

Making Contact - #05-24 - 240131 - Building Back Black Wall Street		
4 March 2024	4:30 pm	30 minutes

Black Wall Street, or the historically Black neighborhood Greenwood, Oklahoma is the site of a once prosperous, thriving, Black community. It is also the site of the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre, a violent attack waged by white supremacists, killing hundreds of residents and leveling homes and businesses.

In the second episode of our three-part Black History Month series, we talk about how the community built back. In fact, Greenwood's economic heyday came 20 years later, in the 1940s. Then came the 1950s-60s, when Urban Renewal projects gave the city of Tulsa federal funds to buy out Black land owners. This loss of ownership undercut Greenwood's very existence. Now Greenwood Okies, pulling from their history, are building Tulsa's future, despite continued discrimination.

Featuring: Bracken Klar – Co-Executive Producer of Focus: Black Oklahoma, Vice-President of Tulsa's Tri-City Collective; Carlos Moreno – member of Tulsa's Tri-City Collective, journalist and author of The Victory of Greenwood and A Kid's Book About the Tulsa Race Massacre; Trey Thaxton – CEO and Founder of Goldmill Co. and Greenwood Ave.

Making Contact - #06-24 - 240207 - Tulsa's Black History Saturday School		
11 March 2024	4:30 pm	30 minutes

2021 marked the centennial of the Tulsa Race Massacre – a horrific attack white people waged against Greenwood, a once prosperous Black neighborhood in north Tulsa, Oklahoma. Also in 2021, state legislators passed a law that limits how race is discussed in classrooms.

Tulsa activists say HB 1775 prevents descendants of those who built Greenwood from being able to acknowledge the attack, and also Greenwood's success. In response, activist Kristi Williams rallied her community to start Black History Saturdays, where 120 Black Tulsans are using an intergenerational model to learn their history.

Featuring: Kristi Williams – Tulsa activist and Founder of Black History Saturdays; Bracken Klar – Co-Executive Producer of Focus: Black Oklahoma, Vice-President of Tulsa's Tri-City

Collective; Carlos Moreno – member of Tulsa's Tri-City Collective, journalist and author of The Victory of Greenwood and A Kid's Book About the Tulsa Race Massacre

Making Contact - #23-21 - 210607 - Angelic Troublemaker: Bayard Rustin			
18 March 2024	4:30 pm	30 minutes	

On today's program we honor Bayard Rustin, one of the most central figures in the African American struggle for Civil Rights and Freedom. Rustin was a pacifist, homosexual and practitioner of nonviolence who dedicated his life to racial equality, economic justice and ending warfare. Known as the lead organizer of the 1963 March on Washington and trusted advisor to labor leader A. Phillip Randolph and Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Rustin's methodology for challenging racial inequality and imperialism is centered on his ability to interrelate race, class, gender, and sexuality. Angelic Troublemaker: Bayard Rustin combines film, insightful interviews and speeches from the unsung hero of the civil rights movement.

Featuring: Bayard Rustin, Architect of the March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom; Ashon Crawley, Associate Professor; Director of Diversity, Equity, & Inclusion at Virginia Center for the Study of Religion; Nancy Kates, Filmmaker, Produced the film Brother Outsider: The Life of Bayard Rustin; Bill Sutherland, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Colleague of Rustin; Reverend A.J. Muste, Pacifist and mentor of Rustin; George Houser, Fellowship of Reconciliation, Colleague of Rustin; Louis John, Nephew; Devi Prasad, Pacifist; President Barack Obama.

Making Contact - #08-24 - 240221 - Jenny Odell on Saving Time		
25 March 2024	4:30 pm	30 minutes

On this week's episode, we take a critical look at productivity culture and the idea that time is money by speaking with Jenny Odell, acclaimed author of Saving Time: Discovering a Life Beyond the Clock and How to Do Nothing: Resisting the Attention Economy.

We dig into the ideas behind Saving Time, which gives a panoramic overview of how the ways we think about time actually shapes our lives. Then begin to disentangle our daily concept of time from its capitalistic and colonialist roots in order to liberate and expand our relationship to it.

Featuring: Jenny Odell, artist and author of Saving Time: Discovering a Life Beyond the Clock and How to Do Nothing: Resisting the Attention Economy