2013 NIAGARA SOCIAL JUSTICE FORUM

WORKSHOP INFORMATION

Session 1

OPENING PLENARY **9:00 - 9:50 AM**	**Ohnia:Kara Drummers and Idle No More**	Pond Inlet
SESSION 1 **10:00 - 11:30 AM**	**Description**	**Location**
Conversation Café: The Occupy Movement and its Legacies *presented by* *Continuing Education and Community Learning with CRC in Social Justice, Dr. Janet Conway*	Conversation cafés are informal gatherings to discuss engaging topics that have no easy answers. In this conversation we invite everyone to make sense of the Occupy movement, what we can learn from it, and its legacies.	Pond Inlet
The Politics of Aid *presented by* *Development and Peace, Niagara*	At a time when the Canadian federal government is shifting its approach to foreign aid to align itself with the private sector and advance Canada's economic interests abroad, increasing awareness about "The Politics of Aid" and aid literacy is critical. This workshop will invite discussions about such issues as the relationship between humanitarian and development aid, the criteria for determining the effectiveness of aid, the necessity of ensuring the aid recipients' ownership of the policies and projects that foreign aid supports, and the responsibilities of governments in providing and monitoring the use of aid dollars.	Plaza 600F
Pseudo Phobia *presented by* *Mirror Theatre*	Why are we unable to accept difference in our lives? How do family tradition, personal experience and the media shape our prejudices and fears of others? Are the phobias we have natural and inevitable or are they a false stabilization of binary thinking? Written and produced by Mirror Theatre, 'theatre that serves.'	Schmon Tower 105
Reimagining Consent *presented by* *Malaika Baxter and Meagan Bowman*	In this workshop, we introduce the concepts of Explicit Verbal Consent (EVC) for touch, and Enthusiastic Consent (EC) for sexual activity. EVC and EC are practical tools that give us a new way to respect our own and others' bodily autonomy and help dismantle the pervasive rape culture we live in. Our bodies can experience more pleasure under these models, as touch becomes both safer and more genuinely desired. Let's examine how EVC and EC, combined with other anti-oppressive practices, create safer academic and activist communities.	Sankey Chamber
Social Justice and Global Mining Industry in Africa and Latin America *presented by* *African Heritage Month*	In recognition of African Heritage Month, two Brock scholars discuss the politics and impacts of Canadian mining in Africa and Latin America. Dr. Hevina S. Dashwood draws on her recently published book to address the connections between global normative expectations regarding mining, and how that translates on the ground in Africa, with specific reference to Ghana. Dr. Ana Isla connects the destruction of nature and the housewifization of rural women, peasants, indigenous and Maroon peoples with the workings of Canadian mining corporations in Latin America.	PL 500A

Student Justice Centre Open House *presented by* *Student Justice Centre*	Drop in to the Student Justice Centre and learn more about how the peers, interns and volunteers of the SJC are providing education, advocacy, safe space and equity for Brock University students. Participate in short activities that demonstrate the work we do.	Decew 226

11:30 AM - 12:50 PM	**Melodies of Justice Cafe/Lunch**	**Pond Inlet**

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Session 2

SESSION 2 **1:00 - 2:30 PM**	**Description**	**Location**
Self-reflection for Activists *presented by* *Jenny Jimenez and Stephen Sillett, Aiding Dramatic Change in Development*	This workshop uses nonverbal and spatial approaches to lead participants through a journey of self-reflection and analysis of their own practice, and how they see it relating to activism, community development or conflict mediation. Connections are made through personal discovery and also in relation to the other nonverbal conversations in the room.	Schmon Tower 105
Engaging Men in Anti-Violence Activism *presented by* *Men Advocating for Social Change (MASC)*	This workshop will explore the potential for men's involvement in ending violence against women. We will do this by framing rape as more than a women's issue, unpacking traditional gender roles as detrimental to both men and women, making the connection between the performance of masculinity and violence against women, and talking about consent and healthy relationships.	Plaza 500A
Solidarity and Action against Poverty *presented by* *Niagara North Community Legal Assistance*	Niagara North Community Legal Assistance is one of many groups in Ontario speaking out against cuts to the Community Start Up and Maintenance Benefit, an emergency fund that helps the most vulnerable in our community avoid homelessness. This workshop invites you to learn more and add your voice. You will also find out about the Commission on Social Assistance Review, as well as how you can take part in the Niagara Region's 10 Year Homelessness Plan.	Pond Inlet
Zine Scenes: Creating Action through Cultural Production *presented by* *Ally Watson*	This session will introduce participants to the history of zine making and distribution while also exploring contemporary zine scenes. The presentation features selections from a documentary with subsequent discussions that seeks to give participants insight into youth cultural production, conceptualize new ways of creating social action, and partake in a pop-up zine library, borrowing zines to read and share for the day.	Plaza 600F
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2:30 - 3:00 PM	Conversation Break

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SESSION 3

SESSION 3 **3:00 - 4:30 PM**	**Description**	**Location**
Proud to be an Ally *presented by* *Brock Pride*	This workshop will be a crash course on the history of the LBGTQ community, and a closer look at the issues the Pride community faces. The workshop will cover basic knowledge and terminology, debunk some myths, and discuss some of the less obvious issues that the Queer community faces. This workshop will give you the knowledge, terminology, and understanding to become a great ally. Regardless of how you identify, there is much to be gained from creating a dialogue around these issues.	Plaza 600F
Unpeeling the Banana Trade *presented by* *Brock Fair Trade*	This interactive workshop will teach participants about the challenges faced by banana farmers though a simulation of the banana trade. By comparing the experiences of farmers working in conventional and fair trade systems, this workshop will challenge you to think about the people behind the products you buy, and the politics of trade between the Global North and South.	Schmon Tower 105
Drama as a Social Intervention *presented by* *Gillian Fournier*	This workshop will explore how to incorporate arts-based activities into social justice practice in groups and classrooms. Participants will engage in a series of drama-based activities that will explore cyber-bullying. The use of drama techniques will allow participants to interactively problem-solve, with the ability to fast-forward, rewind, and pause the conflict to seek more effective solutions. Participants need to be dressed to be able to move.	Thistle 253
Injured Workers Centre *presented by* *Start Me Up Niagara and Injured Workers Centre*	Workers Compensation is a century old social program in Ontario that is now undergoing drastic change. This workshop presents an historical play about Sir William Ralph Meredith and the origins of Workers Compensation Act. In addition, the workshop features injured workers, who are recent graduates of a 12-week speakers school. The workers tell their stories in their own words and present a short sketch about the proposed changes to Workers Compensation.	Pond Inlet
Get Your State Laws off my Body! and Community...and Land *presented by* *Native Youth Sexual Health Network*	This workshop will examine various ways the nation-state (Canada, the US, etc.) interferes with processes and understandings of Indigenous sexualities, decolonization and connections to land. Systems to be examined will be residential schools, Children's Aid, policing and law enforcement, as well as Public Health. A specific focus will be on the effects these systems have on *deliberately* marginalized people such as youth, people who use drugs, and people in the sex trade -- and how we respond through community work and resistance!	Sankey Chamber

4:30 - 5:00 PM	Conversation Break

FILM SCREENING **5:00 - 7:00 PM**	**Dal Puri Diaspora** A documentary by Richard Fung	**Academic South 202**