

RESEARCHING THE STORIES OF WHITE ANTI-RACIST ACTIVISTS

Homework for Sept. 8, 1997

Please research the anti-racist work of these white activists and/or white progressive organizations. Then pick 2, from different historical periods, whose stories you can share with the workshop. (This exercise was suggested by Daniel Buford of The People's Institute, but the format is sole responsibility of Sharon Martinas.)

Please note that this list is *not at all inclusive*. It is just a sample.

The Seventeenth Century

Roger Williams	Mid 17th century
Germantown, Pennsylvania Quakers	1688

The Eighteenth Century

Benjamin Lay	1737 ff
Ben Franklin	1789
Abigail Adams	Late 18th century
Anthony Benezet	Mid 18th century

Nineteenth Century Before the Civil War

John Brown	1850's
Sarah and Anjelina Grimke	1830's
William Lloyd Garrison	1830's - 40's
Theodore Weld	1830's - 50's
Lydia Maria Child	1830's
Lucretia Mott	1840's
Thomas Garrett	1840's
Richard Dillingham	1840's

Nineteenth Century: During & After Civil War

William Tecumseh Sherman	1864
Thaddeus Stevens	1860's
Charles Stevens	1860's
Charles Schurz	1862 ff
Eduard Degener	1868
"carpet baggers:" female	1860's - 70's
Helen Hunt Jackson	1881

Early Twentieth Century Through World War 1

"Big Bill" Haywood	1910ff
Brotherhood of Timber Workers	1915ff
The Wobblies	1910-20
Mother Jones	late 19th-early 20th cent.
Elizabeth Gurley Flynn	1910ff

Twentieth Century: 1930's

Trade Union Unity League (TUUL)	late 1920's—early 30's
Unemployment Councils	1932 – 1936
Jane Speed	Early 1930's
Communist Party, USA	Early 1930's
William Z. Foster	1930's – 1940's
International Labor Defense: Scottsboro Campaign	mid 1930's
Boris Israel	early 1930's
Clyde Johnson	early 1930's
LYS (League of Young Southerners)	late 1930's
Eleanor Roosevelt	1930's – 1940's
Jessie Daniel Ames	1930's
Harry Bridges	1930's – 1960's

Twentieth Century: 1950's – 1960's

Lillian Smith	1940's – 1950's
Miles Horton	late 1930's – 1980's
Barbara Deming	1950's – 60's
Jessica Mitford	1950's – 1980's
Students for a Democratic Society	1962? – 1969
Weather Underground	1969 – 1973 or 4
National Lawyers Guild	1930's – present
Pete Seeger	1950's – present
Ronnie Gilbert	1950's – present
Nannie Washburn	1930's – early 1990's
Southern Organizing Committee for Economic & Racial Justice	1960's – present
Arthur Kinoy	1960's – present
Karen Jo Koonan	1960's – present
Anne Braden	1950's – present
William Kunstler	1960's – early 1990's
Paul Harris	1960's – present
Bob Zellner	1960's – present
Mickey Ellinger	1960's – present
Robert Roth	1960's – present
Howard Zinn	1960's – present

Twentieth Century: 1970's – Present

Noelle Hanrahan	1970's – present
Ted Allen	1970's – present
Stu Handlin	1970's – present
Eric Mann	1960's – present
Roxeanne Dunbar Ortiz	1970's – present
Herbert Kohl	1970's – present
Adrienne Rich	1970's – present
Holly Near	1970's – present
The Dance Brigade	1970's – present
S.F. Mime Troupe	1970's – present
California Newsreel	1970's – present
Prairie Fire Organizing Committee (now Fireworx)	1970's – present

Linda Christensen	1980's – present
Bill Bigelow	1980's – present
Julie Light	1990's – present
Dennis Bernstein	1990's – present
Amy Goodman	1990's (maybe earlier)– present
Emily Goldfarb	1980's – present
Stephanie Ruby	1980's – present
Jan Adams & Rebecca Gordon	1970's – present
Middle East Children's Alliance	1980's – present
Michael Novack	1970's – present
Sylvia Baraldini	1970's – present
Laura Whitehorn	1970's – present
Marilyn Buck	1970's – present
Susan Rosenberg	1970's – present
NY Jews for Racial & Economic Justice	1980's – present
Mike Davis	1970's – present
Juliet Ucelli	1980's – present
Mab Segrest	1980's – present
Suzanne Pharr	1970's – present
Sabina Virgo	1970's – present
David Billings	1970's – present
Diana Dunn	1980's – present
"European Dissent"	1980's – present
Anne Romaine	1980's – mid 90's
Meck Groot	1990's – present
Joanie Mayer	1970's – present
Bradley Angel	1970's – present
Brad Erickson	1970's? – present
Harmony Goldberg	1990's – present
Tommy Avicoli Mecca	1980's – present
Tom Ammiano	1980's – present
S.F. Women Against Rape	1990's – present
Leaven	1990's – present
Judy Greenspan	1980's – present
Penny Schoner	1960's – present
Cece Weeks	1980's – present
Guiliana Milanese	1960's – present

and so many many more local activists

*Please let me know of more people of should be added to this list.
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