

“Questions for the American Left Building International Solidarity”

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The anti-globalization movement is faced with a fundamental question: will this be an economic nationalist movement or a true movement for global justice? The pre-eminent position of the US in the world and tremendous disparities in consumption around the world make this an extremely pressing question for the entire world. Current attitudes on the American left are examined and possible alternative directions for the future suggested.

Rahul Mahajan is a doctoral candidate in physics at UT Austin. He is a founding member of the UT Radical Action Network, and member of the Executive Committee of Peace Action Texas. He has been active in a variety of issues in the Austin area over the last seven years, concentrating most recently on US foreign policy, including the Iraq sanctions, and globalization. He has done numerous public appearances and written several articles, including a critique of the China PNTR fight ([www.zmag.org/globalchina.htm](http://www.zmag.org/globalchina.htm).) He is a member of the Nowar Collective, which runs the nowar list, the largest (3300 subscribers) progressive listserv in Austin.

### “Get Up, Stand Up-Sit Down, Lock Down”

**Cathie Berrey**  
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Saturday April 14, 12 P.M. – 8 P.M., Galaxy Room A, Student Union  
Facilitated by Dallas area activists from Uproar and Animal Liberation Texas

"Those who profess to favor freedom, yet deprecate agitation, are men who want crops without plowing up the ground. They want rain without thunder and lightning. They want the ocean without the awful roar of its many waters. This struggle may be a moral one; or it may be a physical one; or it may be both moral and physical; but it must be a struggle. Power concedes nothing without a demand. It never did and it never will."

-Frederick Douglass, African-American abolitionist

This workshop will teach students about civil disobedience by examining the issues of nonviolence, affinity groups, legal ramifications, jail solidarity, and practical strategies. This participatory workshop does not require any previous experience or even agreement with civil disobedience.

Cathie Berrey, from Atlanta, Georgia, is a blockade trainer for the ruckus society. She was recently involved with a demonstration at a Staples office supply store. Cathie has been doing direct action for over 15 years. She has worked on a variety of issues including the environment, human rights, nuclear issues, indigenous peoples rights, and women's issues. She is currently involved with Earth First! and is a spokesperson for the Southeast chapter of the Direct Action Network.

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# Rethinking Globalization

Radical Community Education sponsored by the UTD Student-Labor Coalition

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On the anniversary of the April 16, 2000 protests against the World Trade Organization (WTO) and International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Washington DC and in solidarity with the upcoming protest of the Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA) in Quebec City, the Student Labor Coalition at UTD presents a series of forums dedicated to bringing together local activists, academics, students, and concerned citizens to create a dialogue that examines issues of globalization. By “rethinking globalization,” we mean to challenge undemocratic institutions such as the WTO, the IMF, and the World Bank (WB) and the power of multinational corporations that dictate economic, environmental, labor, and foreign policies. We hope to plant seeds in a growing grassroots globalization that includes sustainable ecological practices, the protection of freedom and human rights, and community organization. We struggle for a society free from value-hierarchical domination and oppression.

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## “Grassroots Globalization vs. Elite Globalization”

### Keynote Speaker–Kevin Danaher

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Wednesday April 11, 7 P.M. – 10 P.M., Conference Center Auditorium, CN 1.112  
(Reception to follow in Galaxy Room A of the Student Union)

Facilitated by Jason Land ([jason\\_land@hotmail.com](mailto:jason_land@hotmail.com))

Kevin Danaher is the director of Public Education for Global Exchange. He has written and edited such books as *Globalize This! 50 Years is Enough: The Case Against the World Bank and the IMF* and the renowned *Corporations are Gonna Get Your Mama: Globalization and the Downsizing of the American Dream*. He received his doctorate in sociology from the University of California at Santa Cruz in 1982. He has been a senior analyst for Food First/the Institute for Food and Development Policy, an associate fellow at the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, D.C., and he taught for four years in the School of Government at American University. A dynamic speaker, Kevin tells how the WTO, IMF, and WB have promoted global domination by multi-national corporations who are driven to maximize profits by exploiting natural resources and workers. His work fuels a movement of workers, environmentalists, and human rights activists who are uniting to combat the forces of elite globalization and to promote grassroots globalization.

## “Planet Trade”

Thursday April 12, 1 P.M.- 4 P.M. – Galaxy Room B, Student Union

Facilitated by Dr. Edrie Sobstyl ([esobstyl@utdallas.edu](mailto:esobstyl@utdallas.edu))

“Engineering the Biotech Empire: University/Industry Partnerships, Patents,  
and the Regulatory Charade”  
**Sister Candace Boheme**

A race to the patent office is fueling the agricultural biotechnology explosion. Through the university/industry partnerships, public funds and university resources are increasingly being appropriated for Research and Development to benefit the private sector. As the competition for proprietary information increases, cooperation and the free flow of ideas among researchers decreases and unpatentable (and therefore less profitable) research is being ignored. Federal agencies, under industry influence, are allowing commercialization of these novel ‘inventions’ without adequate oversight and regulation. This marriage of for-profit scientific research and pseudo-regulation is dictating educational curriculum, jeopardizing free exchange of knowledge and endangering public health, the environment, and our most basic freedoms. Your tax dollars at work!

Sister Candace Boheme is a Buddhist nun, concerned citizen, consumer advocate, and dedicated organic gardener. She is affiliated with Organic Consumers Association and the Alliance for Labeling Genetically Altered Foods. Her recent work against the ALCOA strip-mine earned her a Point of Light Award from the Bastrop Chamber of Commerce and she is active in educating on the dangers of genetically altered food.

## “Global Ecocide”

Friday April 13, 6 P.M. – 9 P.M., Galaxy Room B, Student Union

Facilitated by Jennifer Rachaner ([jennifer@yellowdogs.com](mailto:jennifer@yellowdogs.com))

“Hitting Home: How Grandfathering Polluters Affects Communities”

**Ann Hubener**

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Grandfathered facilities such as the TXI Cement Kiln in Midlothian, allow companies to bypass more strict environmental regulations and burn hazardous waste impacting the communities health they surround. Ann Hubener is not a medical professional, but has her own breathing problems and is privy to the prevalence of more irregular medical conditions in the area. As a realtor, she also has an economic understanding of how the pollution can devastate a community. Ann Hubener is an active Democrat familiar with the legislative process in regulating commercial pollution sources and serves on the Board of Directors for Downwinders at Risk.

“Components Critical to Economic Sustainability- The Human Kind”

**Thomas Kemper**

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Policies that are both ecologically and economically sustainable rely on vibrant local economies, responsible producers and consumers, use of local resources, and an adoption of a new economic model.

Tom Kemper is the founder and president of DolphinBlue, a business that produces recycled paper materials, co-chair of Sustainable Dallas, and a Dallas County and Texas Green Party member. Among his many achievements, he has organized a conference at SMU on the Multilateral Agreement on Investment, organized the first Dallas recycling event, and persuaded Dallas to implement tree “Care and Protection” policy.

“The Sustainable Communities Movement–GreenWash or Solution?”

**Stan Ingman**

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After reviewing the global environmental and socio-economic crises, one needs to discuss the causes. Then, sustainable development, and more specifically it will be argued that a network of sustainable communities’ projects is one strategy to move the citizens to lower their footprint on the planet. Mexico-Texas exchanges are one additional component to temper global capitalism and encourage national as well as local sustainable policies.

Dr. Stan Ingman is a professor of Gerontology and Sociology at the University of North Texas where he serves as the Director of Center for Public Service and the School of Community Service. For more information visit [www.unt.edu/untcps](http://www.unt.edu/untcps)

“United States as a Terrorist Nation: Challenging Illusions about Foreign Policy”

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US leaders routinely explain that humanitarian instincts and a desire to bring peace, freedom, and democracy to the world motivate their foreign policy and military interventions. A more honest analysis shows that the United States consistently has been, in the words of Martin Luther King Jr., on “the wrong side of a world revolution.” The first steps in activism on these issues is to strip away the ideological cover around foreign policy and develop an analysis of the motivations of policy to guide decisions about political strategy.

Dr. Robert Jensen is a University of Texas at Austin Professor of Journalism and involved with Peace Action Austin. For more information visit <http://uts.cc.utexas.edu/~rjensen/home.htm>

“Putting a Human Face on the Death Penalty”

**Annette Spanhel and Jennifer Bishop**  
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A teenager in Winnetka, Illinois murdered Jennifer Bishop Jones’s sister, Nancy Bishop Langert, along with her husband Richard and their unborn child in 1990. Jennifer has served on the Executive Board of Directors of the Illinois Coalition Against the Death Penalty for years. She visits Pontiac Death Row every month and has been very active in political and media activities against state-sponsored violence. She says, "My sister's last word on life as she lay dying was to scrawl out 'Love' in blood. That message is sacred to me. I will not rest until the hate in the human heart that killed her is eradicated from this world."

“After a murder, victims' families face two things: a death and a crime. At these times, families need help to cope with their grief and loss, and support to heal their hearts and rebuild their lives. From experience, we know that revenge is not the answer. The answer lies in reducing violence, not causing more death. The answer lies in supporting those who grieve for their lost loved ones, not creating more grieving families. It is time we break the cycle of violence. To those who say society must take a life for a life, we say: "not in our name." -Marie Deans, founder of Murder Victims Families for Reconciliation

Annette Spanhel and Jennifer Bishop are speakers on a tour against the death penalty affiliated with the Texas Coalition to abolish the Death Penalty and Murder Victims’ Families for Reconciliation. For more information visit [www.mvfr.org](http://www.mvfr.org)

“Making Asylum Laws Humane”

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A look at US asylum law practices with an eye to advocating for the most humane application of the law and with a glimpse at the new gender based asylum guidelines. Dolly Warden is affiliated with the Dallas Peace Center

“Mounting Global Resistance to the Corporate Agenda”

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Many Africans refer to the IMF and World Bank debts as “genocide,” “re-colonization,” or “re-enslavement” of their countries. What are the facts that might justify these characterizations? In South Africa, the money borrowed by the apartheid government was used to purchase military equipment used against the black African majority and suppression of revolutionary struggles in neighboring Mozambique, Angola, and Zimbabwe. South Africa was an active collaborator with the colonial regimes and repressive forces in these countries in their attempts to maintain control for a white minority. Now those who were oppressed are told that they have to pay back loans of their oppressors, whether white minorities in southern Africa or black elites in other parts of Africa. Both in present day South Africa and the rest of Africa, the external debt is the most significant factor behind the majority of their problems. Whether it is AIDS in Africa, the rising number of wars all over the globe, soaring infant mortality rates, increasing illiteracy rates, or rising crime and poverty-the debt affects the abilities of Africans to escape the “third world status.”

The principal reason the debt hasn’t been cancelled is that it is a wonderful tool for the continued exploitation and oppression. Desperately in need of capital to build infrastructure, these loans carry stipulations and conditions that threaten the autonomy of these countries. As a result, the people and governments of these nations sacrifice their natural resources and very lives for very low paying jobs offered by powerful multinational conglomerations. These issues have profound impacts in our own communities in terms of the lack of jobs with decent wages, deteriorating social services, dirty air and water, and other measures of how our economy is declining for the majority of Americans-but not the corporations. Why would some corporation pay someone \$5 to \$30 per hour when they can hire some desperate person in China for 13 cents per hour (the average wage in China)? The deplorable benefits, work conditions, and environmental regulations not only affect the workers around the world, but the marketplace and work conditions in this country.

Jere Locke works with Citizen’s Trade Campaign, a national coalition of union, environmental groups, churches, and fair trade groups such as Public Citizen. He is on the National Council of Jubilee USA Network, part of the international movement on the global south debt. He lives in Austin and distributes email on corporate globalization to over 7000 Texans.

“How Global Trade Agreements Negate the Priorities of Civil Society”

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The presentation will illustrate how civil society and its aspirations for fair trade in the global economic system are systematically excluded from the important aspects of corporate-managed global trading agreements like NAFTA (North American Free Trade Agreement), the WTO (World Trade Organization,) and now the so-called Free Trade Area of the Americas (FTAA.)

Dr. Campbell Read is a Professor Emeritus of Statistical Science at SMU. He also serves on the Board of Dallas County Audubon Society and is a litigant in a lawsuit against the city of Dallas regarding the Trinity River Bond Election of May 1998. He is authorized to represent the Texas Committee on Natural Resources (TCONR) on issues relating to global trade agreements and has been involved with actions against these agreements including Seattle in 1999. TCONR is a statewide environmental organization that lobbies on statewide issues related to forests, clean air and water, and wildlife conservation.

**“Demanding the Human Right to Organize”**  
Thursday April 12, 6 P.M.- 9 P.M., Galaxy Room B, Student Union  
Facilitated by Mark Middaugh

“The Bush Presidency and Looming Recession: Can Workers Fight Back?”

**Mike Corwin**

Mike will address the difficulty organizing unions in the country, the attacks on workers’ rights already being carried out by the new administration, and what an economic recession might mean.

Mike Corwin is a member of the International Socialist Organization, Texas State Employees’ Union and the University Staff Association at UT-Austin. He has been an activist in the Austin area in the movements for workers’ rights and against the death penalty and US militarism.

“Organizing Immigrant Workers”

**Mario Fernandez**

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Mario will explain what it means to be an immigrant worker in America today, connecting the economic and social dilemmas that face the people of Latin America to the US supported structural development programs if the International Monetary Fund (IMF.) Current globalization policies of economically dominant nations and international corporations are a primary source of the geographic dislocation of migrating workers, and that this dislocation increases their vulnerability by decreasing workers’ ability to organize in defense of their rights.

Mario Fernandez is from El Salvador and is a factory worker for the Texas Twist Pretzel Company. He works with The Center for Human Rights in Dallas on behalf of immigrant workers.

“Need to Organize Professionals”

**Elaine Lantz**

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Elaine will discuss the need for and challenges to organizing professionals today such as problems relating to visa status of foreign technical workers and the H1-B visa program (also known as the “bracero” program.)

Elaine Lantz is the coordinator for the Dallas area affiliate of Jobs with Justice and is a union organizer for professional workers.

“Living Wage Campaign”

**Kimberly Olsen**

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Kimberly will explain the community-organizing mission of ACORN and review the goals and history of the Living Wage Campaign across the country. We will explore the strategies that have been used to build power through grassroots coalitions, actions, and public pressure in Dallas’ Living Wage Campaign. This will be put in perspective of where these campaigns across the nation stand now, and how people can organize movements that effect local economic and social policies.

Kimberly Olsen has been a community organizer for ACORN for five years. During this time she has helped build or maintain over a dozen neighborhood organizations. She also worked for the Living Wage Campaign in Houston and directs the Dallas Living Wage Campaign Coalition.

“State Workers’ Rights”

**Boone Taylor**

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The employees of the state of Texas have fewer rights than their neighbors who work in the private sector, than federal employees, and than state employees in most other states. Texans who work for the state may not strike and may not collectively bargain for wages and benefits. Texans do have, by state law, the right to organize into unions and participate freely in union activities. As a so-called “right to work” state, no union may enter into a contract in which union membership is required for employment. The state employee union movement has grown gradually over the past 20 years, but the rate of growth must accelerate for the workers’ voice at the state capital to be truly effective.

Boone Taylor represents the AFL-CIO union (Communication Workers of America) that is currently involved unionizing University of Texas at Dallas employees.

**“Challenging State-Sponsored Violence”**

Friday April 13, 1 P.M. – 4 P.M., Galaxy Room B, Student Union  
Facilitated by Farid Farahmand(bepish@flash.net)

“In Addition to the Dream...”

**Reverend Holsey Hickman**

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Holsey will sketch the scope of his concerns including institutionalized racism and violence based on the writings of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Reverend Hickman has a solid reputation as an effective community-activist. He serves on several boards and is active in professional organizations. He chaired the National Interreligious Task Force for Criminal Justice, he is a member of the American Friends Service Committee, Vice-president At-Large of Texas CURE (Citizens United for the Rehabilitation of Errants) and is currently working in his neighborhood chairing the Glenn Oaks Homeowners Association educational committee. He has received numerous awards and the most recent is the Dallas Peace Center’s Peacemaker of the Year 2000 Award. He makes his home with his wife Mae as members of the St. John Missionary Baptist Church, and is the proud parent of five children, six grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.