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—Thomas Hardy

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Dig deeper into healing justice: Read, watch, and get involved

Tony Heriza, AFSC's director of media production, offers suggestions on what to read and watch to learn more about healing justice issues.

Books and websites

The power of truth and reconciliation

The over-arching theme in the summer 2013 issue of Quaker Action is the belief that when people who have been in conflict tell their truths, share their pain, and seek reconciliation, real healing can take place. Much of this healing work, both in the U.S. and internationally, uses some form of circle process.

In “Peacemaking Circles: From Crime to Community,” a 2003 book from Living Justice Press, Kay Pranis, Mark Wedge, and Barry Stuart provide a valuable guide to the deep origins of circles and to their power.

Truth and reconciliation commissions are also an important vehicle for bringing forth healing truths. To follow the progress of the Maine Wabanaki-State Child Welfare Truth and Reconciliation Commission, visit www.mainetribaltrc.org. For an insightful review of 60 truth commissions and their impacts, see Priscilla Hayner’s “Unspeakable Truths: Transitional Justice and the Challenge of Truth Commissions,” published by Routledge in 2011.

For a personal view of trauma-healing work in Burundi and its roots in traditional healing practices, read David Niyonzima’s “Unlocking Horns,” published in 2001 by Barclay Press. An interview with David was recently featured on
AFSC’s Acting in Faith blog. For in-depth information on the Healing and Rebuilding Our Communities (HROC) program, visit the African Great Lakes Initiative website.

Experiences of prisoners


Another valuable source for exploring Quaker peacemaking with prisoners is the Alternatives to Violence (AVP) website at www.avpusa.org. AVP, initiated by Quakers, was founded in and developed from the lived experiences of prisoners. It has grown into an international movement both inside and outside of prisons.

A new justice paradigm

“Beyond Prisons,” published by Fortress Press in 2006 and co-authored by Laura Magnani and Harmon Wray, makes a convincing argument for why we need to start from scratch to envision a more just alternative to the justice system in the U.S.

Sylvia Clute’s 2010 book “Beyond Vengeance, Beyond Duality: A Call for a Compassionate Revolution,” published by Hampton Roads, challenges the punitive approach to justice and offers a “unitive” approach that recognizes the oneness of all life.

Restorative justice

Finally, for an excellent clearinghouse of information and resources on restorative justice around the world, visit Restorative Justice Online at www.restorativejustice.org.

Host a film screening

Screening one of these excellent new documentary films is a great way to share your concern about prisons with friends and colleagues.

Broken on All Sides

Lawyer Matthew Pillischer’s “Broken on All Sides” grew from an exploration of prison overcrowding in Philadelphia to a sweeping examination of race and mass incarceration in the U.S.
The House I Live In

Eugene Jarecki’s “The House I Live In” is a heart-wrenching account of the “war on drugs” and its impact on poor communities.

Herman's House

Angad Bhalla’s “Herman’s House” reveals both the injustice of solitary confinement and the transformative power of art.

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WHO WE ARE

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In the great tradition of Howard Zinn, *101 Changemakers* offers a “people’s history” version of the individuals who have shaped our country for middle school students. In the place of founding fathers, presidents, and titans of industry, are profiles of those who courageously fought for social justice in America: Tecumseh, Harriet Tubman, Mark Twain, César Chávez, Rachel Carson, Harvey Milk, Henry Wallace, and many more. *101 Changemakers* aims to provide young students with new ways of understanding how history is written and made.

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Another book for the radar, this time written for our youth. The title says it all, including some well-known and not-so-well-known Asian Americans such as Fred Korematsu, Grace Lee Boggs, Bhairavi Desai, and Lam Duong.

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101 CHANGEMAKERS: REBELS AND RADICALS WHO CHANGED US HISTORY

Edited by Michelle Bollinger and Dao X. Tran
Published by Haymarket Books October 16, 2012
Hardcover 210 pages for grade level 5 and up

From the Publisher

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From the Preface
“The increasing corporate control of education has deeply affected social science curriculum. Students are taught that our “heroes” are the “great” presidents or the “captains of industry.” At the same time, thorough representations of the victims and survivors of Indian removal, the impact of the growth of industry on US workers, and the effects of environmental devastation are often absent.

... Children do learn in school about a handful of advocates for social change. But their stories are often sanitized or oversimplified in a way that makes them seem much less threatening and definitely less interesting. For example, most students today often learn about Helen Keller as a courageous young woman who overcame her disabilities. But few know about her antiwar activism or her staunch advocacy for women’s and workers’ rights. Many students learn about Martin Luther King Jr. in a way that fails to include his views on the war in Vietnam or that outright misrepresents the relationship between his politics and those of Malcolm X. And of course, many more are taught little or nothing about Malcolm X, because radical figures are often sidelined from the curriculum. We aimed to provide more for the young readers and activists of today. Through these brief, accessible, and dynamic profiles of various “chagemakers” throughout US history, students can learn about the power that ordinary people have.”

Editor Bios
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Endorsements:

In this ambitious text, Dr. Martin Donohoe intertwines literature across disciplines and genres to demonstrate economic, political, and historical etiologies of diseases that are commonly—and fatally—misconstrued as purely biological in origin. Students and professionals will find this is a useful, accessible primer on the contentious social landscapes that distribute disease unequally within and across societies. Dr. Donohoe's compilation unifies ostensibly distant corners of our broad discipline under the common pursuit of health as an achievable, non-negotiable human right. In this reader, Dr. Donohoe endeavors beyond analysis to impart his impassioned suggestions for moving closer to the vision of health equity to which he has dedicated his admirable career.

-- Paul Farmer, MD, PhD, Kolokotrones University Professor and Chair, Department of Global Health and Social Medicine, Harvard Medical School; and co-founder, Partners In Health

This superb book is the best work yet concerning the relationships between public health and social justice. Martin Donohoe's profound contributions to the field make him uniquely qualified as the book's editor and as the author of several key chapters. Everyone concerned about justice in public health will find the book informative and inspirational.

-- Howard Waitzkin, MD, PhD, Distinguished Professor Emeritus, University of New Mexico

“Social justice provides the passion that fuels public health. Martin Donohoe's book gives public health professionals, researchers and advocates the essential knowledge they need to capture the energy that social justice brings to our enterprise.”

-- Nicholas Freudenberg, DrPH, Distinguished Professor of Public Health at the City University of New York School of Public Health at Hunter College.

I know of few people who have as passionate a commitment to such a broad range of social justice issues as does Martin Donohoe. His personal concern for the human beings who suffer is always evident in his presentations at conferences, in his writing, and in the art with which he illustrates his points.

Martin’s chapters are not a theoretical view from afar but the perspective of a humanitarian practicing the art of personal medicine on a grand scale. The breadth of topics he has selected to include provide a strong overview of social justice in medicine and public health for readers new to the topic. For many long-time public health professionals, the book serves
as a challenging reminder of the reasons they entered the profession. For all of us in public health, Martin’s book serves as a stimulus to stay true to our core mission: social justice.

-- William Wiist, DHSc, MPH, MS, Senior Scientist and Head of Office of Health & Society Studies, Interdisciplinary Health Policy Institute, Northern Arizona University

Martin Donohoe, MD is a renaissance man in the modern era with an amazing knowledge of the social determinants of health and the role of physician as advocate. This book is a tremendous contribution to the literature of social justice and public health and only Dr. Donohoe’s passion for open source material via his website and his dedication to finding solutions to these problems could have ultimately brought this compendium together. This book will be utilized in many fields because of its breadth and depth.

-- Catherine Thomasson, MD, Executive Director, Physicians for Social Responsibility

“A compelling and provocative collection of essays that provides an in-depth examination and critical analysis of the impact that a health system founded on principles of equity and equal opportunity can have on society’s well-being. This book will serve as an essential reference for students, teachers and practitioners in the health and human services who are committed to social responsibility.”

Shafik Dharamsi, PhD, Faculty of Medicine and Liu Institute for Global Issues, Global Health

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—Thomas Hardy

FEELING THE UNTHINKABLE
Essays on Social Justice
by Donald Gutierrez

Professor Donald Gutierrez's extensive writings on social justice have been collected here in a passionate appeal for sensitivity, change and, most importantly, action in confronting government abuses and social
inequity at home and abroad. These 48 essays and reviews of books are presented in four sections: "State Terrorism - My Country Must Not Torture in My Name," "War and Democracy - War On Democracy," "Business as Usual - Greed, Racism and Genocide," and "Power of the Pen - Iconoclasts to the Rescue." Earnest, informed and articulate, Gutierrez raises a voice of moral conscience too often lacking in today's public discourse.

"Zinn-esque.... Dr. Gutierrez has written a book that is compassionate, comprehensive, and thought provoking.... His claim that democracy is under attack is spot-on and his cry for activism is necessary and timely." --Karen P. Burke  

"What an incredibly powerful book! Professor Gutierrez reminds us why public outrage is more necessary now than ever." --Leslie Hall, Ph.D.  

"This is a must-read collection for social justice activists .... [Gutierrez] calls us to respect human rights, to promote solidarity with others, and to change our world while we still have the chance." --William P. Quigley  

Poems Against War: Bending Toward Justice edited by Gregg Mosson,. Wasteland Press, 2010,. is an anthology of poetry that addresses war, hope, history, and justice in the 21st century. The anthology creates a complex portrait of the new century, and offers ideas about how to live in it, and what change and justice might look like. Featured are former U.S. Poet Laureate Robert Pinsky, wilderness visionary poet Antler, two U.S.-Iraq war veterans, Tony Hoagland and Carol Dine on history, and introducing Nigerian poet Tolu Ogunlesi, Riot Folk musician Ryan Harvey, and political-activist poet Ron
BENDING TOWARD JUSTICE? WHISTLING IN THE DARK?
Dick Bennett

I AM CONVINCED
(Why? What evidence or pretence?)
WE SHALL OVERCOME
(Says who? Why you?)
BECAUSE THE ARC OF THE UNIVERSE
(Says astronomers or astrologers?)
IS LONG
(That’s for sure. Thirteen billion years.)
BUT IT BENDS TOWARD JUSTICE.
(Whistling in the dark? Can’t blame you.)

(Or did I misunderstand you?)
I MUST BELIEVE
(I understand you now.)
WE CAN OVERCOME
(Yes we can imagine, hope, and strive.)
BECAUSE THE EXPANDING UNIVERSE
(Of billions of galaxies, billions of solar systems)
PROVIDES INFINITE POSSIBILITIES.
(For evolving Earth humans, given enough time.
Or dozens, thousands of better human places.).
WHY? WHISTLING IN THE DARK?

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*The Communist Manifesto*
Lance Selfa, *The Democrats: A Critical History*
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Hillary, Boulder Colorado

"Sharing food is a basic human function, and peace is humankind's highest aspiration. Food Not Bombs brings both of these together in a powerful way, providing a recipe not only for creating great vegan meals but for creating a better world right here and now. This book will serve you well!"
Randall Amster, J.D., Ph.D. Graduate Chair of Humanities Prescott College, Executive Director, Peace & Justice Studies Association

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Our first book helped hundreds of people start local Food Not Bombs groups and introduced thousands of others to the movement for social change. With the addition information in our new book we expect to encourage another wave of interest. We sold 10,000 copies of "Food Not Bombs, How to Feed The Hungry and Build Community" and we were down to the last 100 books realized we need
to write a new edition to make it current. So many things have changed since 1992 when the first edition of "Food Not Bombs, How to Feed The Hungry and Build Community" was published. This new book includes over 100 diagrams and photos, outlines how you can recover, prepare and share vegan meals with the hungry. Our details on how to start a local group now include the use of the web, email and other technologies not available in 1992. We also added recipes for 6 people along with our tasty recipes for 100 and also include metric measurements to make the book universal. Instead of a focus on American law as we did in the 1992 book we are including information about possible legal issues in countries all over the world based on Keith's experience cooking and sharing meals with Food Not Bombs groups during his travels. We also include a history of the first 30 years of Food Not Bombs. There are many flyers and forms you can reprint to help your Food Not Bombs group be as effective as possible.

MORE BOOKS BY SEE SHARP PRESS - TUCSON

Occupy Wall Street Library Reportedly Thrown Away By NYPD
"HUNGRY FOR PEACE" WAS AN EARLY CONTRIBUTION TO THE LIBRARY AT OCCUPY WALL STREET.

The idea of occupations are explained on Page 86 of Hungry for Peace and included in a number of places in the history section starting on page 103 about the 1989 Tent City Protests in San Francisco and New York City. Copies of Keith McHenry's first book "Food Not Bombs, How to Feed The Hungry and Build Community" were also among the books destroyed.

"Food Not Bombs is a glistening, beautiful arrow pointing us toward another way, rooted in belief that we are all part of one another and that we actually can feed a hungry world while helping our planet survive. Simplicity, service, sharing and sturdy nonviolent resistance to war and weapons are among the ingredients that guide adherents to one of the finest movements of our time. I'm delighted that Keith McHenry's book, Hungry for Peace, will help usher us toward sanity and real security."

Kathy Kelly co-coordinator of Voices for Creative Nonviolence

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Mickey Z., author of "Darker Shade of Green" (Raw Dog Screaming Press)
"The beauty and power of Food Not Bombs is that while serving food is meeting a community need, it is also building community. It is no coincidence that Food Not Bombs has become a mainstay within countless social movements around the world. From street corners to punk houses to mass protests, the humility and compassion shown by giving free food, and helping one another, is inspirational. In 'Hungry for Peace,' Keith McHenry charts the history and vision of Food Not Bombs while also providing the tools needed to get out and--without bosses, leaders or approval - do it yourself."

**Will Potter, author of Green Is the New Red: An Insider's Account of a Social Movement Under Siege**

"I have worked with Keith and the wonderful people of Food Not Bombs all over the country - the organization is a courageous model for grassroots organizing for effective and positive change. I honor the work and recommend this book!"

**Cindy Sheehan - Gold Star Families for Peace and Founder of Camp Casey in Crawford, Texas**

Taos author's new book focuses on feeding the hungry - By Ariana Kramer of the Taos News December 10, 2011

"It will be a great day when our schools get the money they need & the air force has to hold a bake sale to buy a bomber."

The poster that inspired the founding of Food Not Bombs.

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