“Mindfulness, Equity and Social Justice”

NM Leaders in Mindfulness Conference

By Sidni Lamb

Year 5 of the NM Leaders in Mindfulness Conference happens April 19-20 at Noah’s Event Venue, 4591 Vista Fuente Rd. NW, 87114. This is a collective space to look at social justice and equity through the lens of contemplative practices. Rhonda Magee, writer and law professor at University of San Francisco, internationally known pioneer in using mindfulness to transform criminal justice, higher education and racism, will keynote as well as facilitate breakout sessions.

Winged Women from Esperanza Shelter, Yoga & Meditation for People of Color, Qigong Master Mingtong Gu, Running Medicine, Samia Assed and others use music, art-making, facilitated conversations, yoga and movement to explore such topics as building alliances across differences, transforming trauma, our relationship to money, how yoga/meditation practice differs for people of color, from oppression to opportunity and more.

Friday evening is conversation, meditation and a community dinner with Rhonda Magee for self-identified people of color. Saturday evening ends with a reception/party of live music featuring jazz singer Patty Stephens, storytelling and open mic. Childcare will be available.

Full Details and ticket info can be found at: mindfulnewmexico.com/2019_conference

Special ticket prices for Not-for-Profit Organizations; send 3 people AND have an on-site information table for $200.
**Regularity Scheduled Events—held at the Peace Center unless otherwise noted**

**MONDAYS**
- 350NM.org 1st & 3rd Mon. 5-7pm, 4th Mon. 6:30pm. 350-6000
- Veterans for Peace ABQ 2nd Monday, 5:30-8pm, 271-9274.

**TUESDAYS**
- Swing Dance Weekly, 7:15-10pm. Winnings Coffee until floor maintenance is completed. 256-0668.
- Carnivores Anonymous 1st Tuesday, 5-7pm, 306-1533
- ABQ NOW 4th Tuesday, 6-7:30pm, quarterly, 459-9860
- Race Dialogue 4th Tuesday, 5pm. 917 Vassar NE, 272-5085

**WEDNESDAYS**
- Chair Yoga Weekly, 1-30-2-30pm. lisbethcarlisle@aol.com
- Nuclear Issues Study Group 1st Wednesday, 7-9pm, 879-8547
- Grassroots New Mexico Community Radio Action Calendar, weekly, 3:57pm on KUNM 89.9FM.

**THURSDAYS**
- Americans United for Separation of Church & State- NM 1st Thursdays, 6pm, 296-8073
- P&J Center Coordinating Council 2nd Thursdays, 5:30-7:30pm. All are welcome, 268-9557
- Swing Dance Weekly, 7:30-10pm, UNM Hokona Hall.

**FRIDAYS**
- Sierra Club & Root Beer 1st Friday on odd months, 6:30-8pm, 243-7767
- Open Mind Discussion (NVC) 2nd and 4th Fridays, 11:30am-1pm, 881-4536
- P&J Ctr’s Admin. Committee Last Friday, 2-3:30pm

**SATURDAYS**
- Good Food Distribution Weekly, 9am, 315-4167
- Sitting for Peace Weekly, 9-10am. Bataan Park NE corner, 3407 Lomas NE, all welcome in silence, 265-2178
- St. Mary Magdalene Community Mass, Weekly, 5-7pm, First Congregational UCC, 2801 Lomas NE. 345-3677, 977-4661
- Animal Liberation ABQ 2nd Saturday, 10am-Noon, 306-1533
- Grandmother’s Council of NM 2nd Saturday, 1:30-3:30pm, 610-8258
- Diné Biaad Study Group 2nd/4th Saturday at 1pm
- Vigil for the Children 2nd Sat. at Noon, U.S. Fed. Courthouse, NW corner of 3rd/Lomas, medicinedrumcircle@yahoo.com
- Medicine Drum Circle 2nd Sat. 1:30-3pm, St. Thomas of Canterbury Episcopal, 425 University Blvd NE, 417-4704
- Cottonwood Medicine Collective herbal clinic, 3rd Saturdays 11am-3pm, cottonwoodmedicine@gmail.com
- Gray Panthers 4th Saturday, 1-2:30pm at Highland Senior Center, 131 Monroe NE. Contact: 266-8823.
- Peña Cultural / Coffee House Monthly, 6-10pm, Bandido Hideout, 2128 Central SE, 321-6365

**SUNDAYS**
- Unitarian Universalist Fellowship Weekly, 11am-Noon.
- Potluck on 5th Sunday, 11am-2:30pm. 440-6688.
- ABQ IWW 4th Sunday, 1-3pm, abqiww@gmail.com
- St. Oscar Romero Catholic Community Monthly, 11am at St. Paul’s ELCA, 1100 Indian School NE, 352-4061.
- Generation Justice Weekly, 7-8pm on KUNM 89.9FM

**Photos from P&J’s 35th anniversary fundraiser; more on Back page.**

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- Alexandra Kesich, UNM
Saturday, April 6, 8am-2pm
**The Trinity Site** of the first atomic bomb detonation on the White Sands Missile Range is open to the public on this day. The Tularosa Basin Downwinders Consortium will hold two peaceful demonstrations - one at the Tularosa Gate; the other at the Stallion Gate, near San Antonio. More details: trinitydownwinders.com

Saturday, April 6, 6pm
Alternative Radio presents a lecture by **Dahr Jamail** on “Climate Disruption” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org

Saturday, April 6, 6pm
NM Faith Coalition for Immigration Justice holds a **Celebrate Solidarity Benefit** at 1st Unitarian Church, 3701 Carlisle Blvd. NE. Featuring live music, poetry, refreshments, arts & crafts for sale, updates, and community. More info: nmimmigrantjustice.org, and see also Noticias, pg. 7

Saturday, April 13, 9:30am-5:30pm
350 NM and Sierra Club - Rio Grande Chapter host the **Climate Disruption Film Festival** at South Broadway Cultural Center, 1025 Broadway Blvd. SE. Free to all; more info: fb.com/350NM, fb.com/NMSierraClub

Saturday, April 13, 10:30am-4pm
(un)Occupy Albuquerque and Kalpulli Izkalli present **Medicine for the People by the People**, a day of Free Healthcare for the Community. Ceremony begins 10:30am and treatments from noon-4pm, at South Valley Academy, 3426 Blake Rd. SW. More info: fb.com/unOccupyABQ, and see also Noticias, pg. 6

Saturday, April 13, 4:30-6pm
Rev. Roger Scott Powers, pastor at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, gives a report back on the interfaith pilgrimage to Honduras he took part in last month, at the P&J. Info: pastor.standrewabq@aol.com, and see also Noticias, pg. 6

Saturday, April 13, 6pm
Alternative Radio presents a lecture by **Leilani Farha** on the “Financialization of Housing” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org

Saturday, April 13, 6-10pm
Monthly **peña cultural**, or musical coffeehouse, sponsored by LASOTRAS at Bandidos, 2128 Central SE. Children's and sing-along hour 6pm, LASOTRAS at 7, then open mic/open jam. No cover; more info: Dair, 321-6365 or dair_o@yahoo.com
Calendar of Special Events

Saturday-Friday, April 13-19

**Nevada Desert Experience: Sacred Peace Walk Against Nukes**; meet-up at 1420 W. Bartlett Ave., Las Vegas, NV 89106. For more details, visit nevadadesertexperience.org/spw and paceebene.org/events/2019/4/13/nde-sacred-peace-walk-2019

Thursday, April 18, 10:30am-2:30pm

**Sustainability Expo** by UNM Sustainability Studies Program, at Cornell Mall on UNM Campus. Call 268-9557 if you can help the P&J table at this event.

More info: fb.com/unmsustexpo, abqstew.com, and see also Noticias, pg. 5

Friday, April 19, 6-8pm


Saturday, April 20, 8:15am-7pm

**Mindful NM** presents the 5th **Annual NM Leaders in Mindfulness Conference**. This year’s theme is Mindfulness, Equity and Social Justice. Prof. Rhonda V. Magee will join multiple NM change-makers in a day of experiential learning and interaction. At Noah’s Event Venue, 4591 Vista Fuente Rd. NW, 87114. For more info, visit mindfulnewmexico.com, and see also Front Page.

Saturday, April 20, 11am–5pm

La Montañita Food Co-op presents the 29th **Annual Earth Fest**, behind the Nob Hill location at 3500 Central Ave. SE. To help out at the P&J table, call 268-9557. Info: lamontanita.coop

Saturday, April 20, 6pm

Alternative Radio presents a lecture by **L.A. Kauffman & Aneelah Afzali** on “The Enduring Power of Protest” on KUNM 89.9FM. online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org

Sunday, April 21, 5-7pm

**Trinity House** holds their 2nd Earth Day Open House at 1925 Five Points Rd. SW. There will be a plant sale (proceeds to Trinity House), local fresh food from Chispas Farms (and any you want to bring to share), fun and friendship. Info: 842-5697.

Monday, April 22, 6:30pm

**350NM Speaker Series** at the P&J, guest/topic TBD. Free to all; more info: fb.com/350NM

Tuesday, April 23, 9:30-10:45am

Also on Thursday, April 25 and Tuesday, April 30 at the same time; each event features semester-project presentations from UNM students in the **Peace Studies 306: Peace & Conflict class**, taught by instructor Summer Speaker. These events are open to the public, at the Peace Center. Info: benjamin.abbott@gmail.com

Tue. April 23 & Wed. April 24, 6:30pm (no matinees)

The Guild Cinema presents *The Brink: Steve Bannon* (Dir. Alison Klayman, 2019, 91m) a film that focuses on his role in Trump’s inner circle, the 2016 presidential campaign, as well as promoting racist nationalist movements worldwide. Repeats May 1, at Guild Cinema, 3405 Central Ave. NE. For more info, visit guildcinema.com or thebrinkfilm.com.

Monday, April 26, 7-9pm

**Resolana Border Fandango** at the South Broadway Cultural Center, 1025 Broadway Blvd. SE. Music, author readings, films. No fundraising permitted due to City policy, but info tables welcome! More info: Bill Nevins, 264-6979.

Saturday, April 27, 9am-3:30pm

**Reproductive Justice Convergence** at Health Leadership High School, 1900 Randolph Rd. SE. Sliding scale donation $5-$50; no one turned away. All cash and donations go to **Transgender Resource Center of NM (TGRC)** and for the **Trans Liberation Coalition (TLC)**. More info: abqqrc@gmail.com, fb.com/ABQQueerResistance, sites.google.com/view/agrc-reproductive-justice.

Saturday, April 27, 6pm

Alternative Radio presents a lecture by **Michael Yates** on “The Working Class” on KUNM 89.9FM, online at kunm.org/listen. Info: alternativeradio.org

Save the Date:

**Wednesday, May 1st**

The P&J is closed for **International Worker’s Solidarity Day**. Regularly scheduled events may still occur. Info: 268-9557.
A Call to the Healers Community
Medicine for the People by the People
It is our honor to invite you to this year’s 8th Annual Medicine for the People by the People, brought to you by (un)Occupy Albuquerque and the Kalpulli Izkalli. We also co-organize the Kalpulli Izkalli’s Annual Encuentro. Medicine for the People by the People is a free health fair offering ceremony, traditional healing, healthy food, workshops, children’s space and tabling of free services and information to the community for one day. We organize every year with no budget or monies, relying solely on community donations of time, energy, food, goods, labor, services and healing. Our hope is to honor traditional community medicine and to re-unite people with their innate right to heal and be cared for during times of illness. We also hope to eliminate the fear of being denied access to care due to poverty, homelessness, addiction, pre-existing conditions, immigration status and all stigma preventing people from receiving the care they need.

This year's event will take place on Saturday, April 13, 10am-4pm at South Valley Academy (SVA), 3426 Blake Rd. SW. If you plan to participate this year, please arrive between 10-10:45am to set up. Please bring everything you will need to be self-sufficient. When you arrive let us know; you need to check in--we will collect your name, modality offered, desired time slots and desired lunch break. We will run triage for you, including the signup sheet and bring people who wish to receive a treatment from you at the time slots you have designated. We will provide a free healthy lunch and the runners will come around often to bring snacks and beverages as available. Ceremony begins around 11am, and we ask that you participate if possible and receive the healer’s limpia (cleansing). The treatments and event will kick off around noon, promptly following ceremony. The treatments will run from 12-4; if you need to modify that schedule to fit your availability, we are more than happy to accommodate.

Please text or email Monica at (505) 363-1625 or evasmonica@gmail.com to let her know you plan on participating.

Root Causes of Migration: A Report from Honduras
By Rev. Roger Scott Powers
Rev. Roger Scott Powers, Pastor at St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, traveled to Honduras the week of March 18-25 with a delegation of nearly 75 faith leaders and immigrant justice advocates to meet with grassroots and religious partners in order to more deeply understand the root causes of migration that have spurred thousands to flee Honduras. He was the only participant from New Mexico.

The international, interfaith delegation met with organizations working and advocating for the rights of migrants and explored factors that are forcing migrants to flee, including violence; environmental degradation; and the ongoing effects of the 2009 coup, which opened the door for drug cartels, organized crime, corrupt security forces, and near total impunity for human rights violations. The delegation met with victims of the government-sponsored repression following the unconstitutional, fraudulent election (supported by the U.S.) of Nov. 2017, and met with communities fighting against displacement caused by extractive industries and those impacted by human rights violations.

The delegation commemorated the 39th anniversary of the martyrdom of St. Oscar Romero with a theological forum on how the teachings of the slain Archbishop of San Salvador are being applied in Honduras today. The interfaith delegation included Jewish, Buddhist and Christian leaders from the Interfaith Movement For Human Integrity, representatives of the Leadership Conference of Women Religious, Sisters of Mercy of the U.S. and South America, and a number of other Catholic congregations of sisters, SHARE El Salvador, CARECEN, and others.

Rev. Powers will give a report back on his visit Saturday, April 13, 4-5:30pm at the P&J, free & open to the public.

Noticias
Sustainability Expo Supports Local Farmers

The 11th Annual UNM Sustainability Expo takes place Thursday, April 18, 10:30am-2:30pm on Cornell Mall adjacent to the UNM Student Union Building, and features a local growers market, educational displays, and interactive exhibits. The Expo will provide an opportunity for attendees to learn about sustainable practices, connect with community partners, and take action.

This event is organized by UNM students in the Sustainability Studies Program Local Food Systems Practicum class (sust.unm.edu). We are passionate about promoting local producers, small businesses, campus initiatives, and student organizations across the spectrum of sustainability. We ask all vendors to utilize the Expo as a platform for building further connection and engagement with attendees, particularly with the UNM student body. You are welcome to promote upcoming events or programs, share internship or training opportunities, highlight actionable steps for living more sustainably, and more. Bring your knowledge, tips, and tricks - however simple they may be - for a more sustainable lifestyle!

Do note that UNM is a state institution, so food vendors must obtain a free temporary food permit from the NM Environment Department if planning to offer samples or serve prepared food at the event. Apply as early as possible, as this process may take up to 10 business days to complete (Thursday, April 4 is the last day to apply). To RSVP, please fill out the online RSVP form. Register by Monday, April 8th to secure your free booth. In the meantime, stay up to date via fb.com/unmsustexpo or our Local Food Systems class blog, abqstew.com.

A Message from Outreach Coordinator Sue Schuurman

Due to differing strategies between myself and the Coordinating Council about the pace of change at the Peace Center, specifically challenging white supremacy within the organization internally, I have decided to resign as Outreach Coordinator. My intent is to stay on to train whomever is hired to replace me and ensure a smooth transition. I have worked at the P&J for more than 7 years. I consider it an honor and a privilege to have supported social justice activism from this position and have experienced much personal growth over this time. I will always be grateful to the Peace Center community for the opportunity to work in solidarity across so many different issues and struggles with so many dedicated community members. I know I will stay involved in social justice activism, no matter where I end up. Thanks to all those who have been supportive to me while doing this work over the years. I especially want to thank Coordinating Council members Janice Devereaux and Peaches Blackbird--who also just resigned--for all their support in particular. If you want to reach me, my personal email is susanjschuurman@gmail.com.

In solidarity, Sue.

We thanked Amy Biehl High School student intern Jemima Lewis (seated, center) for her service this past year with a cake. We wish you the best, Jemima, and are so grateful to you for all your help around the office. We will miss you!
Invites You to a “Celebrate Solidarity” Fundraiser

“Celebrate Solidarity” will take place Saturday, April 6, 6pm at First Unitarian, 3701 Carlisle Blvd NE. Please come, invite your friends, and spread the word. Amidst all the struggle immigrants, asylum seekers and refugees have been facing, we invite you to join us to stand strong together, to be with community, and to have a moment to unwind and recharge.

We are very pleased that Rahim AlHaj—world renowned Iraqi oud musician and composer (from ABQ!)—will be our featured musician. Prior to this performance, our incredible staff will provide a brief immigration update. Also, we’ll give our annual Social Justice award to both a group of families who have been organizing and working to support each other in these difficult times as well as Sr. Marlene Perrotte, who has done incredible work with asylum seekers and other migrants in and out of detention. After the program we’ll move into UU’s social hall for snacks and more music—beautifully provided by Café Bomba. Albuquerque’s outstanding poet María José Ramos will also perform.

Doors open at 5:15—Time for you to check out the arts and gifts for sale created by members of the immigrant community. Purchases will help support these individuals and their families. “In This House” signs, posters, and cards will also be available, with most proceeds donated to the Faith Coalition. Donations are encouraged (this is a fundraiser), either at the door, or skip the line and donate in advance online, via nmimmigrantjustice.org/donate. Cash or checks are preferred at the event. All are welcome, however, regardless of ability to pay.
Address Service Requested

Photos of the P&J’s 35th anniversary fundraiser at the African American Performing Arts Center