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refreshments and light lunch will be served

The Binghamton University Insurgent Ethnography Lab holds a yearly conference dedicated to bringing together BU faculty, students, and staff with international scholars and practitioners engaged and interested in ethnographic research that upholds the dignity of our research participants and aids in struggles and organizing toward liberation.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 24 | UUW325

9:00am-10:45am

Parallel Justice: Beyond the State

What does effective and affective abolition look like? This panel is comprised of practitioners from around the globe who are part of processes of parallel justice that seek to resolve harm and conflict outside the state and its legal systems.

11:00am-12:45pm

Within/Beyond Marronage, Self-Determination, and Territory

This panel brings together powerful voices engaged in Black liberation struggles across the Americas. Participants will explore how Black communities today are reimagining self-determination through collectivities, territory, and land.

1:15pm-3:00pm

Territories Beyond Land

Territories not only encompass land, but all that it cultivates and supports. Across knowledge production, politics, and economies, this panel accompanies territorial struggles that extend into metaphysical realms of resistance.

The Black Radical Tradition
Feminist Ecologies
Territorial Struggles & Land Defense

FRIDAY, APRIL 25 | THE BUNDY

9:00am-10:45am

Within and Beyond Structures of Domination

In this panel we explore how people organize and build power in the face of repression. We show how research and resistance intertwine, illuminating the everyday practice and politics that sustain struggles for a different world.

11:00am-12:45pm

Within and Beyond the University

What does it mean to work for liberation from within the university? This panel brings together thinker-activists to dialogue around what meaningful change can be effected through and in spite of the academy.

1:15pm-3:00pm

Land Beyond Enclosure

Land holds many meanings: property, wealth, kin, connection. This panel highlights farmer-activists working toward food sovereignty in disparate locations to discuss how we can think of and relate to land more expansively and with care.

Indigenous Justice
Alternative



9AM | PARALLEL JUSTICE: BEYOND THE STATE



Gulistan Hussein

She worked at Mala Jin (Women's House) and participated in the establishment of the Women's Justice System; now an active member of the Jineoloji Academy North and East Syria (Rojava), which is guided by principles that include the rejection of the nation-state system, governance through democratic confederalism, and the promotion of self-sustainability through ecological awareness



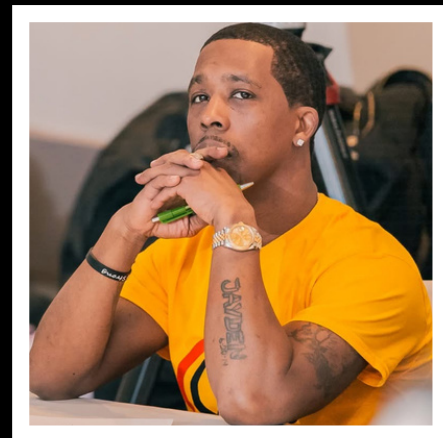
Simon Mitambo

Earth Jurisprudence Practitioner and ancestral wisdom and cosmology expert, knowledge expert at the UN Harmony with Nature Initiative, co-founder of the Society for Alternative Learning and Transformation (SALT) and The Kithino Learning Centre, core Member of the Global Tapestry of Alternatives



Thomas Gray

Organizer with CARES DADS, a mentorship program led by Black fathers and aimed at supporting students of color in the Binghamton School District; recruits Black and Latinx fathers to serve as mentors, conflict mediators, and trusted adult figures



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Thursday, April 24

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11AM | MARRONAGE, SELF-DETERMINATION, AND TERRITORY



Makota Cássia Kidoialê

Ancestral Guardian and leader of the Kilombu Manzo Ngunzo Kaiango, Brazil; active in struggles for the recognition of collective rights for Indigenous, Kilombola, and Terreiro communities



Juanita Francis Bone

Afro-Ecuadorian Black feminist, community-based researcher, politician, and human rights activist; co-founder of the Colectivo Mujeres de Asfalto



Rudy Amanda Hurtado

Afro-Colombian researcher and anti-racist activist; director of the Observatory on Racial Discrimination and curator of the Afro Museum



J.T. Roane

Author of "Dark Agoras: Insurgent Black Social Life and the Politics of Place" (2023); Assistant Professor of Africana Studies and Geography and Andrew W. Mellon chair in the Institute for the Study of Global Racial Justice at Rutgers University

1:15PM | TERRITORIES BEYOND LAND



Raúl Zibechi

Uruguayan writer, popular educator, and journalist; he writes for "La Jornada," "Desinformémonos," and "NACLA Report on the Americas," among others; Zibechi has published numerous books, including "Dispersing Power," "Territories in Resistance," and "The New Brazil"



Charito

Rosario De la Cruz Mamani (Charito) is a feminist creative activist and sociologist for El Alto, La Paz, Bolivia; she is member of the Civil Service for peace in Bolivia, a clay worker, and part of numerous national organizations; co-founder of La Red de Economía Feminista Alteña (REFA)



RM

Dedicated historian and community educator with deep roots in the Coca community of Mezcala, Jalisco, México; RM is a member of the Indigenous Council of México

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9AM | WITHIN AND BEYOND STRUCTURES OF DOMINATION



Zahara Gómez Lucini

Artist and activist whose work explores violence, memory, and resistance across Latin America; through photography, theater, and video, her projects embody a deep political and social commitment, using art to foster reflection, dialogue, and transformative connection



Nourshan Hussein

Co-chair of the Council for Diplomatic Relations in NE Syria (Rojava), which is concerned with unifying diplomatic efforts, aiming to build and strengthen diplomatic relations at the local, regional, and international levels



Silvia Federici

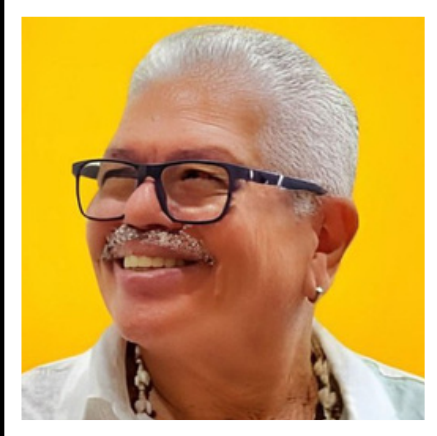
Co-founder of the International Feminist Collective; she has written books and essays on philosophy and feminist theory, women's history, education and culture, and the worldwide struggle against capitalist globalization



Hilary Lazar

Visiting Instructor of Sociology at the University of Pittsburgh whose research centers on 21st-century social movements, structural inequality, and the emotional and political dynamics of resistance

11AM | WITHIN AND BEYOND THE UNIVERSITY



Agustín Laó-Montes

Afro-descendant scholar and activist of Puerto Rican origin, Professor of Sociology and Afro-American Studies at UMass Amherst



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University of Orange

Ray Sykes, Douglas Farrand, Cesar Presa, and Margaux Simmons; The UofO is a free school of restoration urbanism in Orange, NJ founded in 2008 and building on a 64-year history of progressive organizing in the city; the UofO builds collective capacity for their friends, neighbors, and partners to cultivate a just and equitable city



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1:15PM | LAND BEYOND ENCLOSURE



Stephanie Morningstar

Mohawk, Indigenous herbalist and small-scale farmer and agroforester, Co-Director of the Northeast Farmers of Color Land Trust (NEFOC)



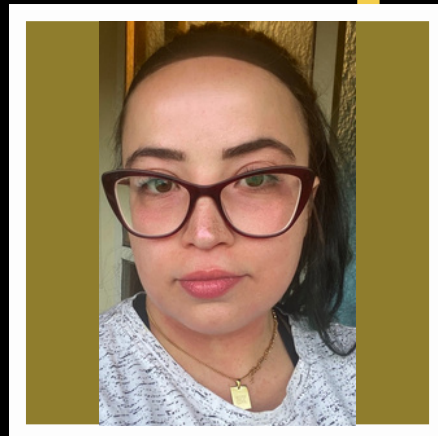
Kaija Xiao

Taiwanese/Chinese American farmer and organizer, worker-owner of Gentle Time Farm, a trans and queer cooperatively owned diversified vegetable farm; she is worker-owner of Choy Commons, a cooperative of Asian-led farm projects in the Northeast



Ricardo Arana Camarena

Anarcho-agriculturalist, Director of food justice project Cultiva Ya! in Tijuana, co-creator of the Jardín Binacional de la Amistad



Nadyia Luby

Puerto Rican-American activist and community organizer currently based in Binghamton, NY; their areas of focus are in housing justice, Indigenous land defense, food sovereignty, and access throughout various municipalities across Upstate New York