



## Whites for Racial Equity

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The Trump administration is gearing up for mass deportations starting on day one, threatening the safety of millions of families. Join the ACLU's January People Power **Immigration/Deportation Know Your Rights Training** to hear more about the ACLU's plan to respond to mass deportation efforts, receive a 'Know Your Rights' training, and learn how you can be a part of standing up for this fight anywhere in the country.

The on-line training takes place on **Jan 9** at 5pm.

<https://act.aclu.org/a/2025-kyr-training>

# *CARE Community Briefing:*

## **Immigrant Rights Resources**

FRIDAY, JAN. 10 | 11:00AM - 11:30AM



In response to the incoming Trump administration's inhumane threats of mass arrests, detention, and deportations, California Attorney General Rob Bonta issued updated model policies and recommendations to guide public institutions in complying with California law limiting state and local participation in immigration enforcement activities. Attorney General Bonta issued updated guidance for courthouses, healthcare facilities, colleges and universities, K-12 schools, labor agencies, public libraries, and shelters.

This guidance is intended to help staff develop practical plans to protect the rights of immigrants and their families to safely access public institutions by limiting support of immigration enforcement activity at these institutions. While the guidance is tailored to certain types of public institutions, any institution that is accessible to the public may choose to adopt a similar policy to protect the rights and safety of their patrons.

The public is encouraged to register for this virtual event to learn more about these resources. Next workshop is **Jan 10** at 11am.

**[https://doj-ca.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN\\_Yo8VOINUTsGXsdeubOgtlg#/registration](https://doj-ca.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_Yo8VOINUTsGXsdeubOgtlg#/registration)**

# Legal Observation Training for Rapid Responders

Sponsored by Your Allied Rapid Response (YARR) Network and Resource  
Center for Nonviolence



Sunday, January 12, 2025 at 3-5 PM



Resource Center for Nonviolence

612 Ocean St. Santa Cruz

In Scott Kennedy Hall, "The Big Room"

YARR's mission is to use our bodies, tactics, and resources to document, resist, and prevent action by ICE or other repressive forces that would harm fellow human beings.

**Film Preview & Discussion:**  
**Families Embracing Anti-Bias Values**

Featuring executive producers  
Debbie LeeKeenan & John Nimmo  
and parents from the film  
Gabrielle Nomura Gainor & Cassie Worley

Jan 14, 2025 8:30 PM ET

talking  
race & kids  
online conversations

"What kind of world do we want  
to create with our children?"

**FAMILIES  
EMBRACING  
ANTI-BIAS VALUES**

A FILM BY  
Debbie LeeKeenan • John Nimmo • Fia De Werry

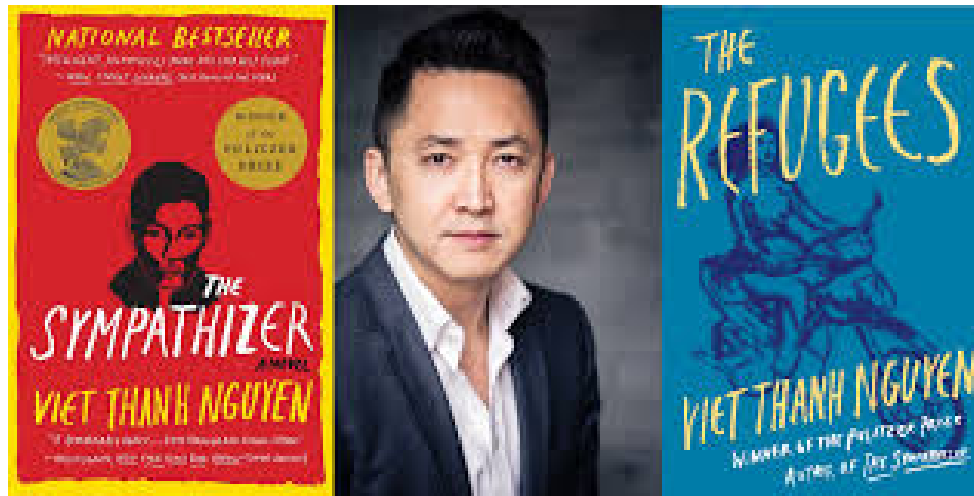
ANTIBIASLEADERSECE.COM

Debbie LeeKeenan and John Nimmo will be talking about their film, **Reflecting on AntiBias Education in Action: The Early Years** which features primarily the voices of teachers doing anti-bias work with very young children.

Join to watch clips of the film together and to discuss them. In addition to Debbie and John, we're lucky to have two of the parents who appear in the film joining us as well:

Gabrielle Kazuko Nomura Gainor and Cassie Worley. You can read more about our guests visit our [website](#). This conversation is FREE with registration and will appeal to anyone in the social justice education of young children at home and at school and how to connect those practices.

<https://www.embracerace.org/resources/families-embracing-anti-bias-values>



On **Jan 16**, beginning at 5pm, *The Sympathizer* author Viet Thanh Nguyen sits down for a conversation with CBC host John Freeman.

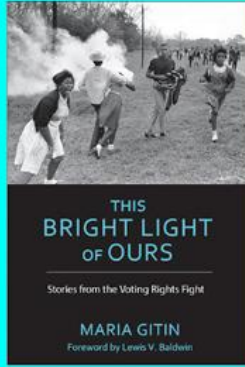
"I am a spy, a sleeper, a spook, a man of two faces. Perhaps not surprisingly, I am also a man of two minds," the unnamed narrator of Viet Thanh Nguyen's 2015 debut confesses. Addressed to the Commandant, this powerful and immersive novel of dualities follows a Communist sympathizer. Born to a Vietnamese mother impregnated in her teens by a French priest and college-educated in the United States, he becomes a North Vietnamese mole who sees other perspectives (and befriends South Vietnamese officers). The story is a complex consideration of what leads him to political imprisonment, and in due course, we learn of his time as an adviser in the making of a Vietnam War movie. *The Sympathizer* is also a book about representations, about the production of American fantasies by way of Hollywood depictions that strip people of color of their agency.

This will be a free hour-long conversation with Nguyen, which will include a reading by him and questions from the audience. Produced by Alta Journal for streaming on Zoom.

[https://altaonline.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_2t4SDFubQtiZpWLDEaf5jq#/registration](https://altaonline.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_2t4SDFubQtiZpWLDEaf5jq#/registration)



***This Bright Light of Ours:  
Stories from the Voting Rights Fight***  
**Author Talk by Maria Gitin**



One of the civil rights veterans who learned from and worked for Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Gitin will share stories from her experience in the Civil Rights Movement in rural Alabama. She will suggest how successful strategies from 60 years ago might inform our current culture. Free and open to all, but seating is limited so come early.

JOIN SCPL IN COMMEMORATING MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY  
FRIDAY JANUARY 17 3:30-4:30

**CAPITOLA BRANCH LIBRARY**  
OW FAMILY COMMUNITY ROOM



**SURJ** **SHOWING UP FOR  
RACIAL JUSTICE**  
**BAY AREA**

On Saturday, **Jan 18**, from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM PT join SURJ Bay Area for a 2-hour workshop for white people to explore their relationship with public and community safety. The event will be discussion-based, with opportunities to go deep into personal, collective, and historical experiences of public safety in small and large group discussions. We will provide tools to have these conversations with others and resources to support a more expansive view of public safety.

<https://secure.everyaction.com/MWaomCfFPEm7DLnmWNaOJA2>

MONTEREY COUNTY BLACK CAUCUS PRESENTS

**JAN**  
20th

# 2025

**"Mission Possible:  
Protecting Freedom, Justice, and  
Democracy in the Spirit of Nonviolence365"**

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.**

# MARCH DAY



**Oldemeyer Center  
986 Hilby Ave.,  
Seaside, CA 93955**



11am meetup at the corner of Obama Way  
and Noche Buena to march at 12pm as a comm(UNITY) to the  
Oldemeyer Center (program to follow). **Wear your organization pride!**

For inquiries, please contact [MCBlackCaucus@actioncouncil.org](mailto:MCBlackCaucus@actioncouncil.org)



NAACP SANTA CRUZ COUNTY BRANCH PRESENTS

# 2025 MLK PEOPLE'S MARCH for the DREAM

## AWAKENING to a NEW DAY

**JAN  
20  
10AM**

**MARCH INFO**  
naacpsantacruz.com

**10AM GATHER**  
Pacific Ave & Cathcart St  
Santa Cruz, CA

**11AM POST-MARCH**  
Civic Auditorium

**NAACP**  
Santa Cruz County Branch  
#MLKSantaCruz



**Palenke Arts** (1713 Broadway Ave., Seaside) will kick off their 2025 Immigrant Voices Concert Series with **Warango, a Night of AfroPeruvian Music!** Warango is an Afro-Peruvian music group based in Oakland, California. Its concept is rooted in the fusion of Afro-Peruvian traditions with the harmonies and melodies of classical and jazz music. These two worlds coexist within Warango's sound, creating a unique and innovative musical expression.

The group was formed in 2019 through the initiative of Pierr Padilla, who had recently relocated to Oakland, California, from Lima, Peru. Pierr brought with him extensive experience in directing performing arts shows and leading professional artistic groups. Once settled, driven by a desire to continue cultivating Afro-Peruvian music and dance, he proposed the idea of an artistic project to a group of musician

friends. This idea eventually evolved into Warango.

The Huarango is a tree native to the southern coast of Peru. Known for its remarkable resilience, it has roots that can extend up to 70 meters deep, allowing it to thrive for over a thousand years by independently drawing water from the subsoil. Its hardiness enables it to survive in arid landscapes and harsh climates, even fostering new ecosystems for other species.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/warango-a-night-of-afroperuvian-music-tickets-1116818346739?aff=oddtcreator>



Join facilitators Eleanor Hancock, Chris Crass along with guest teachers: Bonnie Duran, Katrina Browne, Rune Harnj  Rasmussen, Katrina Messenger and Julie Wolk for a six week online course entitled, **Before We Were White**. It is sponsored by White Awake.

It is an invitation for people with European ancestry to peer through the veil of time and consider choices and circumstances of our European ancestors that influence the fabric of society today. While maintaining a practical and grounded approach, this course invites you into a journey of becoming “more truly yourself,” purified and strengthened to do the work of collective liberation with increased capacity and wholeness.

Live session happen on Jan 19, Jan 26, Feb 9, Feb 16, March 2, & March 9.

All sessions are recorded; live attendance is not required. We will once again hold supplemental caucus calls for folks with multiracial, Jewish and/or queer identities. Please direct inquiries to: [info@whiteawake.org](mailto:info@whiteawake.org).



An exhibition entitled, **Amy Sberald: American Sublime** is on display at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art through early March. This exhibition presents nearly 50 of Sberald’s



luminous paintings, including her iconic portraits of Michelle Obama and Breonna Taylor, poetic early works, and new works on view for the first time.

Sherald's artworks convey the quiet power in everyday people and invite viewers to participate in a more complex debate about accepted notions of American identity. In the spirit of great American artists like Edward Hopper, Alice Neel, and Kerry James Marshall, Sherald's works reframe our understanding of American culture. *American Sublime* is organized thematically, with each gallery presenting a crucial idea in her work and explaining her detailed approach to making paintings.

<https://tickets.sfmoma.org/tickets>



Running through June, the Oakland Museum of California is highlighting the diverse voices of California's Indigenous peoples as they shape the present and future through the lens of celebrated Native photographer Dugan Aguilar.

The exhibition, ***Born of the Bear Dance: Dugan Aguilar's Photographs of Native California*** offers guests a first look at a significant collection that highlights Indigenous endurance and explores the vivid tapestry of contemporary Indigenous California life.

Aguilar's work, spanning from 1982 to 2018, defies colonial narratives and captures instead an unwavering Indigenous presence and dynamic cultural practices. His powerful images document a rich array of Indigenous experiences, from breathtaking California landscapes to gatherings, ceremonies, and the artistry of basket weaving. This collection honors and showcases moments of profound cultural significance and weaves together the stories of resilience and unyielding vitality that define contemporary Native life. More than simple documents, his photographs radiate a sense of quiet but determined celebration and resistance. Drawing from Aguilar's extensive photographic archive, gifted to OMCA by his family in 2022, the exhibition brings these images to life through video, audio, and narratives from Indigenous artists, activists, elders, and community members.

# IMMIGRATION TASK FORCE

The County of Monterey has published **an immigration resources page** that can be found **here**.

The distribution of this information is not intended and does not constitute legal advice nor does it create an attorney-client relationship. You should consult your own attorney to assure compliance with all applicable laws.

Faith in each other is a source of great strength. Every controlling regime works to destabilize us and convince us of our powerlessness by separating us from one another. Instead, turn toward each other and nurture the bonds within your communities.

Rev. Dr. Sofia Betancourt

## Join us:

For more information, please visit our web site **<https://whitesforracialequity.org/>**, and our Facebook page **<https://www.facebook.com/groups/WhitesforRacialEquity/>**. Whites for Racial Equity is an affiliate of SURJ- Showing Up for Racial Justice. **<http://www.showingupforracialjustice.org/>**

WRE encourages all to engage with events in your community, statewide, nationally, internationally, and online to create the world in which you want to live. For those of you living in Monterey County, CA, please view **the Social Justice Community Calendar** at **[https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=5e10f8ba9aa72d14c55cd498bdaca8ed406oad4759bea9f6676f15dac2bbf3c%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America%2FLos\\_Angeles](https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=5e10f8ba9aa72d14c55cd498bdaca8ed406oad4759bea9f6676f15dac2bbf3c%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America%2FLos_Angeles)** to see events in our community

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