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UNIVERSITY SIN FRONTERAS (University without Walls)

# Liberation Summer Seminars



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## Saturday: July 7

## 10 AM-2 PM

- Life Road Map
- A Historical story road map
- Liberation and emancipation
- Luropean invasion and occupation
- A Greater Caribbean as ground zero
- A System building blocks:
  - 1. Original Peoples' genocide
- 2. Private property
- 3. Slavery and ownership of women
- 4. Capitalism (based on plantation & Slavery)
- 5. Expansionism (War against Mexico)

### Historiographical line...

Right of Discovery: Invasion & Occupation Patriarchy: system of control Slavery: Original accumulation of capitalism Plantation and colonialism Imperialism (Monarchy to Capitalist) Indigenous resistance **Atlantic Revolution** Abolition (Slavery) Republican independent movements (anit monarchy) revolutions **Confederation of Antilles** International Republican Revolutionary agreement **US** as first constitutional Rep Haiti social slave revolution/republic Mexico social independence revolution **Bolivar Revolution Texas Slave Republic** Tejas Revolution I , II and III (1811-1921) The assimilation pro yankee line (LULAC) 1921-2012) Chican@ Movement regeneration (1966-1980) National/International Liberation Maovenents (3<sup>rd</sup> World)

### Today (1980-2012)

Obama administration
Border
Free Trade
Immigration
Education
Racism
Gender equity
Liberation question?
Buen Vivir (EJ/CJ/FS/Sustanability)

Another World Possible/Otro Mundo Posible?? What does it look like and how does it work?

Imagine the next 20 years and beyond...systemic social change...



On Saturday July 7, about 14 people came together at the Latina Workers Center: Fuerza Unida, to hold the first seminar to be organized as part of the 'Liberation Summer studies program' whose goal is to 'grow' social movement in San Antonio, Tejas.

The Liberation Summer Seminar was organized by the University Sin Fronteras (A University With Out Walls or Beyond Borders) and Fuerza Unida.

Fuerza Unida is an organization founded in 1990 by Latina (Mexican) garment workers working for Levi's Strauss Co who closed off more that 55 plants in the United States as part of their plan to transfer work to 'maquiladoras' or assembly plants at exploitation wages and in violation of Human rights and environmental protection. The San Antonio workers were the only ones to get organized to fight back the plant closures, the North American Free Trade Agreement, and displacement. Today they operate a Cooperative"Threads of Justice' where they make and sell their own garment products. Below Petra Mata and Viola Casares....co directors and leaders.



The Liberation Summer Seminar is part of the LIBERATION SUMMER SEMESTER 2012' social movements studies program its first program to implement in practice. The Main part of the Liberation Summer Semesters centers in a 6 week course being held in Atlanta, Georgia in partnership with Project South a 30 year grassroots institute/organization for the elimination of Poverty and Beyond. Project South was hostt and organizer for the US Social Forum 2007, the first ever United States Social Forum.



The leadership of the San Antonio Domestic Workers United in Action were present and participated in the seminar. The leaders Araceli Herera and Irasema Cayazos took part in the seminar and brought all of their formative experiences into the table.

The founders of Southwest Workers Union (SWU) a 25 year old grassroots membership based social movement organization were present including Chavel Lopez and Ruben Solis. Ruben Solis has transitioned to work on University Sin Fronteras since January 2012.

Mestizos en Marcha organization seeking to establish the truth of our roots to indigenous people and not to the European invaders often mistaken for the civilizers. Present Was Antonio Diaz.

Ruben Solis, president of the Board of Directors of the University Sin Fronteras facilitated the Liberation Summer Seminar.

Roberto Alvarado, community organizer with CEJA (Committee for Environmental Justice Action) also present took part in the Liberation Seminar. CEJA has led a 15 year struggle against military toxics left by the closing of Kelly Air Force Base that operated in SW San Antonio for 75 years.



The Liberation Summer Seminar has opened the gates to developing liberation educational programs that help 'grow' the social movement in the United States, Puerto Rico and Mexico.

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