



**Universidad Sin Fronteras  
LIBERATION SPRING SEMESTER  
Detroit Campus Planning Meeting  
Thursday April 19, 2013**

1. Apr 30 Gentrification is Today's Colonization (Simmons) (Will)
2. May 7 The Land Eaters (Malik Yakini) (Tolu)
3. May 14 Healing and Restorative Justice (Nelson Johnson- maybe) (Bill)  
(Sacramento Knoxx??)
4. May 21 Detroit Youth, Who? (Mumford Social Justice) (Siwatu)
5. May 28 Education for Gentrification, Education for Liberation (Helen Moore)  
(Elena)
6. June 4 Synthesis

**Topics and Themes Discussed**

**1. Gentrification is Today's Colonization**

Timeline activity as an introduction to each other

“What are 2 different turning points in your life when you learned something or became more committed to the work/ the movement”

Removing Memory & history/ meaning through name changes

What is image and words?

Removal and disruption of communities (voting blocs, activism, and community power)

Location and Dislocation

How do communities restore themselves?

## **2. The Land Eaters**

How wealth is created (as land is stolen, exploited)

## **3. Healing and Restorative Justice**

Healing, Accountability, Woundedness & pain,

How the circle process and storytelling connects or makes possible restorative justice

## **4. Detroit Youth, Who?**

What is the Place for Detroit youth in visions of Detroit?

## **5. Education for Gentrification, Education for Liberation**

DSA as a case study of theft of a successful school

Denise Cotton "Lies in Truth Clothing"

state of the schools address

## **6. Synthesis**

How to research and investigate

How to find facts that contradict or are ignored by the dominant narrative

Having dinner for the final session

## **PEOPLE TO CONTACT**

*(f) funding, (p) participation*

MWRO (p)

UAW (f)

Joann Watson (f)

AFSCME (f)

Avalon (Elena look into food donation)

Hannan House (Siwatu look into food donation)

YEA (p)

Mumford Social Justice League +Brooke Harris (p)

Nora Mendoza (p)

EMEAC Staff (p)

Elders (f)

BOLD Initiative (f)

Marygrove Social Justice students (p)

Marygrove Social Justice department (f)

5E Gallery and DFY leaders (p)

Creative Resistance (p)

Linda Williams, EMU (f) (p)  
Word and World (p)(f)  
Sierra Club (p) (f)  
Decolonize Detroit (p)  
Sacred Heart Church (f)(p?)  
St. Peters Church (f)

**ON THE NOTETAKER:**

Possibilities-  
Marygrove Social Justice Masters Project  
Michael Williams (leaves May 26)/ Tolu afterwards  
Ife Kilimanjaro

Whoever will be notetaker- have conversation with Cita Cook in ATL

**OTHER NOTES:**

Need to investigate transportation for Mumford Social Justice League  
Need to check Nelson Johnson's availability and investigate honorarium  
Need to decide how/where to keep tuition and other funds  
Would be great to get partner to split snacks w/ YEA (\$10-15 per week)

**TO DO:**

Draft Appeal Letter (on Google Docs)  
Contact Guest Lecturers  
\*Be sure to mention format  
(Round Robin, <15 minutes of presentation)  
(need to know ahead of time if Lecturers will need A/V)  
BOLD Initiative  
Type up Notes  
Decide on Notetaker  
Send out fundraising appeals  
Send out invites to participate  
\*Be sure to mention fees and sliding scale/scholarship

**Next Meeting:**

Phone Check in  
Monday April 22, 2013 @5pm  
712-775-7100  
code: 470762#