



UNIVERSITY SIN FRONTERAS

UPDATE...June 2013

FREEDOM SUMMER SEMESTER 2013

The semester is focused on ReGeneration the Southern Freedom Movement (Emancipation and Liberation) in the 21st Century narrative story. The goal is integrating inter-generationally, inter-regional, and cross ethnic, trans-gender, and race with an approach to racial healing' by decolonizing racism. The Freedom Summer will look at actions amongst others around Juneteenth, July 4th alternatives, August 28 March on DC, and Sept 2, Labor day solidarity with Southern Workers Assembly.

Four Key (areas) questions:

1. Roots of Racism? (What are)
2. What is the US Freedom Movement in the 21st Century?
3. How to decolonize the globalized economy?
4. Holding, Defending and Advancing (HDA) your power base in the global South (Lower Southern half of the United States or, South and Southwest)?)

Atlanta UNSIF Campus
San Juan UNSIF Campus
San Antonio UNSIF Campus
Detroit UNSIF Campus

Atlanta will hold a four week (four classes) course on Freedom Summer Semester starting June 26 (Wonderful Wednesdays) along with Project South's Septima Clark Institute, and the BAM's during June and July. The Southern Movements Assembly will also launch a concerted actions campaign during Freedom Summer.

San Juan will be hosting a Freedom Summer Semester Liberation Tour to Puerto Rico from participants coming from the four UNSIF campuses in the United States. The Liberation Tour will take place from August 2-16th, 2013.

Each UNSIF campus will look to send 3 participant students. Reynaldo Padilla, Vice President and the campus committee will be hosting.

San Antonio will be offering a four week Freedom Summer Semester Course in June and July starting on terrific Tuesday June 18th. Included a Youth Freedom Summer course taught by adjunct faculty of the Campus Committee in San Antonio. Additionally, a Cultural mural tour, an environmental racism tour, and a colonial spanish Missions tour will take place as part of the shared knowledge experience. A tour to Emancipation Oak in Hondo and the cemetery of enslaved Africans might be part of the visit.

Detroit will be organizing a Freedom Summer Semester course they have already started planning and designing including environmental racism/justice struggle.

Free Minds Free People Conference (Chicago, Illinois)

July 11-14, 2013 Chicago

Chicago UNSIF Campus committee formation meeting
Liberation & Education Assembly

UNSIF-BOARD MEETING July 25-28, Detroit, Michigan Detroit Solidarity

Jenice View
Jerome Scott
Stephanie Guilloud
Chavel Lopez
Rose Brewer
Manuel Pino
Reynaldo Padilla
Elena Herrada

special invites: Emory Wright & Jozen Powell

Thursday-Travel day & Welcome reception 6-8 PM

Friday-Board meeting 9-6 Pm

Saturday-Board meeting 9-5 PM

Sunday-Travel (Return)

Please make travel arrangement! E mail or call ruben
Solidarity Housing (or make your hotel and you pay)
Food and local transportation will be provided

NEXT Board meetings:

May 2014-SAT

Jan 2015-SJU

July 2015-ATL

LIBERATION SPRING SEMESTER (Jan-May)

The four campuses of the University Sin Fronteras just finished what seems to be a VERY successful semester. The Liberation Spring Semester took place in Atlanta, San Juan, San Antonio and Detroit.

ATL held a course of five weeks on Liberation in the South and the Blues to Hip Hop that was held in the historic Pal's Lounge in Downtown Auburn Avenue in Atlanta. The course saw 21 students participants in the classes. During Liberation Spring, Project South staff also participated in a Theory & Praxis course for four sessions. The ATL campus also organized a Seminar on Palestinian Liberation with 18 participants.
45 student participants in all

SJU organized a couple of roundtable conversation on building the SJU campus of UNSIF. The Campus committee made up of 8 youth, are hosting the Freedom Summer Liberation Tour in Puerto Rico August 2-16th, 2013.
8-10 participants campus committee

SAT held a four session course on Liberation in South Texas, including a class on Colonialism & Liberation, Emancipatory education, cultural resistance and the revolutionary *corridos* (ballad), and 3 TEX-MEX Revolutionary history 1835-1920). Some 18 student participants took part in the course with about 12 holding down the SAT University Sin Fronteras Campus committee. Southwest Workers Union, Domestic Workers in Action, and Fuerza Unida are anchoring organizations.
18 participant students

DET with the campus committee led by Will Copeland, with the anchoring partner organizations being EMEAC and Centro Obrero, organized the first course under the Liberation Spring Semester. This was possible with the participation of Will Copeland as an adjunct faculty in the ATL class on Hip hop. Upon returning to Detroit, he immediately formed the curriculum for the course there that had five sessions and a session for synthesis that took place June 4th.
20 participant students

Additionally, the Detroit Campus will be hosting the UNSIF board of Directors meeting between July 25th and 28th.

FUNDING

We are announcing (internally) that University Sin Fronteras has received a grant (Project ReGeneration) for 97,000. per year for two years (2013-2015). Congratulations to ALL!

Important here is that UNSIF will be hiring **Campus Coordinator** (Four campuses) to assist in developing the three semesters, working with local campus committee, providing logistical support to the campus and the campus

committee, and gathering the data. They will be paid a stipend on a contract basis.

UNISF will need to hire a Project Director in this case it is Ruben Solis, on a half time pay for full time work. And we need an assistant administrator of funding and finance. We also need a communications-technology person, who we have in Matias Trejo and transitioning to Jovan.

Proj Director-Ruben Solis
Admin asst-?????
Tech communications-Matias & Jovan
Campus coordinators:
Irasema-SAT
Nicole-SJU
????-DET
????-ATL

Note: We will be holding a staff retreat/start up orientation on June 26-29, 2013 in ATL campus.

POTENTIAL NEW Campuses: UNSIF

Jacksonville, Florida *
Oakland, California *
Las Cruces, NM
Minneapolis, Minnesota
Chicago, Illinois
Washington DC
Mexico DF

*upcoming



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