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DEMOCRACY CONVENTION

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WELCOME TO DEMOCRACY CONVENTION 2011

"Today is the day that could become tomorrow." ~ Victor Jara

We need a democracy movement for the U.S.A., we've long needed it, and that need is as immediate today as it's ever been. But there is good news. Your presence here in Madison gives proof that the U.S. democracy movement has arrived. Thank you for your labors and leadership in participating and making this gathering a reality!

At Liberty Tree, we have been laying the foundations for a national Democracy Convention since our origins in 2004. But a gathering such as this —*and the movement it represents*— requires the participation of many more people and resources than any single organization, large or small, may muster. We thank especially our partners in the Move to Amend coalition, Alliance for Democracy, and Progressive Magazine, and the many organizations, unions, businesses, and individuals that stepped forward to sponsor and support the convention. Please read their names and information on *pages 43-48*.

This has been a very difficult year for Wisconsinites. Downtown Madison looks utopian, but throughout the city and the state, thousands of people have lost income, aid, their job, their home, and more, because of the imposed austerity policies of the current government. The 2011 Democracy Convention was organized in the midst of mobilizing for the largest protests in Wisconsin's history. Our crisis gives urgency to this gathering, but it also has been traumatic for many, and is a reminder that our common purpose here is to celebrate each other's work and to find inspiration for our efforts in the coming months.

You will find much of what you need to know about the Democracy Convention in the pages of this program. The overall agenda is on *page 3*. The full program begins on *page 4*. Biographies of our artists and presenters are to be found beginning at *page 24*. A list of local food options and services is on *pages 49-50*. But please *also look to the website at DemocracyConvention.org* for the most accurate information, and also to see schedules for each of the *nine separate conferences* taking place.

Thank you to Dace Zeps, Convention Manager, for her incredible work under pressure. Thank you to Cristalyne Bell for stepping forward to execute the documentation of this gathering. And thank you for bringing the radical promise of American democracy that much closer to reality.

In Solidarity,

Ben Manski

Chair, Democracy Convention
Executive Director, Liberty Tree

DEMOCRACY CONVENTION | AGENDA

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

7:00 pm

Opening Ceremony

Keynotes: Tom Hayden & Cheri Honkala

welcome by Madison Mayor Paul Soglin

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

9:00am-12:30 pm

Sessions

12:00pm

Solidarity Singalong in the Capitol Rotunda

12:30 pm

Lunch Break

2:00-5:30 pm

Sessions

5:00 pm

Labor Rally at the State Capitol

5:30 pm

Dinner Break

7:00 pm

**Plenary Panel: Building a Democracy
Movement for the U.S.A.**

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

9:00am-12:30 pm

Sessions

12:30 pm

Lunch Break

12:00 pm

Solidarity Singalong in the Capitol Rotunda

2:00-5:30 pm

Sessions

6:00 pm

Plenary Panel: Reform or Revolution?

8:00 pm

Dinner Break

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

10:00am-12:00 pm

Sessions

12:00 pm

Lunch Break

1:30-3:30 pm

**Plenary Panel: Racial Equality
in the Struggle for Democracy**

4:00-6:00 pm

Sessions

6:00 pm

Dinner Break

8:00 pm

**Party on the Terrace with Michelle
Shocked, Emma's Revolution & VO5**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

10:00am-12:00 pm

**Plenary Panel: Securing Democracy
Through Constitutional Reform**

12:00 pm

Lunch Break

1:30-3:00 pm

Sessions

3:30-6:00 pm

Wisconsin People's Assembly

DEMOCRACY CONVENTION | FULL PROGRAM

Please note: Due to the wide variety of sessions offered at the Democracy Convention, session locations, composition, and timing may change. The convention website is usually the best place to get the latest information about a session you are going to.

Also note: If you are mostly interested in a particular conference (e.g. Racial Equality), the easiest way to locate the schedule for that specific conference is to go to the convention website and click on the conference of your choice.

7:00 pm | **WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24**

OPENING CEREMONY: Call for Peace Drum and Dance Company
KEYNOTES: Tom Hayden & Cheri Honkala w/welcome by Mayor Soglin
The Madison Concourse Hotel, 1 W Dayton St, Wisconsin/Capitol Ballroom

8:30 am to 5:30 pm | **THURSDAY, AUGUST 25**

Move to Amend Campaign Organizer Training - FULL
Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St Room D040

9:00 am to 10:30 am | **THURSDAY, AUGUST 25**

Ending Violence Against Women of Color: Saving Our Selves
Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D306
Speaker(s): Bophia Somouth, Kabzuag Vaj, kimayana johnson, Shaquita Griffin
What does it look like? What does a woman have to go through before our voices are heard?
Conferences: RACIAL EQUALITY

The Big Picture: The Corporatization of Higher Education
Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D338
Speaker(s): Ben Manski, Erika Wolf, Sara Goldrick-Rab
In this session, 3 people with a broad range of experience addressing the corporatization of the University and education as an institution will speak about "how" and "why" this is happening. Leading the session through stories and explaining historical context, presenters will interact with attendees in a discussion which will get to WHAT we can do in the face of this major corruption to protect & advocate for PUBLIC education. **Conferences: EDUCATION FOR DEMOCRACY**

Join the Military; Say Goodbye to Your Rights

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D332

Speaker(s): Annie Laurie Gaylor, Leah Bolger, Will Williams

Enlistment/recruitment "contracts." Military service and immigrants. Workers' rights, hazardous conditions, DoD immunity from lawsuits, forced medical experimentation. Stop loss. DADT. Non-judicial punishment. Religion (pushing of Christianity), Atheists not allowed to file for CO status, persons as govt property. **Conferences: DEMOCRATIC DEFENSE**

Democratizing Money

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus)m 211 N Carroll St D329

Speaker(s): Bill Thorington, Jared Gardner, Patricia Benson, Paul Glover

Conferences: ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY

11:00 am to 12:30 pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

Theory of Organizing: Of the People for the People

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D306

Speaker(s): M Adams

An interactive presentation of story-telling, video, and theory of how to effectively build movements led by people of color, for people of color.

Conferences: RACIAL EQUALITY

Challenging the Gender Boxes

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D302

Speaker(s): Alix Shabazz

What makes you feminine or masculine? Are these rules true in nature or have humans created them? This workshop will talk about how our ideas of gender are constructed by society.

Conferences: RACIAL EQUALITY

Art Education as Youth Empowerment

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D338

Speaker(s): Barbara Manger, Mary Osmundsen, Reanna Ottoson

According to Artists Working in Education (AWE), all young people and schools need art education. Art education works to grow creativity, imagination, personal voice and confidence, and curiosity. When youth are empowered to make art, they find their own way of looking and the world and the confidence to speak their mind. Art education is a crucial part of democratizing our schools and our communities. A lively discussion to follow AWE's presentation.

Conferences: EDUCATION FOR DEMOCRACY

Racism and Access to Education

08/25/2011 - 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D333

Speaker(s): Erika Wolf, TBA

Panelists ranging from classroom educators and community advocates to students and parents, will speak about how racism intersects with children's and communities' access to education.

Conferences: EDUCATION FOR DEMOCRACY ~ RACIAL EQUALITY

Classified for Their Protection

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D332

Speaker(s): Coleen Rowley, Ray McGovern

Government/defense transparency—ability of defense dept to classify information to prevent the public from information and to protect themselves from prosecution. Black programs—budgeting.

No whistle-blower protection for military. **Conferences: DEMOCRATIC DEFENSE**

State and Community Banks

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D329

Speaker(s): Bill Thorington, Jared Gardner, Sam Munger, Susan Harman

Conferences: ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY

12:00 pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

Solidarity Sing Along

Wisconsin State Capitol, 2 E Main St at the top of State St

Solidarity Sing Along began holding sing alongs at the Wisconsin State Capitol in Madison on March 11, 2011, and has held a sing along at noon every week-day since then.

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

What is it like to be a Black Girl?

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D306

Speaker(s): Alix Shabazz, kimayana johnson, Shaquita Griffin

Story telling of personal experiences of being a Black Girl in WI and organizing Black Girls in WI for social change. **Conferences: RACIAL EQUALITY**

“The Inconvenient Truth About Waiting for Superman” - A Film

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D338

Speaker(s): Samantha Jordan

Real Reformers see the need to transform Public Education, School Governance, and Teacher Unions. In this film, they debunk a few of the myths surrounding school reform—including charter schools, the business model, poverty, and teachers' & their unions' roles in quality of education.

Conferences: EDUCATION FOR DEMOCRACY

Wisconsin Uprising: The Story of Students in the Capitol

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D333

Speaker(s): Charity Schmidt, Erika Wolf, Jolie Lizotte, Seth T. Hoffmeister

In this session, students of University of Wisconsin system present a short history of the fight earlier this spring in the Wisconsin Capitol, through photos and personal stories. Students kicked off the protests with their "I Heart UW" rally at the Governor's office on Valentine's Day, and they were there when the occupation ended in a victorious court ruling in March. They have continued the struggle through the passage of the state budget and beyond. Hear from students where they've been and where they're going in the fight for public education and democratic governance in Wisconsin.

Conferences: EDUCATION FOR DEMOCRACY

Messaging in the Movement for Maintaining PUBLIC Education

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D302

Speaker(s): Brian Rothgery

This workshop will provide an overview of message framing techniques, evaluation of the dominant frames in the education debate, and discussion of a specific values-based messaging approach to public education advocacy.

Conferences: EDUCATION FOR DEMOCRACY

Warfare Not Healthcare—The Federal Budget Priorities

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D332

Speaker(s): George Martin, Jodie Evans, Steve Burns

Conferences: DEMOCRATIC DEFENSE

Resisting Foreclosure

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D329

Speaker(s): Ellen Barnards

Conferences: ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

The Struggle of Black People

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D306

Speaker(s): Nate Abrams

Obtaining a new understanding. A discussion about the struggles that black people face.

Conferences: RACIAL EQUALITY

LGBTQ White Anti-Racists: Intersecting to Build a Movement

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D302

Speaker(s): Brian Juchems, Kristen Petroschius, Linda Ketcham, Z! Haukeness

Join this panel discussion to discuss the question: When it comes to racial justice work, where

is the white LGBTQ Community? Three panelists will share, followed by a discussion and brainstorm of what can be done. **Conferences: RACIAL EQUALITY**

Transference of Community-Based Technology Initiative - Connecting Community Economies in Wisconsin and Venezuela

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D329

Speaker(s): Mariela Alburges, Sarah Manski

Workshop session aims to raise awareness and promote participation in the Transference of Community-Based Technology Initiative, a component of the Wisconsin – Venezuela Sister Cities Project. The session serves as an introductory discussion in preparation for a larger convening of cooperatives, collectives, locally owned and socially conscious businesses taking place in mid-September 2011. The objective is to augment the socio-economic and productive capacities of communities in the states of Wisconsin, U.S.A. and Lara, Venezuela while challenging the monopolization of technology and aligning with the principles of sovereign technology as promoted by domestic and international popular movements. Join us for an engaging dialogue facilitated by community leaders from Wisconsin and Illinois as well as the Consulate General of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in Chicago.

Conferences: ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY ~ LOCAL DEMOCRACY

Corporate Censorship, Military Research, and Academic Freedom

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D333

Speaker(s): Allen Ruff, Erika Wolf, John Wilson

Increasingly the classroom is becoming an extension of the corporate domination of U.S. culture. Whether in K-12 or Colleges and Universities, faculty and students are seeing their studies and activities taken over by corporate—and not public—interests. In this panel, you will hear from many perspectives how this is happening and what they're doing to fight it, from the military industrial complex to corporately funded university research and everything in between.

Conferences: EDUCATION FOR DEMOCRACY ~ DEMOCRATIC DEFENSE

Students: Partners in the Coal Fields of Appalachia

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D338

Speaker(s): Anartia Gamboa, Ce Garrison, Dan Stock, Jason Von Kundra

In this session, students who attend George Mason University in Virginia will talk about their work in the coal fields of Appalachia. They will discuss the movement to end Mountain Top Removal (MTR) coal mining and the impact this has on communities and the environment. Students have played a major role in the fight against MTR, and these 4 GMU students have not just talked about it on campus but they have organized in the coal fields and seen MTR first-hand. Democracy is not functioning in Appalachia, and students are there to support communities, the Earth, and to bring the spirit of resistance back to their campuses and to cities all over the U.S..

Conferences: EDUCATION FOR DEMOCRACY

Skill Building: Performance Art for Building Democracy: Writing

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D227

Speaker(s): Kristin Knowles

Skill Building: Riding the Airwaves: Radio for Revolution

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D225

Speaker(s): Jim Tarbell

Skill Building: Core Values & History of Civil Disobedience

08/25/2011 - 4:00pm - 5:30pm

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D229

Speaker(s): Henia Belalia

Looking back on history, we invite you to construct a timeline of civil disobedience -- drawing from moments in history as well as your personal experiences. Explore the core values of peaceful civil disobedience, through the looking glass of lunch counter sit-ins and the Freedom Rides of the 1960s, as well as the Rev. James Lawson's workshops that led to an unconditional commitment from participating activists -- what Martin Luther King, Jr, referred to as the "self-purification" step.

5:00 pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

Solidarity Rally with State Workers

Wisconsin State Capitol

We Won't Pay For Your Crisis! On August 25th, Wisconsin state employees will receive a pay cut of up to 13%, courtesy of Governor Walker and the State Legislature. Stand with State Workers to say: "Enough!" It's time that the corporate class pays its fair share.

7:00 pm

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

CONVENTION PLENARY: Building a Democracy Movement for the U.S.A.

The Madison Concourse Hotelm 1 W Dayton St, Wisconsin/Capitol Ballroom

Speaker(s): Ben Manski, George Friday, John Nichols, Margaret Flowers

Preceded at 6:45pm by the Raging Grannies of Madison

9:00 am - 10:30 am

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

Envisioning the Ideal U.S. Constitution

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D229

Speaker(s): Ben Manski, George Friday, Jeff Clements, Jerome Scott

What would be our ideal for the document that is the "Supreme Law of the Land" and that represents the social contract between "We the People" and our government?

Conferences: CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM

Eco-Climate Justice: A Revolution of Values for People and Nature

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D332

Speaker(s): Alberto Saldamando, Ashley Anderson, Carolyn Raffensperger, Rachel Smolker
Ronnie Cummins

A discussion of the fundamental restructuring of our assumptions about the economy in order to "live well" in harmony with each other and with Mother Earth.

Conferences: EARTH DEMOCRACY

The Military-Industrial-Media Complex

The Madison Concourse Hotel, 1 W Dayton St, Capitol Ballroom B

Speaker(s): John Nichols, Lisa Graves, Ray McGovern

How the media is complicit in the promotion of war.

Conferences: DEMOCRATIC DEFENSE

Local Control: Using Local Government to Influence National and International Issues

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D225

Speaker(s): Derek Cressman, George Martin, Kaitlin Sopoci-Belknap, Kaja Rebane

Local government is more accessible and accountable to their citizens than any other branch. We can use this avenue to challenge the political status quo and the large corporate powers to which national lawmakers and policymakers usually answer.

Conferences: LOCAL DEMOCRACY

Open Records: Tools for Citizens, Journalists, and Everyone in Between

The Madison Concourse Hotel, 1 W Dayton St, Assembly

Speaker(s): Bill Lueders, Mike Buelow

Learn how to use the Freedom on Information Act and your state's open records laws to gain access to important information. Campaign contributions, court records, votes by elected officials, government contracts – these are all public knowledge - but you have to know where to look.

Learn how to dig for information, file formal requests with government agencies, navigate evasive or unhelpful government officials, and get access to the information you need to keep government transparent and democratic. **Conferences: MEDIA DEMOCRACY**

Food is a Human Right

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St, D333

Speaker(s): M Adams, Pahua Vang

Using a variety of approaches including policy change, community gardens, and seeking more access to land for farming and selling, this workshop will focus stories of advancing food justice and food sovereignty in the Madison Area.

Conferences: RACIAL EQUALITY

Democracy and Indigenous Peoples

Madison College (MATC - Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St, D338

Speaker(s): Nicolas Chango

The Indigenous Peoples are often not considered as part of the modern democracy even in their own territories. This includes international institutions which violate their own mandates of universal democracy. In the 21st century we would like to build a powerful movement of democracy. This presentation will be informative from an Indigenous perspective and will be followed by a question and answer section. **Conferences: RACIAL EQUALITY**

Skill Building: Port Huron, 50 Years On with Paul Buhle and Tom Hayden

Madison College (MATC - Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D229

They were there: A discussion on the continuing relevance of the Port Huron Statement in its 50th anniversary year with two the former leaders of the 1960s-era SDS.

9:00 am - 12:30 pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

Campaign Finance Reform

The Concourse Hotel, 1 W Dayton St, University ABC

Speaker(s): Annabel Park, Michael Dean, Mike McCabe

Learn about how shareholder activism, full disclosure of election spending and public financing of election campaigns can effectively mitigate the impact of the Citizens United decision before another election is bought by monied special interests and corporations.

Conferences: REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY

11:00 am - 12:30 pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

The (Constitutional) Rights Race: An interactive experience contrasting Human Rights and Corporate Rights

The Madison Concourse Hotel, 1 W Dayton St, Capitol B

Speaker(s): Ashley Sanders

What does it mean when corporations have rights? This participatory workshop will give us the opportunity to first-hand. Participants will "race" a corporation to get access to lobbying their City Council. [Note: No running involved!] **Conferences: CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM**

Towards a New Social Contract: Should We Codify Affirmative Rights in the Constitution?

The Madison Concourse Hotel, 1 W Dayton St, Assembly

Speaker(s): Nancy Price

The U.S. Constitution currently offers no affirmative rights. Franklin D. Roosevelt and others have argued that to truly make this document democratic, affirmative rights are necessary. We'll cover what "affirmative rights" are, some examples, and how their inclusion would lay the foundation for a more democratic legal system. **Conferences: CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM**

Organizing Power = Information + Money + People

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D229

Speaker(s): Scott Silber

Building your Move to Amend community organization to be a model link on the national chain. We'll discuss laying the groundwork of what you'll need to create a Move to Amend affiliate group that is powerful enough to pass a ballot initiative resolution and build a movement for real democracy in the United States.

Conferences: CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM

Beyond Filthy Fuels and False Solutions: Peaceful Uprisings

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D332

Speaker(s): Ashley Anderson, Ted Glick

Exposing the false solutions of energy independence and "clean" fuels, panelists will discuss how to combat global warming with creative actions. **Conferences: EARTH DEMOCRACY**

Revoking Energy Corporations' Charters

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D333

Speaker(s): John Bonifaz

Originally created for short-term beneficial public projects, it is time to terminate what have now become perpetual charters and hold corporations accountable for crimes against people, communities and nature. **Conferences: EARTH DEMOCRACY**

Teaching Earth Democracy (1): Sharing Skills for Value-based Community Organizing

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D338

Speaker(s): Riki Ott, Victoria Collier

Interactive exercises teach how to bring diverse-even polarized-groups of people into unity by identifying shared values, creating a common vision, and taking collective action towards building sustainable, self-reliant communities.

Conferences: EARTH DEMOCRACY ~ EDUCATION FOR DEMOCRACY

A REvolution of Cooperation: Building local sustainable communities

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D227

Speaker(s): Jim Tarbell, Patricia Benson, Paul Linzmeyer, Ronnie Cummins

People working together through community initiatives and democratized institutions in a new energy economy that meets the needs of the community using local resources and provides for a healthy environment in a mutually supportive way.

Conferences: EARTH DEMOCRACY ~ ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY

Minnesota Arms Spending Alternatives Project (MN ASAP)

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D225

Speaker(s): Nathan Ness

Citizens in MN are beginning to use the community resolution process to instruct their national representatives to stop funding U.S. military aggression and instead focus funding on desperately needed social services.

Conferences: LOCAL DEMOCRACY

Using Local Laws to Create Food Sovereignty

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D329

Sedgwick, Maine has done what no other town in the United States has done. The town unanimously passed an ordinance giving its citizens the right “to produce, process, sell, purchase, and consume local foods of their choosing.” This includes raw milk, locally slaughtered meats, and just about anything else you can imagine. It’s also a decided bucking of state and federal laws. Learn about this effort in Maine and how to do it in other places.

Conferences: LOCAL DEMOCRACY

“No Games Chicago”: How We Derailed the Bid & Lessons for Defeating Mega-Projects

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D306

Speaker(s): Tom Tresser

Learn how to stop huge corporate projects by exposing them as the illegitimate privatization efforts that they are and how to begin to engage your community in discussion about how best to use public money for community benefit.

Conferences: LOCAL DEMOCRACY

Skill Building: The General Strike

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D302

Speaker(s): Ben Manski, Eric Cobb, Ed Sadlowski, Samantha Jordan

On February 21st, the South Central Federation of Labor adopted a resolution that “endorse[d] a general strike, possibly for the day Walker sign[ed] his budget repair bill.” That resolution caught the imaginations of many people nationwide, and set off an internal debate within the labor movement over whether to get behind the call for a general strike. What happened? Could it, should it happen in the future? And if so, what should proponents of the general strike do to make certain that a general strike call is not suppressed, but instead, spreads to other regions and sectors?

12:00 pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

Solidarity Sing Along

Wisconsin State Capitol, 2 E Main St at the top of State St

2:00 pm - 3:30 pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

Governing Models From Other Countries/Cultures

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D229

Speaker(s): Alberto Saldamando, Kirsten Moller

We are told that the U.S. Constitution is a democratic model. Is that really true? We will explore examples from other cultures and countries of how people lay foundational social contracts, laws and agreements. **Conferences: CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM**

Climate/Earth Justice: Debunking Carbon Markets and the Neo-liberal “Green” Economy

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D332

Speaker(s): Daphne Wysham, Rachel Smolker, Ruth Caplan

The neo-liberal/corporate agenda to co-opt the response to the climate crisis by using carbon markets to commodify nature and make vast profits and to co-opt the upcoming Rio + 20 Earth Summit by advancing a false green economy will be contrasted with a true green economy grounded in climate justice. **Conferences: EARTH DEMOCRACY ~ ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY**

Keep the UW Public: How We STOPPED the New Badger “Partnership”

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D338

Speaker(s): Adrienne Pagac, Beth Huang, Leland Pan, Tina Treviño-Murphy

Discussion on how the New Badger Partnership was a classic case of privatization of higher education – decoding the arguments made in its favor and fighting them, both with words and with direct action. **Conferences: EDUCATION FOR DEMOCRACY**

Ensuring Racial Justice & Protecting Individual Rights While Empowering Communities

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D329

Speaker(s): Glen Ford, Keesha Gaskins, Stan Taylor

Conferences: LOCAL DEMOCRACY

Community Empowerment Project: How to Invigorated Democracy in Your Community

The Madison Concourse Hotel, 1 W Dayton St, University ABC

Speaker(s): Dawn Sheegonee, Jan Moore, Nathan Timm R. Nelson

This session will demonstrate how grassroots organizing can help people to have a meaningful voice in the political process from the local to the national level. Organizational rationale, a grassroots training concept and specific products of this type of organization will be offered.

Conferences: LOCAL DEMOCRACY

Winning Election Integrity

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D302

Speaker(s): Jonathan D. Simon, Sheila Parks, Victoria Collier

Conferences: REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY

Voter ID & Felon Re-enfranchisement

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D227

Speaker(s): Kathy Bonnifield, Renee Shavers, Sarah Walker

Conferences: REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY

The Coop Alternative to Corporate Capitalism

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D225

Speaker(s): Gar Alperovitz, Rebecca Kemble

Conferences: ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY

Labor Representation in the Media: How Labor Uses Independent Media

The Madison Concourse Hotel, 1 W Dayton St, Assembly

Speaker(s): Alex Gillis, Eric Cobb, Randy Bryce, Stuart Acuff

Since the beginning of Wisconsin's labor battle this year, social and independent media have played a significant role in sharing working people's fight for proper representation. Mainstream media outlets are often inherently biased against labor viewpoints, given their corporate ownership structures. Blogs, community radio, independent and labor newspapers, websites, Facebook, Twitter and even simple texting have all played powerful roles in the advancement of Labor perspectives. Milwaukee Ironworkers have used Facebook to mobilize rank-and-file members to labor events since February. Activists used Twitter to get people to Madison's capitol, many times on short notice. These are examples of how the power dynamic is shifting away from mainstream media and into the hands of the people. Join us in a discussion on modern independent media and how everyday people are empowered by using it to fight back.

Conferences: MEDIA DEMOCRACY

2:00 pm - 2:45 pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

Verifying Election Outcomes- Audits/Recounts

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D333

Speaker(s): Jim Mueller, Mark Halvorson, Sean Flaherty

Conferences: REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY

Ranked Choice Voting

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D306

Speaker(s): Rick Kissell

A discussion of the proportional voting, multiseat version of Ranked Choice Voting as well as one-seat, winner-take-all RCV-Instant Runoff Voting.

Conferences: REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY

2:00 pm - 5:30 pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

Above the Law--Remember the Constitution?

The Madison Concourse Hotel, 1 W Dayton St, Capitol Ballroom B

Speaker(s): Ben Manski, Coleen Rowley, John Bonifaz, Matt Rothschild

Justice system. Court-martials vs trials vs military tribunals. International Criminal Court. Gitmo. International law. Geneva conventions. Rendition. Torture. Constitution, war powers, AUMFs. War Powers Act. Congress vs President. Funding war in lieu of authorizing it. Will of the people?

Conferences: DEMOCRATIC DEFENSE

2:45 pm - 3:30 pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

Immigrant Voting Rights

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D333

Speaker(s): Elena Lavarreda

Conferences: REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY

4:00 pm - 5:30 pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

Queer People Of Color in the Movement

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D338

Speaker(s): Alix Shabazz, M Adams, Shaquita Griffin

Engage in a panel of Queer People of Color that will highlight the work and issues of their communities, and how they are working to build a movement, pre and post the WI uprising.

Conferences: RACIAL EQUALITY

Lessons from the Past: Abolitionists, The Women's Movement, Organized Labor

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D229

Speaker(s): Greg Coleridge, Jerome Scott, Mary Zepernick

The 13th Amendment outlawed slavery, the 14th prohibits states from denying due process and equal protection of the law, the 15th ensures that voting rights cannot be denied based on race. Learn the history of the movements that fought for their passage, and how the amendments been applied over time. Women's rights were not included in the Constitution. We'll cover lessons learned from the movements that have fought to drive women's rights into our governing document.

Conferences: CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM

Calling a Constitutional Convention: Could it Work?

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D227

Speaker(s): Annabel Park, Ben Manski

Article V of the Constitution states that if two-thirds of the states pass resolutions calling for a convention, then all sides will have the opportunity to argue for the changes they believe will restore our Republic. Any amendment proposed must then be ratified by three fourths of the states to become law. Could such a proposal work today? **Conferences: CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM**

Land and Food vs. Corporate Rights and Dirty Fuels

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D332

Speaker(s): Jim Goodman, Jim Tarbell, Rachel Smolker

Discussing how corporations profit from the farm and farmland crisis by buying land for speculation in controversial carbon credit trading and biofuel production, thereby impacting regional and national food security and failing to address real climate solutions.

Conferences: EARTH DEMOCRACY ~ ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY

Democratizing the Electric Grid: Innovative Financing for Local Renewable Energy

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D225

Speaker(s): Klaus Linsenmeier, Nancy Price

Discussion of the Feed-In Tariff (FIT) policy so successful in rapidly increasing renewable energy in Europe and Ontario, Canada, and featuring the Oregon 5-Year Pilot FIT-project.

Conferences: EARTH DEMOCRACY

Building a Progressive Movement: Creating a Local Political Party & Using Local Government as a Mechanism for Social Change

The Madison Concourse Hotel, 1 W Dayton St, University ABC

Speaker(s): Brenda K. Konkel, Heidi M. Wegleitner, Michael Johnson, Shane Brinton

Use electoral politics at the local level to elect local representatives who will use their office to build the democracy movement and pass legislation that protects community and people's rights and challenges corporate interests. **Conferences: LOCAL DEMOCRACY**

ALEC Exposed Project

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St Room D040

Speaker(s): Brendan Fischer, Laura Dresser, Lisa Graves

Conferences: REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY

Using Radio as a Medium

The Madison Concourse Hotel, 1 W Dayton St, Assembly

Speaker(s): Danielle Chynoweth, David Klann, John Anderson, Tamara Dean

Radio stations reach more than 9 out of every 10 Americans, more than any other media source. Radio is an affordable and accessible means of communication and community organizing.

Next year, there will be a unique opportunity for hundreds of communities across the country to gain their own new radio licenses. Learn about the range of radio options available, from micro-broadcasting to low-power licenses to community radio stations.

Conferences: MEDIA DEMOCRACY

Skill Building: Meeting Skills 101

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D302

Speaker(s): Kaitlin Sopoci-Belknap

Skill Building: Building Multi-Racial Movements

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D333

Speaker(s): kimayana johnson, M Adams, Ted Glick, Z! Haukeness

Learn about experiences, positive and not-so, others have had building multi-racial unity. Share your experiences, learn about resources and make connections to strengthen your ability to do this essential work.

Skill Building: Non-Violent Direct Action as a Strategy in a Peaceful Movement

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D306

Speaker(s): Henia Belalia

What is the difference between non-violence as a strategy and a tactic, as opposed to a way of life? How is non-violence effective and why does our Climate Justice movement need it? How can we learn from the past to create sustained peaceful resistance, as opposed to random bursts of action?

6:00 pm

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

CONVENTION PLENARY: Reform or Revolution: Which way forward?

Grace Episcopal Church, 116 West Washington Ave (on the Capitol Square)

Speaker(s): Ashley Sanders, Gar Alperovitz, Jerome Scott, Samantha Jordan, Sarah Manski

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

Wisconsin's AZ copycat Bill: The basics of AB173

Madison College (MATC - Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D338

Speaker(s): Elena Lavarreda

The WI legislature introduced their own AZ copycat bill this spring. Learn about the content of the bill, what strategies have been used so far and discuss how we can kill the bill.

Conferences: RACIAL EQUALITY

Advancing Housing as a Human Right at the Local Level

The Madison Concourse Hotel, 1 W Dayton St, Senate AB

Speaker(s): Anthony D. Prince, Heidi M. Wegleitner, Joe Peery, kimayana johnson, Robert McGee, Stephanie Mingo

"Simply Unacceptable" is the name of a new report issued by the National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty (NLCHP) which grades the U.S. in several categories regarding our response to homelessness and compliance--or lack thereof-- with the human right to housing. Yet our government refuses to give priority to housing as austerity budgets and further deregulation being pushed at the federal and state level are sure to exacerbate the current housing crisis. Housing activists are not settling for this dismal record and are demanding that our communities do more to ensure that everyone has access to housing. They are re-framing the debate with direct action and grassroots organizing to advance local policy. **Conferences: RACIAL EQUALITY**

An Overview of the Legal/Historical Context of Corporate Constitutional Rights

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D229

Speaker(s): Stephen A. Justino

"Corporate Personhood" is the popular term to describe the legal doctrine of "Corporate Constitutional Rights". This session will help you understand application of this concept, and the implications to our democracy. **Conferences: CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM**

"The Prosecution of Judge Waite" - A Play

The Madison Concourse Hotel, 1 W Dayton St, Madison Ballroom

Staged reading of a new play based on scholarly legal research into Supreme Court corruption in the case of Santa Clara v. Southern Pacific Railroad. **Conferences: CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM**

Water: A Fundamental Right for People and Nature: Local to Global

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D332

Speaker(s): Alberto Saldamando, Greg Coleridge, Nancy Price, Ruth Caplan

Discussion of initiatives, from community ordinances to United Nations Conventions, to establish the fundamental right to water for people and nature; to prevent corporate commodification, control and pollution of water; and to ensure environmental justice for communities of color.

Conferences: EARTH DEMOCRACY ~ LOCAL DEMOCRACY

Participatory Budgeting for Your Community

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D329

Speaker(s): Brenda K. Konkel, Joe Moore, Maria Hadden

In November 2009, Alderman Joe Moore and the residents of Chicago's 49th Ward launched an experiment in democracy. In a series of public meetings and voting over six months, community members decided how to spend Moore's \$1.3 million discretionary budget. This marks the first time in the U.S. that local people are able to directly decide on city budget spending through participatory budgeting. We will share how PB works in Chicago and explore how to use PB in other communities in the U.S.. **Conferences: LOCAL DEMOCRACY**

Recapturing Redistricting

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D227

Speaker(s): Keesha Gaskins, Michael Dean, Satya Rhodes-Conway

Conferences: REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY

Voting: What's the Difference?

08/27/2011 - 10:00am - 12:00pm

Speakers: George Friday

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D302

Conferences: REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY

Home Rule: How to Exercise Real Democracy at the Local Level

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D225

Speaker(s): Benton Harbor representative, Ben Manski

*This session will explore the theory and practice of using local governments to make more democratic local decisions *and* to challenge the state and federal principles that often deny local autonomy and self-government.*

Conferences: LOCAL DEMOCRACY ~ REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY

Building Independent Media: A Practitioners View

The Madison Concourse Hotel, 1 W Dayton St, University ABC

Speaker(s): Cynthia Lin, Frank Emepak, Lisa Graves, Matt Rothschild

The plenary will assess the current state of independent media, the barriers to its growth as well as the accomplishments and suggest some next steps. **Conferences: MEDIA DEMOCRACY**

10:00 am - 11:00 am

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

Voter ID & Felon Re-enfranchisement

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D333

Speaker(s): Kathy Bonnifield, Sarah Walker

Conferences: REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY

Election Integrity

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D306

Speaker(s): Jonathan D. Simon, Sheila Parks, Victoria Collier

Conferences: REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY

11:00 am - 12:00 pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

Voter Registration

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D333

Speaker(s): Sarah Whitt

Conferences: REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY

Democracy in Our Hands: Hand-Counted Paper Ballots NOW

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D306

Speaker(s): Sheila Parks, Victoria Collier

Conferences: REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY

1:30 pm - 3:30 pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

CONVENTION PLENARY: Racial Equality in the Struggle for Democracy

Grace Episcopal Church, 116 West Washington Ave (on the Capitol Square)

Speaker(s): Alix Shabazz, David Cobb, Sangita Nayak, Shaquita Griffin, Mario Garcia Sierra

4:00 pm - 6:30 pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

Take Back the Land: Positive Action in the Time of Corporate Oppression

The Madison Concourse Hotel, 1 W Dayton St, Senate AB

Speaker(s): Alix Shabazz, M Adams, Nate Abrams, Robert McGee, Shaquita Griffin

Z! Haukeness

Elevating Housing to the level of a Human Right and gaining community control over land are the two primary goals of the Take Back the Land Movement. Hear stories from local organizers about the myriad approach TBL-Madison is taking to reach these goals through: direct action, policy change, media strategy, and community organizing. **Conferences: RACIAL EQUALITY**

Connections Between Mental Health and Racial Oppression

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D338

Speaker(s): Jason Glozier, Karen Milstein, Liz Bruno

We will look at connections between mental health and racial oppression, how their origins raise questions of the creation of “normal” and why in general we are so often afraid of difference. **Conferences: RACIAL EQUALITY**

Local Laws that Directly Challenge Corporate Rule

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St 229

Speaker(s): David Cobb, Kaitlin Sopoci-Belknap, Ruth Caplan

The session will explore the strategy of us using “municipal civil disobedience” to challenge corporate rights. Communities across the country have enacted legislation that asserts community rights over corporate rights. We will share these stories and discuss the impacts of these actions. **Conferences: CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM ~ LOCAL DEMOCRACY**

Teaching Earth Democracy (2): Overcoming Corporate Influence on School Curricula - Creating Earth-friendly Curricula

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D332

Speaker(s): Bob Peterson, Carolyn Raffensperger, Nancy Price, Riki Ott, Victoria Collier

A moderated discussion among panelists and audience participants exploring new directions, materials and techniques.

Conferences: EARTH DEMOCRACY ~ EDUCATION FOR DEMOCRACY

Offensive Defense

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D333

Speaker(s): Jeff Patterson, John LaForge, Leah Bolger

Conflict of interest between corporations/media/congress. Corporations own media, media hypes war, corporations get rich, donate money to congress who keep war going. War profiteering, no-bid contracts, mercenaries ("contractors"), military media pundits.

Conferences: DEMOCRATIC DEFENSE

Synthesis, Collective: Work for representative democracy & next steps

The Madison Concourse Hotel, 1 W Dayton St, Madison Ballroom

Speaker(s): Beverly Speer, George Friday

Conferences: REPRESENTATIVE DEMOCRACY

Collective Bargaining or Compulsory Servitude: Defending the Right To Organize

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D227

Speaker(s): Anthony D. Prince, Bryan Kennedy, Sheilah Garland-Olaniran

Conferences: ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY

Building a Community-Driven Media Organization

The Madison Concourse Hotel, 1 W Dayton St, University ABC

Speaker(s): Frank Emspak, Jesse Russell, Sara Shulz

How can we place "community" in community driven media? It is more than the sum of radio, websites and blogs- it can be a "media-information community". The Forward News network is an attempt to build a Wisconsin community commons and media center. Activists who have been instrumental in the building of FNN will discuss the launch of this new project.

Conferences: MEDIA DEMOCRACY

Healthcare

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D306

Speaker(s): Laurel Mark, Lex Tinker-Sackett, William Bianchi

Conferences: ECONOMIC DEMOCRACY

Deliberative Democracy: Making & Implementing Decisions

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D225

Speaker(s): Dennis Boyer

Learn how to engage citizens in the exploration and development of possibilities for public policy through small group discussions. **Conferences: LOCAL DEMOCRACY**

8:00 pm

SATURDAY, AUGUST 27

**PARTY FOR DEMOCRACY AT THE MEMORIAL UNION TERRACE
with MICHELLE SHOCKED and EMMA'S REVOLUTION and V05**

UW-Madison's Memorial Union Terrace, 800 Langdon St.

It's a Madison tradition not to be missed: a summer evening at the Memorial Union Terrace. Join national musical acts Michelle Shocked, Emma's Revolution, and Madison's own VO5 at the Memorial Union Terrace. Music begins at 8:00pm, and runs late into the night. Get there early to secure your seat!

10:00 am - 12:00 pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

CONVENTION PLENARY: Securing Democracy through Constitutional Reform

The Madison Concourse Hotel, 1 W Dayton St, Wisconsin/Capitol Ballroom

Speaker(s): Ben Manski, David Cobb, Kaitlin Sopoci-Belknap, Nancy Price

1:30 pm - 3:00 pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

Skill Building: Organizing 101

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D332

Skill Building: Being an Effective Ally in the Struggle for Equality

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D333

Speaker(s): Ted Glick Z! Haukeness

Rooted in the ways we each hold privilege and face oppression based on various systems such as race, class, gender, sexuality and age, we will discuss strategies together for taking principled action as an ally.

Skill Building: Using Social Media

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D338

Speaker(s): Annabel Park

Skill Building: Performance Art for Building Democracy: Performance

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St D329

Speakers(s): Kristin Knowles

1:30 pm - 6:00 pm

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

Move to Amend Strategic Planning: For MTA affiliates and members

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St Room D040

Conferences: CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM

Wisconsin People’s Assembly

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St

This second Wisconsin People’s Assembly will unite Wisconsinites from across the state in resolving how to move forward in the coming months to overcome corporatization and austerity, and to achieve democracy and shared prosperity for all. This session is for Wisconsin residents; friendly folks from out-of-state are welcome to observe.

Open Space for Meetings

Madison College (MATC-Downtown Campus), 211 N Carroll St

DEMOCRACY CONVENTION | ARTISTS

CALL FOR PEACE DRUM DANCE COMPANY: Since 1990, Call for Peace Drum Dance Company—a Global Treasure based in Madison, Wisconsin—has been inspiring national and international audiences with its performance, “From All Nations They Come Dancing.”—the dream of a new hope for humanity. Having performed at the 4th Global Summit for the Nobel Peace Prize Laureates in Rome, Italy, throughout the United States, in Germany, Russia, Israel and at the Great Pyramids of Egypt, Call for Peace is a must-see spectacular for all ages.

EMMA’S REVOLUTION: Dancing on the edge of folk and pop there’s a revolution: emma’s revolution. “Bold, profound, moving, hilarious and transformative.” The sound of passion in “deftly-turned phrases,” songs imbued with hope, warmth and the “power and drive” to turn tears into laughter, cynicism into action. A motivating force in intimate concerts and mass demonstrations, infused with inspiration from the legacy of music for social change, Pat Humphries and Sandy O’s dynamic harmonies are multiplied by hundreds of thousands. Emma Goldman stood for everybody’s right to beautiful, radiant things. Join the revolution!

MICHELLE SHOCKED: Her upbringing was more well-rounded. In her early childhood, Shocked logged thousands of miles as a military brat, living in Massachusetts, Germany and Maryland, before returning to Texas. She lived there until her early twenties, experiencing the stark contrast — and copious benefits — of having a fundamentalist Mormon mother, Army lifer stepfather, and hippie teacher-slash-“ultimate autodidact” father. Eager to further expand her horizons, Shocked eventually decamped for San Francisco and, ultimately, the peripatetic life of a touring musician.

VO5 is a Madison-based band that played at numerous protest rallies this year and created the viral sensation “Cheddar Revolution” (<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rCNaBe2SI10>), which recently screened at San Francisco’s Laborfest. VO5 founders Catherine Capellaro and Andrew Rohn are the creators of “Temp Slave” and “Walmartopia,” the anticorporate musical comedy that launched from Madison to Off Broadway in 2007. VO5 was dubbed “the official band of the second American revolution.”

DEMOCRACY CONVENTION | PRESENTERS

NATE ABRAMS is a passionate homeless advocate and an HIV advocate and educator. He is a profound believer that housing a human right, and acts with a profound love for people.

STUART ACUFF is the Chief of Staff and Assistant to the President of the Utility Workers Union of America (UWUA). Prior to working for the UWUA, Stewart Acuff was named Director of Organizing for the AFL-CIO in October, 2002 by AFL-CIO President John Sweeney, who noted Acuff's "strong leadership skills and a deep passion for the potential of unions to lift working people's lives." As organizing director, Acuff coordinated strategies to help working men and women join and form unions across...

M ADAMS is a Black Working-Poor- Gay- Gender Non-Conforming-Wimmin born and raised in Milwaukee, WI and now living in Madison, WI. She is a community organizer with Freedom, Inc and Take Back the Land-Madison and a core member of Take Back the Land-National Leadership. Her work is to organize low income communities of color for collective self-determination as well as gain community control over land and elevate housing and food a human rights.

MARIELA G. ALBURGES provides consular support and serves as a community liaison for the Consulate of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela in Chicago. She has extensive experience working with marginalized communities within the United States, Mexico and Venezuela around issues of anti-oppression, gender violence, economic solidarity and self-governance.

JAMES ALLISON is Professor Emeritus of Psychology, Indiana University-Bloomington. His study of corporate power has focused on the role of the U.S. Supreme Court, especially the 1886 decision in Santa Clara County v. Southern Pacific Railroad.

GAR ALPEROVITZ has had a distinguished career as a historian, political economist, activist, writer, and government official. He is currently the Lionel R. Bauman Professor of Political Economy at the University of Maryland and is a former Fellow of Kings College, Cambridge University; Harvard's Institute of Politics; the Institute for Policy Studies; and a Guest Scholar at the Brookings Institution.

ASHLEY ANDERSON is a co-founder of the climate justice organization Peaceful Uprising and currently serves as Director. He is a life long resident of Utah, and worked on peace issues until discovering that climate change is an overarching problem that will exacerbate all other social challenges unless it is addressed immediately.

JOHN ANDERSON is an expert in media policy and radio activism. He left his career as a corporate media journalist to found two syndicated radio news services: Workers Independent News (2001), and Media Minutes, sponsored by Free Press (2004). He's been writing online about issues involving the FCC, broadcasting, and remix culture since 1997 (<http://diymedia.net/>) and is a recent graduate of the University of Illinois' Institute.

ELLEN BARNARDS is a Community Relations and Education Specialist with GreenPath, Inc., a not-for-profit housing and credit counseling agency founded in 1961. Since she joined GreenPath in 2004,

she has provided counseling to consumers on budgeting, debt and credit, bankruptcy and housing including reverse mortgage and foreclosure prevention.

HENIA BELALIA first got involved with social justice work as a theatre director, experimenting with multiple performance art forms to shed light on prevalent socio-political concerns. From there, she spent two years working for Greenpeace in San Francisco. Today, as an organizer with Peaceful Uprising, she advocates for more synergy in our Climate Justice movement to generate a successful nonviolent resistance.

PATRICIA BENSON works with TransitionTownsU.S. grassroots community initiatives that seek to build community resilience in the face of such challenges as peak oil, climate change and the economic crisis.

WILLIAM BIANCHI is chair of the Progressive Democrats of America-Chicago Chapter and the Illinois state coordinator for PDA. He also serve as a founding board member of the Illinois Single Payer Coalition, which has just recently formed as a 501- c3 corporation. In both positions he is working to organize a broad popular movement that can realize PDA's progressive agenda. At the top of that agenda is a Single Payer system for financing health care.

STEVE BLANK is producer and frequent host of Health Writers on the Air, a radio program on WORT, Madison that focuses on issues of social and economic justice. Interviewing guests such as Dr. Margaret Flowers, Dr. Quentin Young, John Nichols and Wendell Potter, Steve explores the connection between government's role in corporate expansion and the dismantling of the public sector. He is a founding member of the Single Payer Action Network of Madison, and is currently working with Physician's for a...

LEAH BOLGER, CDR, U.S.N (Ret) spent 20 years on active duty and is now a full-time peace activist and organizer. She is the Vice-President of Veterans For Peace.

JOHN BONIFAZ is the Co-Founder and Director of Free Speech for People, a national non-partisan campaign seeking to restore democracy through a 28th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution to ensure that people, not corporations, govern in America. He has been a leader of national voting rights and election integrity organizations, Voter Action and National Voting Rights Institute, and lawyer in key voting rights battles, for example, in Ohio, 2004 for recount of the Presidential vote.

KATHY BONNIFIELD's election-related experience includes working as an election judge for Ramsey County and the City of Minneapolis. She has also been on a number of election observation missions with the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe. In early 2010, her research lead to the correction of inaccurate data in a Heritage Foundation report, which was published in Minnesota's Elections — Transparent, Verifiable, and Accurate (February 2010...

DENNIS BOYER is a Fellow of the Interactivity Foundation, a deliberative democratic governance policy institute. Former coordinator of government relations for the Wisconsin AFSCME Councils.

SHANE BRINTON serves on the Arcata City Council in Humboldt County, CA. He is also National Field Organizer for the Move to Amend campaign and has served as campaign manager and consultant on numerous local political campaigns.

LIZ BRUNO is a young white lady whose deepening faith in the earth fuels her work toward racial justice and social change. She prioritizes learning about her own privilege and place in the world by listening with an open heart, growing connections, sharing life stories, and supporting the leadership of others while building her own leadership in this struggle for justice. faith in the earth fuels her work toward racial justice and social change.

MICHAEL BUELOW is research director of the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign (www.wisdc.org), a nonpartisan campaign finance reform advocacy group, and a member of the Wisconsin Freedom of Information Council which advocates for a free and unfettered press and educates citizens about Wisconsin's open records and open meetings laws. Buelow was also an Associated Press reporter in Wisconsin for 16 years.

PAUL BUHLE is professor emeritus in American Studies, artist, and a former leader of the 1960s-era SDS.

STEVE BURNS is the program director at the Wisconsin Network for Peace and Justice.

RUTH CAPLAN is Vice Co-Chair of the Alliance for Democracy, Co-Chair of the Corporate Globalization/Positive Alternatives, Campaign, Chair of Defending Water for Life Campaign at www.thealliancefordemocracy.org. Ruth is the author of GANE:General Agreement on a New Economy which centers on the local community and builds outward to regional and national levels available at...

NICOLAS CHANGO is an Indigenous from Salasaca Tawaintisuyu-Abya Yala [American Continent], living in New York, and has been very active at the International level defending Human Rights, defending Mother Earth, Spirituality, and Immigrants. He dreams to see Universal Democracy and peace worldwide.

DANIELLE CHYNOWETH is a leader in political, arts, business, and non-profit sectors. She is currently a Director at the Prometheus Radio Project. In 2010, she managed the successful campaign to pass the Local Community Radio Act, opening up the airwaves for thousands new community radio stations in the U.S. She has been a Vice-President at OJC Technologies for 12 years and served on Urbana's City Council for 7 years spearheading public arts and broadband projects.

JEFF CLEMENTS is a co-founder of Free Speech for People (www.freespeechforpeople.org) and author of the forthcoming book Corporations Are Not People (Berrett-Koehler). He is a lawyer and previously served as Assistant Attorney General and Chief of the Public Protection Bureau in the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office. Jeff filed an amicus brief in Citizens United v. FEC on behalf of Democracy Unlimited.

DAVID COBB is a local organizer with Democracy Unlimited of Humboldt County (DUHC), a principal with the Program on Corporations Law & Democracy (POCLAD), and a member of the Executive Committee of Move to Amend (MTA). He was the 2004 Green Party candidate for President of the United States, and is proud to have demanded the recount in Ohio that helped to spur the growing movement against electronic (black box) voting machines.

J. ERIC COBB is Executive Director of the Building Trades Council of South Central Wisconsin.

GREG COLERIDGE is Director of the Northeast Ohio American Friends Service Committee (AFSC); member of the Program on Corporations, Law & Democracy (POCLAD) national collective; and original Move to Amend national steering committee member. He is author of *Citizens over Corporations: A Brief History of Democracy in Ohio and Challenges to Freedom in the Future*, writer of the documentary *CorpOrNation - The Story of Citizens and Corporations in Ohio*.

VICTORIA COLLIER is the editor of www.votescam.org. Daughter and niece of James and Kenneth Collier, authors of “*Votescam: The Stealing of America*,” Victoria continues to educate the public on her family’s groundbreaking 25 year investigation into how elections are centrally rigged using computerized voting machines. Victoria was co-founder of Tierra Lucero, an educational organic farm and Permaculture education center.

DEREK CRESSMAN is leading Common Cause’s efforts to restore the Constitution with an amendment that reverses the *Citizens United v. FEC* ruling and he has spoken extensively on corporate money in politics. Derek played a lead role in organizing a January 2011 Uncloak the Koch’s rally in Palm Springs, California that garnered national media attention to expose the hundreds of millions of dollars that Koch Industries and allied CEOs have spent to influence the political process.

RONNIE CUMMINS is a lifetime activist and writer, founder and Director of the Organic Consumers Association and its Mexico affiliate, Via Organica. Cummins is currently coordinating the Millions Against Monsanto campaign as well as the BioDemocracy Project, an effort to help unite and strengthen progressive, populist, and radical forces around a basic six-point action plan (decarbonization, decentralization, detoxification, decorporatization, demilitarization, and democratization) in the U.S..

MICHAEL DEAN is executive director of Common Cause Minnesota, a statewide nonpartisan, nonprofit advocacy organization that works to promote fair and clean elections, create an independent redistricting process, and make government open and accountable to its citizens. Over the three years, Dean has worked to transform a dormant state chapter of Common Cause into an important voice on government watchdog in Minnesota.

LAURA DRESSER (BA, Rice University; MSW, PhD, University of Michigan) is Associate Director of COWS. A labor economist and expert on low-wage work and workforce development systems, she has both written about ways to build stronger labor market systems and worked extensively with labor, business, and community leaders in building them. Laura has written widely on race and gender inequality and labor market reform.

FRANK EMSPAK is the Executive Producer of Workers Independent News (WIN). WIN is a provider of headline news, focusing on the issues and concerns of working people. Well over eighty commercial and one hundred non-commercial stations broadcast the material on a regular basis. WIN is a multi platform provider of news utilizing broadcast, cell phone, pod cast and a web based distribution system. He is also co-producer of Madison Labor Radio.

JODIE EVANS is a political activist, author, and documentary film producer who has traveled extensively leading “citizen diplomacy” delegations to Iran, the Gaza Strip, and Afghanistan. She is a co-founder of Code Pink and currently serves as the chairperson of the board of the Women’s Media Center.

BRENDAN FISCHER is a law fellow with the Center for Media and Democracy. He graduates from the Wisconsin Law School in December 2011 and served in the Peace Corps in El Salvador. In addition to Center for Media and Democracy publications, his work has appeared on news outlets like Common Dreams, the Capital Times, and Truthout.

SEAN FLAHERTY is a policy analyst for VerifiedVoting.org and the Verified Voting Foundation. In addition to policy research and advocacy, he also works with state-based voting rights organizations to assist in their efforts to educate of the need for voting systems that are accessible and verifiable

MARGARET FLOWERS is a Maryland pediatrician who for the past several years has devoted all of her energies to speaking out and organizing for a truly universal and comprehensive health care program, one that goes far beyond the law just enacted by Congress. Rebelling against the daily injustices inflicted upon children and their families by a profit-driven health industry, she left active her practice in 2006 and resolved to work full time for social change.

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Alliance for Democracy. The mission of the Alliance for Democracy is to free all people from corporate domination of politics, economics, the environment, culture and information; to establish true democracy; and to create a just society with a sustainable, equitable economy. The Alliance is a chapter-based organization that brings people together to build a progressive populist movement to end the corporate domination of our economy, our government, our culture, our media and the environment. It is time to end corporate rule. <http://www.thealliancefordemocracy.org/>

Move to Amend coalition welcomes you to the Democracy Convention! We are proud to be one of the principal conveners of this important and historic event. Move to Amend is a coalition of 130,000 people (and growing) and hundreds of community organizations (and growing) -- all dedicated winning constitutional amendments that end the illegitimate legal doctrines that prevent the American people from governing ourselves. These include "corporate personhood," the concept that "money equals speech," and the idea that we have "no constitutional right to vote," among others. We are anti-racist and fully committed to building an inclusive, multiracial movement for genuine democracy in this country. <http://www.MovetoAmend.org>

The Progressive is a monthly leftwing magazine of investigative reporting, political commentary, cultural coverage, activism, interviews, poetry, and humor. It steadfastly stands against militarism, the concentration of power in corporate hands, and the disenfranchisement of the citizenry. It champions peace, social and economic justice, civil rights, civil liberties, human rights, a preserved environment, and a reinvigorated democracy. Its bedrock values are nonviolence and freedom of speech. <http://www.progressive.org>

CONFERENCE CONVENERS

DEMOCRACY UNLIMITED OF HUMBOLDT COUNTY (DUHC) educates citizens about the illegitimate seizure of our authority to govern ourselves. We design and implement grassroots strategies that exercise democratic power over corporations and governments. We seek to create a truly democratic society by provoking a non-violent popular uprising against corporate rule in Humboldt County that can serve as a model for other communities across the United States. <http://www.duhc.org>

FREEDOM, INC.'s mission is to engage low- to no-income communities of color to end violence against women folks, gender non-conforming folks, and young folks, which bring about deep social, political, cultural, and economic change. We organize around the root causes of violence, creating new definitions and solutions, and empowering all community members as agents of change to inspire and restore power of those most affected. We do this through leadership development and community organizing, in ways that are language-gender-generation and culture-specific to women, gender non-conforming, and youth, in African American and Southeast Asian families. <http://aboutfreedominc.com/>

GROUNDWORK is a white anti-racist collective working to dismantle white supremacy and achieve racial justice in our communities. We are committed to doing work against racism in our daily lives from the heart, with dignity, integrity, and radical honesty. Groundwork formed after a nine week anti-racism workshop in the fall of 2004.

IT'S OUR ECONOMY seeks to educate, organize and mobilize Americans to shift the power from concentrated capital to the people. We work to create an economy that is democratized, where people have greater control over their economic lives and greater influence over the direction of the economy. All of these problems have proven solutions but concentrated capital interests that benefit from the status quo prevent solutions from being put in place. We seek to empower Americans to organize an uncompromising independent movement that takes power from the economic elites and redistributes it to the people. <http://itsoureconomy.us/>

PROGRESSIVE DANE is a progressive political party in Dane County, Wisconsin. Progressive Dane believes that ordinary citizens should control public policies at the community and national levels. We support tax justice, better social services, equality in public education, affordable housing, and public transportation. Progressive Dane helps community members organize around issues that are important to them and also works on the grassroots level to elect progressive political candidates. <http://www.prodane.org/>

UNITED COUNCIL OF UW STUDENTS is one of the nation's oldest, largest and most effective statewide student associations, representing over 150,000 students on 21 University of Wisconsin campuses. Founded in 1960, United Council is a non-partisan, non-profit, student-directed organization committed to enhancing the quality of student life and protecting access to higher education in Wisconsin. <http://unitedcouncil.net/>

VETERANS FOR PEACE has been exposing the true costs of war and militarism since 1985. We are not satisfied to simply react to Empire's wars. We want to join with others to abolish war as an instrument of national policy. To do that requires expanding democracy and stripping corporations of constitutional rights they have usurped over time. <http://www.veteransforpeace.org/>

WISCONSIN DEMOCRACY CAMPAIGN is a homegrown network of citizens fighting government corruption and working for fair elections, judicial integrity, media democracy, and open and transparent government. The Democracy Campaign pursues these objectives through research, citizen education, community outreach, coalition building and direct advocacy. WDC was founded in 1995 as a nonprofit, independent coalition of individuals and groups responding to the growing dominance of special interest money in the campaigns of state lawmakers. <http://www.wisdc.org>

THE WISCONSIN WAVE is a force independent of political parties and partisan elected officials. It is an awakening of Wisconsinites independent of --but not exclusive of-- whatever other political, union, faith, or organizational affiliations we each might have. To the giant corporate interests that currently dominate our state, we say that we will not stand by and watch you destroy Wisconsin's democracy, Wisconsin's economy, Wisconsin's schools, and Wisconsin's communities. We will not pay for your crisis. To our fellow Wisconsinites we say simply, "join us." Join the Wisconsin Wave of resistance against corporatization and austerity, and for democracy and shared prosperity for all. <http://wisconsinwave.org/>

WORKERS INDEPENDENT NEWS (WIN) gathers information by and about working people and their stories and creates programs and feature stories for radio stations throughout the United States. <http://www.laborradio.org/>

WORT 89.9 FM is a listener-sponsored community radio station, broadcasting from 118 S. Bedford St. in Madison, Wisconsin, U.S.A. WORT offers a whole host of programming made possible by listener sponsors. WORT's FM signal reaches a roughly 50-mile radius around Madison. The station recently began webcasting all of its news and public affairs programs and most of its music programs. <http://www.wort-fm.org/>

MAJOR SPONSORS

CENTER FOR MEDIA AND DEMOCRACY is a national independent publisher located in Madison, Wisconsin. Through our reporting and analysis, we are fearless fighters of PR spin and propaganda: <http://www.prwatch.org/cmd/>

COFFEE PARTY U.S.A. is a democracy movement that began on Facebook, powered by volunteers and small donations from every-day Americans; not by oil barons, corporate lobbyists, or partisan think tanks. Thus, we are able to advocate for the interests of the American people without having our objectives, and the notions on which they are based, governed by powerful interests that already have too much influence in Washington. We are a non-partisan, fact-based, solutions-oriented network determined to have an impact in our nation's deliberative process. <http://www.coffeepartyusa.com/>

NATIONAL SPONSORS

AFT-WISCONSIN is a labor organization representing 17,000 public employees in the state of Wisconsin. Formerly called the Wisconsin Federation of Teachers (WFT), AFT-Wisconsin is a Wisconsin chapter of the American Federation of Teachers. Started primarily as a teachers' union with 1,400 members in 1931, AFT-Wisconsin has grown exponentially and today represents many diverse professionals with over 500 job classifications. <http://www.aft-wisconsin.org/>

ANNE FEENEY: Based in Pittsburgh, PA, Anne Feeney is the granddaughter of an intrepid mineworkers' organizer, who also used music to carry the message of solidarity to working people. After two decades of community activism and regional performances at rallies, Anne took her message on the road. Since 1991 Anne has traveled to the frontlines in 42 states, as well as Canada, Mexico, Denmark, Ireland and Sweden. <http://www.annefeeneey.com/>

FAMILY FARM DEFENDERS: Our mission is to create a farmer-controlled and consumer-oriented food and fiber system, based upon democratically controlled institutions that empower farmers to speak for and respect themselves in their quest for social and economic justice. To this end, FFD supports sustainable agriculture, farm worker rights, animal welfare, consumer safety, fair trade, and food sovereignty. FFD has also worked to create opportunities for farmers to join together in new cooperative marketing endeavors and to bridge the socioeconomic gap that often exists between rural and urban communities. <http://familyfarmers.org/>

FREE SPEECH FOR PEOPLE is a national non-partisan campaign working to restore democracy to the people and to return corporations to their place as economic rather than political entities. We are joined by tens of thousands of people across the United States.
<http://freespeechforpeople.org/>

PEACEFUL UPRISING: WE are committed to defending a livable future through empowering nonviolent action. WE seek to change the institutional and social status quo at the root of the climate crisis, and move toward a just and healthy world.
By pushing the reality of the climate crisis to the forefront of the public forum, WE will secure the attention and inspire the revolution the climate crisis requires.
<http://www.peacefuluprising.org>

PROGRAM ON CORPORATIONS LAW AND DEMOCRACY is a group of 11 people instigating democratic conversations and actions that contest the authority of corporations to govern. Our analysis evolves through historical and legal research, writing, public speaking, and working with organizations to develop new strategies that assert people's rights over property interests. <http://www.poclad.org>

WOMEN'S INTERNATIONAL LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND FREEDOM was founded in 1915 during World War I, with Jane Addams as its first president. WILPF works to achieve through peaceful means world disarmament, full rights for women, racial and economic justice, an end to all forms of violence, and to establish those political, social, and psychological conditions which can assure peace, freedom, and justice for all.
<http://www.WILPF.org>

COSPONSORS

ANTHOLOGY n. 1. A collection of literary pieces, such as poems, short stories, or plays, usually suggesting a common theme; 2. Any collection of works of art, such as paintings, based on a specific period, theme, or subject. [New Latin anthologia, from Medieval Greek, from Greek, "flower gathering," a collection.]; 3. A Madison, Wisconsin original owned by sisters Sachi and Laura Komai, featuring fine papers, craft kits, handmade goods, workshops, instruction and inspiration; 4. A journal kept by Laura Komai to share the store and the stories: inspiration, ideas, thoughts and plans. <http://www.anthology.typepad.com/>

CODEPINK: WOMEN FOR PEACE is a women-initiated grassroots peace and social justice movement working to end U.S. funded wars and occupations, to challenge militarism globally, and to redirect our resources into health care, education, green jobs and other life-affirming activities. Won't you join us? <http://www.codepink4peace.org/>

DONNELLY/COLT PROGRESSIVE RESOURCES is a small, family-owned and operated business that has provided progressive materials for consciousness raising and fundraising since 1975. It was just one of those ventures a newly formed couple ventured upon, after stints in college and various jobs. Our business has grown and waned and grown and waned as the progressive movements have. <http://www.donnellycolt.com/>

HARVEST RESTAURANT: Our evolving menu takes advantage of the great variety of local and organic ingredients raised by this region's farmers. Named by Organic Style magazine as one of the top 20 restaurants in America, and most recently named one of America's top Farm-to-Table restaurants by Gourmet Magazine. Harvest takes seriously its obligation to our customers of providing the best each season has to offer. <http://www.harvest-restaurant.com/>

LEAGUE OF REVOLUTIONARIES FOR A NEW AMERICA is made up of people from all walks of life. We are tied together by a common aim – the end of exploitation, the public ownership of the means of production, and the distribution of the products of society according to need. The League joins other revolutionaries who challenge the ruling class on the immorality of its ruthless devastation of the earth and life. We trace injustice to the capitalist system and seek to show how society's problems can be solved when it is reorganized along cooperative lines. <http://www.lrna.org/>

MIDDLETON ACTION TEAM was formed to provide an organizational base in the Middleton area that supports liberal ideals and priorities. To promote civic action, education and engagement on issues affecting our community, our region, our state, our nation and our world. And to plan and organize community service projects that improve the quality of life in the greater Middleton area. *Email: MiddletonActionTeam53562@gmail.com*

NORTHERN SUN got its start back in 1979, right before radiation started leaking from the Three Mile Island nuclear plant in Harrisburg, PA (March 28, 1979). Riding a bicycle and carrying a backpack full of t-shirts, etc., Scott (the owner) began selling message-oriented items at anti-nuke events. We're a small group of individuals who work for a company that sells progressive, message-oriented t-shirts, button, stickers, etc. through a paper catalog and on our website. <http://www.northersun.com/>

PEOPLE FOR THE AMERICAN WAY is dedicated to making the promise of America real for every American: Equality. Freedom of speech. Freedom of religion. The right to seek justice in a court of law. The right to cast a vote that counts. The American Way. Our vision is a vibrantly diverse democratic society in which everyone is treated equally under the law, given the freedom and opportunity to pursue their dreams, and encouraged to participate in our nation's civic and political life. Our America respects diversity, nurtures creativity and combats hatred and bigotry. <http://www.pfaw.org/>

PEOPLE'S TRIBUNE ~ TRIBUNO DEL PUEBLO: An economic system that doesn't feed, clothe and house its people must be and will be overturned and replaced with a system that meets the needs of the people. To that end, this paper is a tribune of those struggling to create such a new economic system. It is a vehicle to bring the movement together, to create a vision of a better world and a strategy to achieve it. <http://www.peopletribune.org/>

POSIPAIR.COM is creating the most comprehensive online source of green business information anywhere. PosiPair's mission is to support genuinely green businesses by combating greenwashing, strengthening transparency and accountability, and providing the green economy with a web platform designed for its special needs. <http://posipair.com>

PROUD PROGRESSIVE ACTIVISTS are celebrating 30 years of marriage and activism ~ Connie & Chuck Smalley

RAINBOW BOOKSTORE COOPERATIVE is Madison's cooperatively owned and collectively managed bookstore that provides books and resources which challenge the status quo. The cooperative is owned by its consumer members, and is currently staffed by several dozen volunteers and two paid staff. Our collective management style serves as a model for a democratically controlled economy. <http://www.rainbowbookstore.org/>

THE OLD FASHIONED. Remember eating at grandma's? We do. What about your first fish fry? We think of ours often. Imagine sitting around a northwoods campfire roasting marshmallows with friends. We completely understand. When we founded The Old Fashioned in 2005, these were exactly the types of things we had in mind—every unique experience that makes Wisconsin so . . . Wisconsin. Maybe we're overstating the case, but we don't think so. When you live here, these things become a part of you. <http://www.theoldfashioned.com/>

TUVALU COFFEEHOUSE & GALLERY in Verona is a family owned and run Coffeehouse and Art Gallery with a commitment to fair trade and environmental awareness. We aspire to provide the highest quality product using the freshest and best possible ingredients in a manner that promotes sound environmental practices and encourages social awareness and responsibility. <http://www.tuvalucoffeehouse.com/>

UNITED WISCONSIN is non-partisan grassroots organization including 185,000+ concerned citizens who have signed the pledge to recall Walker and a growing base of volunteers across the state. <http://www.unitedwisconsin.com/>

WI POSITIVE BUSINESS ALLIANCE are Wisconsin business people committed to the idea that the purpose of business is to create value, provide opportunities, and serve our communities. <http://positivebusiness.co/>

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& others who have yet to come forward!

DEMOCRACY CONVENTION | FOOD & SERVICES

We offer you the following recommendations for food and services located within very short walking distance from the conference. Note: Please do not purchase Miller Products (owned by Coors), or other non-local corporate beers when you are here. Support our local businesses.

Food Carts on Mifflin Street

A number of food carts have agreed to relocate to the Mifflin Street side of the Capitol Square on Thursday and Friday. These will be good options for quality, fast, low cost food!

Coffee, Tea, and Baked Goods

All of these have free WiFi

Michaelangelo's - 114 State St. - Supporters of progressive politics, and then some.

Ancora - 112 King Street - Hobnob with the lobbyists.

Graze - 1. S. Pinckney Street - Locally sourced premium foods; some of the best baked goods around.

Barrique's - 127 West Washington - Progressive owners, wine, open late.

Bradbury's - 127 N. Hamilton - Locally sourced, organic. Crepes, anyone?

Restaurants & Bars

Old Fashioned - 23 N. Pinckney St. - Breakfast. A celebration of Wisconsin food and drink. Supporters of the 2011 Democracy Convention.

Harvest - 21 N. Pinckney St. - A famously fine dining restaurant featuring locally sourced goods. Supporters of the 2011 Democracy Convention.

Brocach - 7 W Main St. - Wholesome Irish food and drink.

Maharani Indian Restaurant - 380 W Washington Ave - Vegetarian lunch buffet.

Marigold - 118 S. Pinckney St. - Breakfast. Need we say more?

Natt Spil - 211 King St. - International cuisine. Affordable. Youthful crowd.

Plaka Taverna - 410 E Wilson St. - Greek. Breakfast, lunch, dinner. Great food.

Grocery Foods and Retail Shops

Rainbow Bookstore Cooperative - 476 W. Gilman Street - Madison's cooperatively owned and collectively managed bookstore that provides resources which challenge the status quo. Supporters of the 2011 Democracy Convention.

Anthology - 218 State Street - Features fine papers, craft kits, handmade goods, workshops, instruction and inspiration Supporters of the 2011 Democracy Convention.

Fromagination - 12 S Carroll St. - Cheeses that will blow your mind.

Willy St. Coop - 1221 Williamson St. - This is a bit of a walk (1.3 miles). But it's the best grocery option.

Capitol Centre Market - 111 N Broom St. - This is closer, and has some organic options.

Photocopies & Computers

Bob's Copy Shop - 616 University Ave - Locally owned. Something of a walk.

Lakeside Press - 1334 Williamson St - Worker owned cooperative. Thirty minutes on foot.

Wisconsin State Law Library - 120 Martin Luther King Jr Blvd - Right off the square.

Madison Public Library - Central Branch - 201 West Mifflin Street - Two blocks away.

Transportation

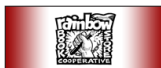
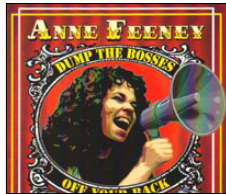
Madison B-Cycle is an urban bike sharing program that is revolutionizing the way Madison moves! There are over 20 active stations throughout the downtown, with more stations being rolled out each week. Enjoy access to 350 bikes at 35 stations throughout the capital city this summer! Rides under 30 minutes are free. The fee is just \$10 a day! <http://madison.bcycle.com/>

Union Cab of Madison is a worker owned and operated cooperative. Call 608 242 2000 if you need a lift!

Madison Metro is the regional bus system. For fare and ride information: <http://www.cityofmadison.com/metro/>



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