



THE AD HOC COMMITTEE TO CONNECT THE DOTS

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RAZE THE WALLS

Policing, Prisons and Political Prisoners.

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Presented by the Ad Hoc Committee to Connect the Dots

PSU Smith Center, Room 298: 3-6 pm

The Ad Hoc Committee to Connect the Dots presents a mini-conference that seeks to nurture a greater understanding of the connections between policing, prisons and political prisoners. As Portland sees an increase in local police violence, it is especially important to consider the broader context of modern state repression. We will place particular importance on the experience of Political Prisoners and necessity of support for those currently incarcerated.

"Our intent is allow the greater Portland community an opportunity to stop and think about the impact of prisons on our communities and what it means to have political prisoners in a country that considers itself free" says event co-organizer, Lydia Bartholow. She continues by stating that "the united states has more prisoners per capita than any other country, with a notable number being people of color and an increasing number being women and GLBTQI identified folks."

Angel Gonzalez, co-organizer, says "We've invited ex-members of the George Jackson Brigade, a mixed-theory, multiracial-racial, multi-gendered, anti-imperialist revolutionary group based in Portland and Seattle in the 1970s, because we believe they have a particularly intriguing critique of the prison industrial complex and much to say about the experience of being behind bars."

Panelists and presenters include:

- **Rita "Bo" Brown**, an ex-George Jackson Brigade Member and ex-political prisoner. Bo identifies as a working-class, butch dyke and has been active in the prison abolition movement since her release from prison in 1987. After her release she started The Out of Control: Lesbian Committee to Support Women Political Prisoners, which remained active for many years.
- **Ed Meade**, an ex-George Jackson Brigade member and ex-political prisoner who is currently the editor of Prison Art News and an active member of Seattle Jericho.
- **Mark Cook**, prisoner support activist, active member of Seattle Jericho, former member of the Black Panther Party and George Jackson Brigade.
- **Caylor Rolling**, a Portland local, who has been active in prison related advocacy projects since 1996. She currently works for a non-profit where she educates the community about incarceration and its costs and organizes to stop prison construction and the growth of Oregon's prison budget.
- **And Others!**

Funds from this project will go to: **The Freedom Archvices:** freedomarchives.org, **4Struggle Magazine:** 4strugglemag.org, and **The Anarchist Black Cross War Chest fund:** abcf.net.

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