

Community Church of Boston
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sunday forums

June 2007
Sundays at 11:00a.m.



June 3 -- DOROTEA MANUELA & SERGIO REYES
"The World-wide Struggle against Migrant Worker Exploitation"

Dorotea Manuela and Sergio Reyes are members of the Boston May Day Coalition. This past January, they were part of a small delegation of local activists who traveled to Africa to join thousands of other progressive and radical activists at the World Social Forum in Nairobi. Their objective was clear: to propose the transnationalization of the struggle for migrant workers' rights. The Boston delegation was focused and participated only in workshops, presentations & discussions about that issue!

A series of proposals, including parts of the Boston group's proposal, were formally acknowledged in a closing Migrant Workers' Rights Assembly. The international implementation of those agreements is now a challenge for activists who are used to working only locally. However, the future of a really comprehensive solution to the exploitation and victimization of nearly 200 million migrant workers in the world depends on coordinated transnational action.

music by Sergio Reyes

June 10 -- JASON LYDON
"Power, Privilege and the Effects of Assimilation"

Leftist, progressive and civil rights movements of all kinds in the United States, since the early of 1900s, have suffered the effects of participants "selling out" and becoming part of the system they claim to detest. Saturday, June 8th is the annual Gay Pride Parade. The mainstream gay and lesbian movement is a perfect example of the above mentioned problem. We will discuss this year's militarist gay pride theme and look at how this movement is falling into similar assimilationist pitfalls as many social movements before it.

Jason Lydon is a queer activist, anti-militarist, and the Congregational Director of the Community Church of Boston



June 17 -- Annual Ethel & Julius Rosenberg Commemoration
Atty. ROBERT MEEROPOL

"McCarthy-Era Lessons for Bush's America"

Rob Meeropol was six years old when his parents, Ethel and Julius Rosenberg, were sent to the electric chair 54 years ago, executed by the U.S. government after one of the most hotly debated trials in American history. In the wake of 9/11 and the war with Iraq, "our" Homeland Security and USA PATRIOT Acts have given government unprecedented powers to investigate citizens' lives in the name of preventing terrorism. Rob--who is also an activist, author & executive director of the Rosenberg Fund for Children--will discuss his parents' case and the many dangerous parallels between 1953 and post-9/11 America.

music by Janet Feld

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