



## R A D C H A T T E R

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*Welcome to our bimonthly member newsletter: Radchatter!*

*A space where we provide updates on SWAA initiatives, relevant news, upcoming events, and recommendations for what to read, watch or listen to out there in the radical sphere.*

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# Remembrances to Celebrate this Month!



On June 19, 1865, nearly two years after President Abraham Lincoln signed the Emancipated Proclamation, Union troops arrived in Galveston Bay, Texas with news of freedom. More than 250,000 African Americans embraced freedom by executive decree in what became known as Juneteenth or Freedom Day.

[Learn](#) and [watch](#) more and celebrate!



Celebrated annually during the month of June, Pride Month commemorates the 1969 Stonewall Uprising. Commonly referred to as "Stonewall," this event was a tipping point for the Gay Liberation Movement in the United States. The first Pride march was held on June 28, 1970 in New York City, one year after Stonewall.

[Read](#) and [learn](#) more and

celebrate!

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# Advocacy Event



Learn more about this event and many more this month [here](#)

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## Upcoming SWAA Events

*Upcoming events, in-person or virtual that will be held in the month of June.*

**This Month's #RadChat**



Join us for SWAA's virtual

# #RadChats

**TOPIC: SOCIAL WORKERS AND SOCIAL PROTEST:  
WHAT IS OUR ROLE?**

**Thursday, June 20th at 8 pm EST**



#RadChats are hour-long open-ended conversations hosted by SWAA members. This session will be a dialogue examining whether social workers have an ethical obligation to join or organize social protests. What are the barriers to action? How can we support each other in this work? *This event will not be recorded.*



**TO LEARN MORE AND REGISTER, VISIT  
[SOCIALWELFAREACTIONALLIANCE.ORG](https://socialwelfareactionalliance.org)**



## [Register Now!](#)

*Reminder: #RadChat events are never recorded.*

*Learn more about this #RadChat [here](#)*



PRESENTS

# ORGANIZING EFFECTIVE PROTESTS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

Wednesday, June 26th, 2024

8-9:15 pm EST

Free, Virtual

Visit [socialwelfareactionalliance.org](https://socialwelfareactionalliance.org)  
to register



*Join us to hear from a panel of experienced organizers as they discuss strategies for dynamic social protest organizing!*

**Halla Anderson**, MSSP, MSW (candidate) - Columbia School of Social Work Abolition Caucus Leader and organizer at Columbia University for Divestment

**Khalilah Collins**, MSW - Director of Diverse Options: Voice & Empowerment, Louisville, KY

**Jenna Muhieddine** - Organizer for the Cleveland Palestine Advocacy Community Coalition

**Tiffany Porter** - Founder of Being Black in the Burbs & Accomplices, Rochester, NY

**Julia Solow**, MSW - Lead NY Caring Majority Organizer and Hand in Hand: The Domestic Employers Network

## [Register Now!](#)

Visit SWAA's website [here](#) for information on the panelists.

## SWAA Connecticut Chapter



We are beginning to plan for another People's Forum next January, which over the last two years has been one of our most successful events in advancing a radical perspective on policymaking here in Connecticut, bringing together a range of progressive advocates and activists seeking transformative change in social welfare and human services in our state.

Finally, as our meetings are largely virtual, we are planning a mid-summer in person social gathering in July and are looking forward to getting together for an evening of fun...and solidarity!

# Save the Date

JULY 18, 2024 | 5:00PM-7:30PM  
NEW HAVEN, LOCATION TBA



## SWAA CT *Summer* SOCIAL

**SWAA CT members, partners, allies,  
friends and family welcome!**

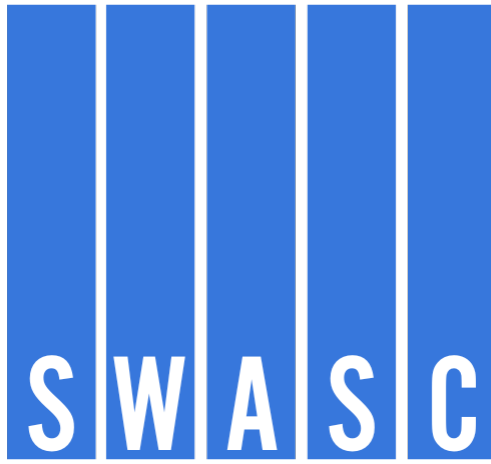
**Join us for an informal potluck and  
time to reconnect**

**RSVP at [bit.ly/swaasocial2024](https://bit.ly/swaasocial2024)**

**RSVP [here](https://bit.ly/swaasocial2024)**

Contact Email: [swaa.connecticut@gmail.com](mailto:swaa.connecticut@gmail.com)

**Social Workers & Allies Against Solitary Confinement (SWASC)**



**SOCIAL WORKERS AND ALLIES  
AGAINST SOLITARY CONFINEMENT**

Social Workers & Allies Against Solitary Confinement has had a busy spring! They hosted a book launch and discussion group promoting [\*Never to Surrender! 22 Years in Solitary: The Battle for My Soul in a U.S. Prison\*](#) by SWASC members Frank De Palma and Mary Buser. They also finalized bill edits on a NY state bill that would contribute to social workers ending torture and mistreatment of people incarcerated in NY state.

This fall, they will be launching their first CE workshop series - look for more information soon.

If you'd like to join their efforts or learn more, visit their [website](#) or email [swasc999@gmail.com](mailto:swasc999@gmail.com).

***Learn about our other chapters or join a chapter [here!](#)***

Know someone who might want to become a SWAA member or need to renew your membership?

***[Join & Renew here](#)***

## **Flashback News**

*Recent events supported or organized by our steering committee members.*

The Detroit News: Luke Ramseth



## **The People's Conference for Palestine**

*May 24-26 in Detroit, MI*

"We convene here together in the thousands from many walks of life and diverse backgrounds, cultures, traditions, and political experiences with the shared objective of advancing the struggle for Palestine."

Learn more [here](#)

Watch more [here](#)

### **What Happened at The People's Conference for Palestine?**

The People's Conference for Palestine brought together over 3,500 people in Detroit to talk about the ongoing genocide in Palestine. There were speakers from all over the world who talked about Israeli history in the light of colonialism and settler colonialism and how this has led to Israel's growing occupation of Palestine. Anti-Zionists Jewish people talked about the rights of Palestinians and how those rights have been trampled on by Israel for decades. Students talked about their encampments in the US and UK to get universities to divest. And community leaders discussed ways they are working with labor in the US and other countries to block arms shipments to Israel and to block Israel ships. Congressmember Rashida Tlaib talked about her family's suffering because of the occupation. All speakers spoke out against the ongoing US support of Israel and called for an immediate end to arms shipments and the need for a ceasefire.

But most importantly, Palestinians talked about their rich history, their desire to be free and to return to a free Palestine with their children.

*Written by SWAA Member Rosemary B.*

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### **Environmental Justice & 'Green' Social Work**



Are you interested in integrating **green strategies** into your social work practice?


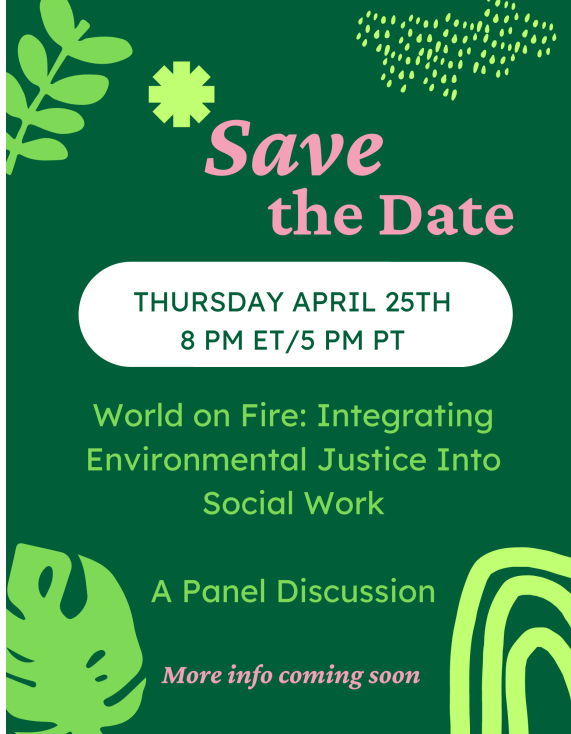
Do you want to **connect with others** who are also interested in this?

➔ Then join us for SWAA's virtual  
**#RadChats**  
**TOPIC: BECOMING GREEN SOCIAL WORKERS**  
**Tuesday, May 28th at 8 PM ET**



#RadChats are hour-long, open-ended drop-in sessions hosted by SWAA volunteers. This session will explore the intersection of environmental justice and social work. These sessions are not recorded.

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**Save the Date**

THURSDAY APRIL 25TH  
 8 PM ET/5 PM PT

World on Fire: Integrating Environmental Justice Into Social Work

A Panel Discussion

*More info coming soon*

These events were not recorded.

**During last month's #RadChat, participants worked together to create a visual representation of some of the needs, barriers, and considerations to encourage conversations and change around Green Social Work.**



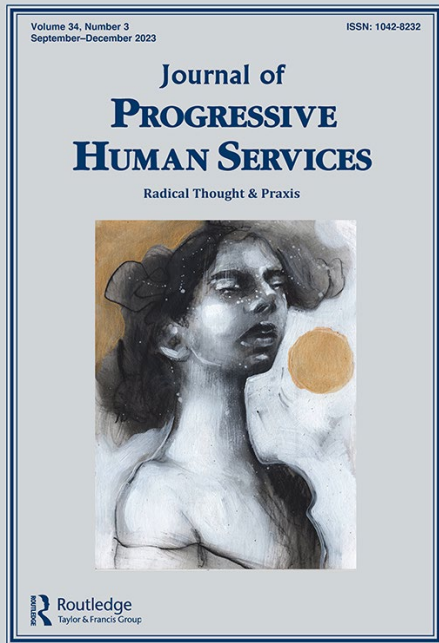
**Interested in contributing to or organizing a future virtual SWAA webinar, #RadChat or our steering committee public education work?**

**Email Us for more information on how you can get involved!**

**Support future panels, discussions, and events!**

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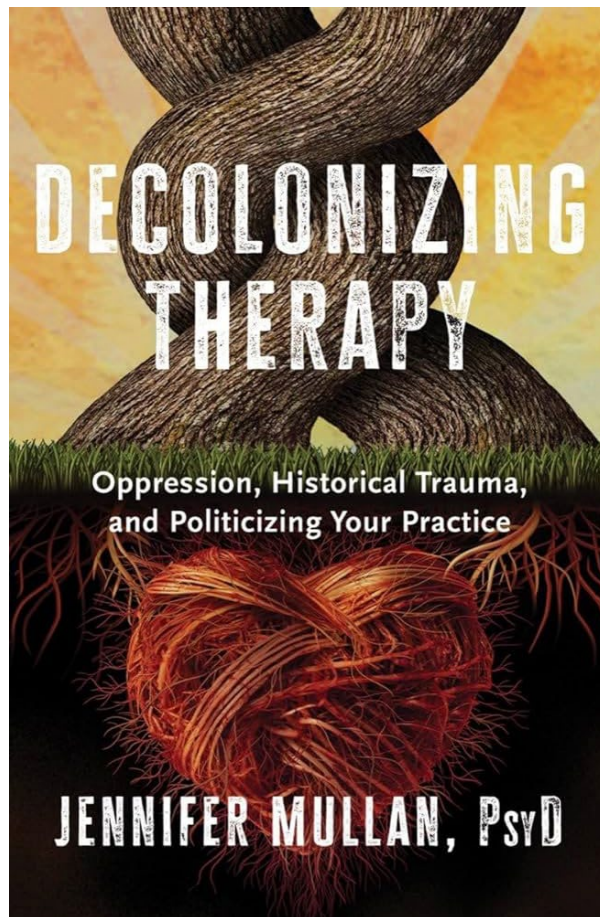
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## RadWork

*Welcome to our recommendations section! Where you can read, listen or watch people and organizations who align with our principles of social justice, peace and coalition building with progressive social movements.*

### June Book Recommendation

*Recommended by SWAA Member Tanya B.*



"For too long, the goal of therapy has been to help people adapt to oppression and cope with the ongoing trauma of colonial, capitalist and white supremacist systems. Well the old paradigm is crumbling, and frankly **it's long overdue.**" - Mullan, PsyD

Decolonizing Therapy shines a bright and loving light on the core wound of colonialism so that we can begin to heal.

It's a *loving, but urgent call* to:

- bravely and earnestly confront the multi-generational impact of colonization on all of us
- uncover and tend to the real roots of symptoms and suffering
- to recenter a collective healing process for all indigenous peoples, globally; and for those forcibly displaced and made to engage in emotional and physical labor in order to survive—in order to be seen as human

It calls for an end to individualistic and pathologizing Eurocentric methods of wellness—one that includes those who have been purposely excluded and historically forgotten.

It demands a model of mental health that is accessible to all and that offers a path to liberation and thriving.

To learn more about Dr. Mullan and her work:  
<https://www.decolonizingtherapy.com/>

To order the [book](#)

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