RESEARCHING THE STORIES OF WHITE ANTI-RACIST ACTIVISTS

Homework for Sept. 8, 1997

Please research the anti-racist work of these white activists and/or white progressive organizations. Then pick 2, from different historical periods, whose stories you can share with the workshop. (This exercise was suggested by Daniel Buford of The People’s Institute, but the format is sole responsibility of Sharon Martinas.)

Please note that this list is not at all inclusive. It is just a sample.

The Seventeenth Century

Roger Williams
Germantown, Pennsylvania Quakers
Mid 17th century
1688

The Eighteenth Century

Benjamin Lay
1737 ff

Ben Franklin
1789

Abigail Adams
Late 18th century

Anthony Benezet
Mid 18th century

Nineteenth Century Before the Civil War

John Brown
1850’s

Sarah and Anjelina Grimke
1830’s

William Lloyd Garrison
1830’s - 40’s

Theodore Weld
1830’s - 50’s

Lydia Maria Child
1830’s

Lucretia Mott
1840’s

Thomas Garrett
1840’s

Richard Dillingham
1840’s

Nineteenth Century: During & After Civil War

William Tecumseh Sherman
1864

Taddeus Stevens
1860’s

Charles Stevens
1860’s

Charles Schurz
1862 ff

Eduard Degener
1868

“carpet baggers:” female
1860’s - 70’s

Helen Hunt Jackson
1881

Early Twentieth Century Through World War I

“Big Bill” Haywood
1910ff

Brotherhood of Timber Workers
1915ff

The Wobblies
1910-20

Mother Jones
late 19th–early 20th cent.

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn
1910ff
### Twentieth Century: 1930's

- **Trade Union Unity League (TUUL)**: late 1920's–early 30's
- **Unemployment Councils**: 1932 – 1936
- **Jane Speed**: Early 1930's
- **Communist Party, USA**: Early 1930's
- **William Z. Foster**: 1930's – 1940's
- **International Labor Defense: Scottsboro Campaign**: mid 1930's
- **Boris Israel**: early 1930's
- **Clyde Johnson**: early 1930's
- **LYS (League of Young Southerners)**: late 1930's
- **Eleanor Roosevelt**: 1930's – 1940's
- **Jessie Daniel Ames**: 1930's
- **Harry Bridges**: 1930's – 1960's

### Twentieth Century: 1950's – 1960's

- **Lillian Smith**: 1940's – 1950's
- **Miles Horton**: late 1930's – 1980's
- **Barbara Deming**: 1950's – 60's
- **Jessica Mitford**: 1950's – 1980's
- **Students for a Democratic Society**: 1962? – 1969
- **Weather Underground**: 1969 – 1973 or 4
- **National Lawyers Guild**: 1930's – present
- **Pete Seeger**: 1950's – present
- **Ronnie Gilbert**: 1950's – present
- **Nannie Washburn**: 1930's – early 1990's
- **Southern Organizing Committee for Economic & Racial Justice**: 1960's – present
- **Arthur Kinoy**: 1960's – present
- **Karen Jo Koonan**: 1960's – present
- **Anne Braden**: 1950's – present
- **William Kunstler**: 1960's – early 1990's
- **Paul Harris**: 1960's – present
- **Bob Zellner**: 1960's – present
- **Mickey Ellinger**: 1960's – present
- **Robert Roth**: 1960's – present
- **Howard Zinn**: 1960's – present

### Twentieth Century: 1970's – Present

- **Noelle Hanrahan**: 1970's – present
- **Ted Allen**: 1970's – present
- **Stu Handlin**: 1970's – present
- **Eric Mann**: 1960's – present
- **Roxanne Dunbar Ortiz**: 1970's – present
- **Herbert Kohl**: 1970's – present
- **Adrienne Rich**: 1970's – present
- **Holly Near**: 1970's – present
- **The Dance Brigade**: 1970's – present
- **S.F. Mime Troupe**: 1970's – present
- **California Newsreel**: 1970's – present
- **Prairie Fire Organizing Committee (now Fireworx)**: 1970's – present
Linda Christensen 1980's – present
Bill Bigelow 1980's – present
Julie Light 1990's – present
Dennis Bernstein 1990's – present
Amy Goodman 1990's (maybe earlier) – present
Emily Goldfarb 1980's – present
Stephanie Ruby 1980's – present
Jan Adams & Rebecca Gordon 1980's – present
Middle East Children's Alliance 1980's – present
Michael Novack 1970's – present
Sylvia Baraldini 1970's – present
Laura Whitehorn 1970's – present
Marilyn Buck 1970's – present
Susan Rosenberg 1970's – present
NY Jews for Racial & Economic Justice 1980's – present
Mike Davis 1970's – present
Juliet Ucelli 1980's – present
Mab Segrest 1980's – present
Suzanne Pharr 1970's – present
Sabina Virgo 1970's – present
David Billings 1970's – present
Diana Dunn 1980's – present
"European Dissent" 1980's – present
Anne Romaine 1980's – mid 90's
Meck Groot 1990's – present
Joanie Mayer 1970's – present
Bradley Angel 1970's – present
Brad Erickson 1970's? – present
Harmony Goldberg 1990's – present
Tommy Avicoli Mecca 1980's – present
Tom Ammiano 1980's – present
S.F. Women Against Rape 1990's – present
Leaven 1990's – present
Judy Greenspan 1980's – present
Penny Schoner 1960's – present
Cece Weeks 1980's – present
Guiliana Milanese 1960's – present

and so many many more local activists

Please let me know of more people of should be added to this list.

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