

# NEW YEAR'S EVE CONCERT @CCB



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### Jack F. Matlock, Jr. A Diplomat's Reflections on President Kennedy's Vision of Peace Friday, Jan 10, 2025, 7PM ET

This webinar is sponsored by the JFK Peace Speech Committee and Community Church of Boston.

Jack F. Matlock Jr. is a former US Ambassador, a university professor, an historian, and an author. He had a 35-year career in the US Foreign Service that encompassed much of the Cold War period between the Soviet Union and the United States. He was stationed at the US Embassy in Moscow during the 1962 Cuban Missile Crisis and helped translate messages between President Kennedy and Premier Khrushchev. At the beginning of the detente between the US and USSR, Matlock was director of Soviet affairs in the State Department, and participated in the summit meetings between the leaders between 1972-91. Matlock was ambassador to the Soviet Union in 1987 and saw the last years of the Soviet Union before he retired from the Foreign Service in 1991.

He has held teaching positions at Duke University, Princeton University, Columbia University and Hamilton College. He has been active outside the government advocating for nuclear disarmament, and the peaceful resolution of a variety of international disputes.

He has authored several books including *Autopsy on an Empire: The American Ambassador's Account of the Collapse of the Soviet Union* (1995), *Reagan and Gorbachev: How the Cold War Ended* (2004), *Superpower Illusions: How Myths and False Ideologies Led America Astray—And How to Return to Reality* (2010), *Looking Back to Look Ahead: Thoughts of a Nonagenarian Halfway through His Tenth Decade* (2024).

Click [HERE](#) to register for the event.



CCB FRIDAY: January 17 @7PM ET



### "Prof. Norman Finkelstein on Gaza, Lebanon, Israel, and Iran"



Register for this virtual program: [shorturl.at/iuvkC](http://shorturl.at/iuvkC)

Virtual CCB Friday, January 31 @11:00 AM



### "Professor Mohammad Marandi on Iran, Israel, & Gaza"

Dr. Seyed Mohammad Marandi is an Iranian-American academic and political analyst. He is the son of Alireza Marandi, a physician who has served in Iran's government as Minister of Health as well as a Member of Parliament. He returned to Iran after spending his first thirteen years in the U.S. and served in the Iran-Iraq war where he survived exposure to chemical weapons. Marandi is a Professor of English Literature and Orientalism at the University of Tehran. **Q & A will follow the talk.**



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## CCB SUNDAYS & MORE!

January 5 – March 2, 2025

In person and hybrid programs.



January 5 at 11:00 AM

### "Left Rebuilding in a New Trump Era"

with **Suren Moodlier**



Speaking as co-editor with Prof. Charles Derber of the essay collection, *How We Win* (Routledge, 2024), this talk reviews why Trump won at the polls and outlines how left projects may build on one another in the coming period.

• **Suren Moodlier** brings a campaigning background in housing, labor and corporate accountability to his organizing work. This is also influenced by his deep appreciation for diverse communities and respect for their histories - this has driven his life-long organizing and publishing history. Suren is from South Africa where the struggle against apartheid provided his formative experiences. *For his writings, please visit <http://telos.co/s>*

music by **Max Ridley**, bass, and **Mat Hull**, trumpet

January 12 at 11:00 AM

### "QAWAL(our planting, our harvest)"

with **Daniel Dávalos**



QAWAL, our planting, our harvest, is the sum of knowledge gathered over several years in rural communities in Mexico. The main objective is to create and operate a perpetual ecological balance to achieve sustainable goals for rural development. The QAWAL experience originated in "El Belem" territory, inside of "La Encrucijada" Biosphere Reserve, Chiapas. The QAWAL concept can be replicated anywhere by anyone with a genuine need to transform into an alternative reality.

• **Daniel Dávalos Morán** is an agronomist and rural sociologist. Since 1987 his focus has been on rural development and community building. Born in Mexico in 1970, he is a proud father of 3, and works in villages in Southern Mexico to use indigenous organizational models to foster positive growth and community solidarity. Daniel's focus is to develop bonds of friendship and solidarity between communities in the North and South. He divides his time between, Chiapas, Southern Mexico and Boston.

music by **Antuan de Castro**





January 19 at 11:00 AM

### “MLK and Malcolm X: Their Formative Years” with Patrick Parr

In the Fall of 1948, the lives of 19-year-old Martin Luther King Jr. and 23-year-old Malcolm X began to change. For King, it starts as a first-year student at Crozer Theological Seminary in Pennsylvania. For Malcolm, it was as an incarcerated individual at Norfolk Prison Colony in Massachusetts.

• **Patrick Parr** is the author of *The Seminarian: Martin Luther King Jr. Comes of Age* (2018) and *Malcolm Before X* (2024). Previous work has appeared in *Politico*, *The Boston Globe*, *The Atlantic*, *Japan Today*, and *The American Prospect*, among others. He lives with his wife near Tokyo and teaches at Lakeland University Japan.

music by **Dean Stevens**

January 26 at 11:00 AM

### “We Need Healing, Not Prisons” with James Kilgore

James Kilgore will speak about when he ascertained, the understanding of the destructiveness of prison gained by his own experiences and he will offer suggestions for genuine alternatives. In depicting alternatives, he will draw from ten years of research working with people returning home from prison in his own community.

• **James Kilgore** lives in Urbana, Illinois. He was a federal fugitive for 27 years. He spent 18 of those years in southern Africa, working as a teacher and an educator for trade unions and community organizations dedicated to overthrowing apartheid. He was arrested in Cape Town in 2002 and extradited to the US where he served 6.5 years in prison. Since his release in 2009 he has written seven books and many articles on mass incarceration, has organized among formerly incarcerated people in his community, and is a father to two sons, a grandfather to three girls and the life partner of African historian Teresa Barnes.

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February 2 at 11:00 AM

### “A Family Legacy: Compassion vs. Moral Injury, Humanism vs. Zionism” with Janna Maria Radovsky Fröhlich Reflections in Song, Paintings and Recollections

As the daughter of a compassionate humanist and the granddaughter of a righteous Zionist, Janna will present her multiple perspectives on intergenerational trauma, moral injury, and personal responsibility. She will present her view on how to cherish the blessings of inheritance while discarding and decrying the violence and nearsightedness inherent in a Jewish family's devotion to Zionism. She will also endeavor to show how we must reframe the worlds of psychotherapy and mental health through a social justice lens that acknowledges the damage that western colonization has on the souls of both the oppressed and the oppressor in the USA and Palestine.

• **Janna** (pronounced Yannah), a self-described polymath, is a musician, composer/arranger, singer-songwriter, poet, multi-instrumentalist (keyboard, harp, guitar, percussion), essayist, visual artist, board-certified music therapist, and expressive psychotherapist. She has a private practice out of her home in Roslindale, MA, and is part of the duo HeartSoulVoice. She holds degrees from Wheaton College, Sarah Lawrence College, and Lesley University. She is a member of First Church UU of Jamaica Plain, where she was the vocal soloist for over 3 decades. She also worked at Harvard School of Public Health for over two decades as a programmer analyst in environmental health research.

music by **Janna Maria Radovsky Fröhlich and Joy Grimes, violin**



February 9 at 11:00 AM

### “We Refuse: A Forceful History of Black Resistance” with Dr. Kellie Carter Jackson

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Black resistance to white supremacy is often reduced to a simple binary, between Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.'s nonviolence and Malcolm X's “by any means necessary.” In *We Refuse*, historian Kellie Carter Jackson urges us to move past this false choice, offering an unflinching examination of the breadth of Black responses to White oppression, particularly those pioneered by Black women.

• **Kellie Carter Jackson** is the Michael and Denise Kellen '68 Associate Professor of Africana Studies and the Chair of the Africana Studies Department Wellesley College. She is the author of *We Refuse: A Forceful History of Black Resistance* and the award-winning book, *Force & Freedom: Black Abolitionists and the Politics of Violence*. Her essays have been published in *The New York Times*, *The Washington Post*, *The Atlantic*, CNN, *The Nation*, and a host of other outlets. She has been featured in numerous documentaries for Netflix, PBS, MSNBC, and Apple TV. She co-hosts the podcast, “This Day in Political Esoteric History.”

music by **CommUnity Voices**

February 16 at 11:00 AM **TBA**

February 23 at 11:00 AM



### “W. E. B. Du Bois and the Question of Palestine” with Michael B. Burawoy

One of the remarkable features of the life and work of W. E. B. Du Bois was its global reach, but he approached international relations as a critic of US imperialism. This left him with several blind spots not least in relation to the question of Palestine. What can we learn from his limitations? How can we use Du Bois' pioneering scholarship on the US to give a fuller picture of globalization, the history of Israel/Palestine, and today's war in the Middle East?

• **Michael Burawoy** is Professor Emeritus at the University of California, Berkeley where he is a sociologist who has conducted studies of class and race in Africa, Soviet and post-Soviet countries as well as in the United States.

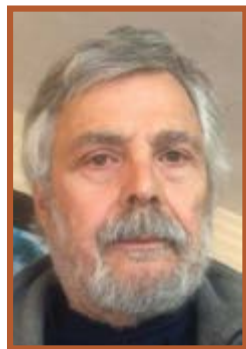
music by **Cliff Notez**

March 2 at 11:00 AM

### “Native Land Reparation: What You Can Do” with Lewis Randa

Lewis will talk about Native land reparations, the promise to become stewards of all creation and how one can make a pledge to care for the land and its inhabitants that was wrongfully taken centuries ago.

• **Lewis Randa** is a Quaker, pacifist, vegan, educator, and social change activist. He is the founder and director of The Life Experience School for children with disabilities; The Peace Abbey, an Interfaith Center for the study and practice of Nonviolence and Pacifism; The Pacifist Memorial, a national monument honoring pacifists throughout history; The Veganpeace Animal Sanctuary, a safe haven for animals that have escaped from slaughterhouses following the rescue of Emily the Cow; Stonewalk, a global peace walk that involves physically pulling a two-ton memorial stone for Unknown Civilians Killed in War (Documentary shown on PBS), and many others.



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