

About

The Final Straw is a weekly anarchist and anti-authoritarian radio show bringing you voices and ideas from struggle around the world. Since 2010, we've been broadcasting from occupied Tsalagi land in Southern Appalachia (Asheville, NC). We also frequently feature commentary (serious and humorous) by anarchist prisoner, Sean Swain.

The Final Straw has been operating since mid-2010 out of AshevilleFM.org, a free-form internet radio station in Asheville, North Carolina now broadcasting at WSFM-LP, 103.3 FM! Currently, we're being aired on WCRS (Columbus, OH), KWTF (Bodega Bay, CA), KWRK-LP (Fairbanks, AK), KRJF-LP (Santa Rosa, CA), KFUG-LP (Crescent City, CA), KEPW-LP (Eugene, OR), KODX-LP (Seattle, WA), The Empower Radio 101.5 (San Antonio, TX), KPCA-LP (Petaluma, CA), KPFA (Los Angeles, CA), KZYX (Philo, CA), KPFA (Berkeley / Fresno, CA), WOZO (Knoxville, TN) and WFRN-LP (Pasqua / Nashville)!

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THE Final Straw

A WEEKLY ANARCHIST SHOW



2011-2020

CATALOG OF TRANSCRIBED RADIO EPISODES,
AVAILABLE TO PRINT AT: <https://thefinalstrawradio.noblogs.org>

2011 Police Abolition: An interview with Kristian Williams

Kristian Williams. Williams speaks on his first book, *Our Enemies in Blue: A History of Policing in America*, on community policing and the counterinsurgency training shared between the U.S. military and domestic law enforcement agencies and the growing movement calling for the abolition of police in the United States.

2012 South Korean Social Movements in the 20th Century

This week we spoke with Dr. George Katsiaficas about his book *Asia's Unknown Uprisings: South Korean Social Movements in the 20th Century*, the Gwangju and Jeju Uprisings, resistance to the building of a South Korean naval base on Jeju Island, the Eros Effect and other topics.

STUDENT STRIKE! POPULAR STRUGGLE! / GREVE ETUDIANTE! LUTTE POPULAIRE!

This week's show features a conversation with Maria, an American-born anarchist and former University student living in Montreal, Quebec. Maria shares with us the context of the student and social strikes of earlier this year in this conversation.

2015 **Dixie Be Damned**

A conversation with editors and authors of their book entitled “*Dixie Be Damned: 300 years of Insurrection in the American South*”. The book is a study of Maroon, Indigenous, White, Black, worker, farmer, slave, indentured, women and men wrestling against institutions of power for autonomy and self-determination. All of this in a region stereotyped to be backwards, slow, lazy, victimized and brutal.

Compañeras: Zapatista Women’s Stories

An interview with Hilary Klein, author/editor of the book *Compañeras: Zapatista Women’s Stories* about: her 7 years of living in Chiapas and recording the stories and experiences of women there; what gender, indigeneity and class looked like and how that’s changed in the Zapatista communities; the state of Chiapas and in Mexico; the origins of the EZLN; some parallels and distinctions between anarchism and Zapatismo; and much more.

A chat with Eric McDavid on prison, post-incarceration, hope, ice cream and more

A chat with Eric McDavid, a recently released eco-anarchist and vegan. Eric and his two co-defendants (Lauren Weiner and Zachary Jenson) were entrapped by an FBI agent provocateur who went by the name of “Anna” and arrested for allegedly planning to blow up cell-phone towers, small dams & a lab researching genetically modifying trees. Eric was arrested in January of 2006 during an FBI raid on the cabin that “Anna” was providing for the four.

2016 **Peter Linebaugh on May Day**

We interviewed autonomous Marxist historian, Peter Linebaugh on essay collection *The Incomplete, True, Authentic and Wonderful History of May Day* on the ecological and labor roots of the holiday, plus some music we curated at the time. We re-aired this interview on May Day in 2023 as well.

Keep Hoods Yours

Keep Hoods Yours, or KHY, is a radical graffiti crew based in the SF Bay Area that organizes against gentrification, sexual predators in the scene, racism and more. We’ll hear about the rebel events called Sideshows, the police killing of Richard Perkins, KHY participation in uprisings against the Ferguson verdict and more.

Grand Jury Resistance at Standing Rock

An anarchist legal worker who has been participating in resistance at Standing Rock in so called North Dakota. This interview is specifically about the grand jury summons which was recently served to someone who was struggling at Standing Rock, we speak about what a grand jury is and how people might resist them, also a bit about what it means for this movement to have a grand jury subpoena occur at this moment.

Pan-African Social Ecology: A conversation with Dr Modibo Kadalie

Modibo Kadalie, author of *Pan-African Social Ecology* speaks about autonomous community organizing, the contradictions between the survival of the species and capitalism, CLR James, the pandemic, direct democracy, Geechee history in south so-called Georgia, the weaknesses of nationalism, hierarchy and more.

The Intertwined Histories of Queerness and Anarchism

Author, Kristian Williams about his new book *Resist Everything Except Temptation: The Anarchist Philosophy of Oscar Wilde*.

Cora Borradaile on Phone Extraction, Cloning and Keyword Warrants

Speaking with Cora Borradaile, who sits on the advisory board of the Civil Liberties Defense Center and works around issues of tech security in movements and is an associate professor at OSU.

Wayne Price on Anarchism and Marxist Economics

A 2020 conversation with Wayne Price, longtime anarchist, author, about common visions of what an anarchist economy might look like, how we might get there, class and intersection of other oppressions, and a critique of State Capitalism.

Injustice Inside Texas Department of Criminal Justice talks about his journalism, activism and troubles in the Texas prison system.

Anarchist Resistance In Prison: Jennifer A. Rose

A correspondence with anarchist prisoner & contributor to Fire Ant Journal, Jennifer Rose about her life, activism & being a trans woman in the CA prison system.

Anarchist Resistance In Prison: Comrade Z

An interview with Julio A Zuniga, aka Comrade Z, incarcerated anarchist, artist & IWOC organizer in the Texas prison system about conditions in Dirty Darrington.

Anarchist Historian, Barry Pateman

Our interview with Barry Pateman, an anarchist historian and author about anarchist history, community, repression, defeat, insularity, popular front with authoritarian Marxists, class analysis and how to beat back capitalism.

Lorenzo Komb'oa Ervin and Bomani Shakur / Keith Lamar

First up, Lorenzo Komb'oa Ervin talks about attempts in the 1960's and 70's at building a prisoners union in the United States and parallels with inside / outside organizing in the USA today. Then we hear from Ohio death row prisoner from the Lucasville Uprising case, Bomani Shakur (aka Keith Lamar) about his struggle to stay alive and call out the injustice in his and so many cases.

Hotel Sanctuary in MPLS

We got to connect with an organizer in Minneapolis, about the liberation of a former Sheraton Hotel in that city and its slow but steady transformation into something that is becoming so much more than a housing cooperative.

A View on the Capitol Hill Autonomous Zone

D, a Black Anarchist who grew up in and around Capitol Hill district in Seattle speaks about that neighborhood and adjacent Central District's rebelliousness and conflictual history with the Eastern Precinct that the Seattle Police abandoned, about the protests of past weeks and the retreat of cops from their pen.

Maxida Mäarak and Gabriel Khun on Liberating Sápmi

An interview on the 2019 PM Press release *Liberating Sápmi: Indigenous Resistance in Europe's Far North*. This book details a political history of the Sámi people whose traditional lands extend along the north most regions of so called Sweden, Norway, Finland, and parts of Russia.

Aric McBay on "Full Spectrum Resistance"

A conversation that Bursts had last year with Aric McBay, who is an anarchist, organizer, farmer, and author about his most recent book called *Full Spectrum Resistance* published by Seven Stories Press in May 2019.

Reflections on June 26, 2016 antifa resistance in Sacramento, CA

An hour-long conversation with organizers of the June 26th antifascist resistance in Sacramento, CA, that routed the attempted organizing on the Capitol Steps by white nationalist groups, the Traditionalist Workers Party and the Golden State Skinheads (among other groups).

2017 Anarchist Thoughts on Tactics at Standing Rock

Noah, a well established movement medic, anarchist, and participant in #NoDAPL at Standing Rock, speaks about his experiences and analyses of how this resistance was organized and how it developed, what worked, what the failings were, and how resistance to extraction industries could look moving forward.

Betsy Raasch-Gilman on Anarchism, Organizing & Movement for a New Society

Betsy Raasch-Gilman is a lifelong Quaker, feminist and anti-capitalist who talks about her experiences organizing as an anarchist during the Cold War with Movement for a New Society, difficulties of critiquing capitalism within the peace movement, anti-nuke organizing, modeling consensus and affinity group organizing, alternative and cooperative models, attempting to ground organizing in anti-racism, separatism, organizing with the Marxist Left, the RNC8, St. Paul principles, infiltration and more.

Walidah Imarisha on Angels With Dirty Faces, Accountability Processes, and more

Walidah Imarisha (an Oregon based writer, educator, public scholar and spoken word artist) speaks about her book *Angels With Dirty Faces*, which highlights three distinct experiences that are all in different degrees tangential to the realities inherent to the prison industrial complex.

2018

Keep Loxicha Free!: A conversation with Bruno Renero-Hannan about Political Imprisonment and Indigenous Resistance in Oaxaca

An anarchist historical anthropologist speaks about their solidarity work around two of the original 250 Loxicha Prisoners in the state of Oaxaca. This rebellion and imprisonment occurred almost simultaneously to the Zapatista rebellion in Chiapas in the mid-late 90s. We talk about the history of this case, the similarities and differences between this uprising and that of the Zapatistas, the ongoing political repression of Alvaro Ramirez and Abraham Ramirez, and more.

Kevin Rashid Johnson on the Prison Strike

An interview we conducted with Kevin "Rashid" Johnson. Rashid is a co-founder of the New Afrikan Black Panther Party and is the Minister of Defense from within it's Prison Chapter.

Zolo Agona Azania

A chat with New Afrikan, former Black Panther and political prisoner Zolo Agona Azania. Zolo is from Gary, Indiana, where he lives now, working a job and also doing re-entry work with the formerly incarcerated and community service to break cycles of trauma. Zolo talks about his life, his parents, his art, his education, his time behind bars, his political development, the Republic of New Africa, and his legal struggle.

Cory Doctorow on “Walkaway”

Sci-fi and picture book author, technologist and social critic Cory Doctorow on his novel *Walkaway*'s themes of open source technologies, class society, post-scarcity economics, ecological remediation, drop-out culture & liberatory social models.

2019

Anarchists In Conflict: Rojava + Yellow Vest Movement

This week on The Final Straw, the episode's theme is anarchist interventions in struggles around the world. We'll be sharing audios from comrades in the A-Radio Network, which just had it's 5th Annual Gathering in Zurich, Switzerland.

Gord Hill on Art and Resistance

Gord Hill is an indigenous author, anarchist, antifascist and militant, a member of the Kwakwaka'wakw nation living in so-called British Columbia, Canada. Gord recently published *The Antifa Comic Book*, out from Arsenal Pulp Press, and runs the website Warrior Publications.

Ni Frontiers Ni Prison

A conversation with someone from *Ni Frontiers Ni Prison*, which is a group in so-called Canada that is resisting the proposed construction of a new migrant prison in Laval. In this interview we talk about the prison and what it would mean for people who'd be most affected by it, the general rise of far right sentiment in so called Canada, and more.

Kuwasi Balagoon: A Soldier's Story

This week Bursts spoke with Matt Meyer about a new edition of *Kuwasi Balagoon: A Soldier's Story* (PM Press), which details the life of Black Panther and anarchist Kuwasi Balagoon. They talk about Kuwasi's life, his approaches to anarchism, and his queerness among many other topics.

Resisting Tyranny in Hong Kong

We spoke with Ahkok who identifies as a humanitarian, antifascist and musician who grew up in Hong Kong and has participated in protests over the years including the Umbrella Movement and current protests today. We talk about the mindset of the Hong Kong protests, the situation in China, decolonization, racism and more.

On Nurturance Culture w Nora Samaran

This week, Bursts spoke with Nora Samaran, author of the essay “*The Opposite Of Rape Culture Is Nurturance Culture*”, which became the seed of her book “*Turn This World Inside Out: The Emergence of Nurturance Culture*.”

Eli Meyerhoff on ‘Beyond Education’

An interview from with Eli Meyerhoff about his book *Beyond Education: Radical Studying for Another World*. This interview covers a lot of issues such as the historical and colonial construction of what we think of today as education.

Sima Lee on Resistance, Repression, Hip Hop, and Creating New Worlds

An interview with a queer Afro-Indigenous hip hop artist and community organizer of long standing, about a recent raid that occurred at Maroon House in DC. We speak about Maroon House, its story and what it is in the process of becoming, the ask for support in helping this movement build and heal from the brutal police repression, her newest album *Trap Liberation Army*, and many more topics.

2020

Perspectives from Iranian Anarchists

A chat with a translator of the Anarchist Union of Afghanistan and Iran to share perspectives from membership in Iran and abroad about resistance to the regime from within, solidarity from abroad, the impact of US Sabre-rattling.

An Anarcha-Feminist View on GANA Govt in El Salvador

A conversation with Elisa, an anarchafeminist in San Salvador, El Salvador, talking about the new neo-liberal government of Nayib Bukele's GANA party, repression, immigration, relation to the US and anarchist organizing there.

El Salvador: Una Perspectiva Anarcha-Feminista

Nos complace presentar una conversación con una compañera feminista anarcha, Elisa, en San Salvador, El Salvador. Elisa comparte sus puntos de vista sobre el régimen neoliberal del partido GANA de Nayib Bukele que asumió la presidencia en febrero pasado, la relación de El Salvador con los Estados Unidos, el gobierno anterior del FMLN, la inmigración y la organización anarquista.

Social Justice and Struggle in Lebanon and Syria: Elia Ayoub and Leila Al-Shami

Elia Ayoub tells us of some of the history of Lebanon, since the civil war that ended in 1990 and up to the current demonstrations against the clientelist warlords in power. Leila speaks about the sparking of the resistance to Bashar Al-Assad in Syria, the tumult of the civil war, and the state of anti-authoritarian and social justice organizing and media work in that country.

Incarcerated Journalist and Organizer, Jason Renard Walker

Jason Renard Walker, Minister of Labor of the New Afrikan Black Panther Party (Prison Chapter) and author of *Reports from Within The Belly Of The Beast: Torture and*