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## **New Timbuktu Organizing Seminars**

### **OVERVIEW:**

Traditionally, mainstream intellectual communities have been impotent in their endeavors to improve the quality of life of African descendant people. It has often been people outside the mainstream institutions of civil society that have been able to generate the greatest movement toward social transformation. The mission of this project is to cultivate a learning community that can make substantive contributions to ongoing dialog around movements for social justice in Baltimore and around the country.

The purpose of the activism training program is two-fold.

1. To create a learning community that is rooted the Black radical tradition, as opposed to the traditional, non-profit, liberal democratic white controlled framework that is popular in mainstream politics.
2. To develop organizing and intellectual tools to advance social justice in a way that builds an independent Black political and economic sphere.

### **DATES, COST & LOCATION:**

This program will be a part of our three week summer camp - the Eddie Conway Liberation Institute (ECLI) - **July 10th to July 31st** on the campus of **Coppin State University**.

The seminars will be conducted **Monday-Friday, 10am to 6pm**. There will be two sessions a day. One session in the morning and one in the afternoon.

The cost is **\$500** to attend all the sessions. Food and transportation is your responsibility.

### **SESSIONS:**

These are the types topics we will cover during the seminars.

- **Racism & White Supremacy - A Framework for Understanding All Social Justice Issues**
  - Many people have framed the discussion of racism as one of many other injustices that plague American society.
  - We will discuss the notion of racism/white supremacy as the central organizing principle that governs the political and libidinal economy in the US.



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- We will investigate the notion of white supremacy as a paradigm that prefigures all of the social, political, and economic struggles in Baltimore.
- **The Non-Profit Industrial Complex (NIC) in Baltimore**
  - We will look at role of Non-Profit organizations in Baltimore and the role that race and racism play in these dynamics.
  - We will look at the particular ways that specific foundations participate in perpetuating racism in the non-profit world and discuss ways that whites can help to subvert the NIC.
- **Black Children and White Adults: The Psycho-Existential Complex**
  - There are many forms of representational violence that are directed at Black youth in Baltimore. Most of the public criticism of the representations of Black youth that make us targets of the criminal justice system are directed at mainstream media.
  - While this criticism is important there are also harmful ways that the non-profit sector represents Black youth that undermines the development of Black led social movements in Baltimore.
- **Whiteness and the Contours of Black Leadership**
  - There are a complex series of factors that contribute to what is called Black Leadership in the United States.
  - This session will look at ways that whites have historically and contemporaneously impeded the progress of effective Black Leadership.
- **White Women and Black Masculinity**
  - Black masculinity has been under attack in the United States since 1619. There is an anxiety about Black manhood that is manifested in the castration of Black men during enslavement.
  - We will look at the way that particular depictions of white femininity has been used to justify violence against Black men within activist circles.
- **Multi-racial coalitions**
  - There is often an attempt to evoke a sentiment of inter-racial camaraderie as a way to address racism. The development of multi-racial coalitions can perpetuate latent forms of racism that allow whites to frame the interest pursued by people of color.
  - We will look at how this phenomena manifests itself in Baltimore.