

## CALL FOR CONTRIBUTORS

### ***Roots of Consciousness, Routes of Struggle: Youth Reimagine Racial, Gender, and Economic Justice***

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We invite original submissions from activists, artists, scholars, and visionaries of all ages to our anthology, *Roots of Consciousness, Routes of Struggle: Youth Reimagine Racial, Gender, and Economic Justice*. The collection's central purpose is to explore, narrate, document, and understand the paths through which children and youth become committed actors in social movements, political struggles, and creative projects that seek to build racial, gender, and economic justice. We seek experientially-based narratives, autobiographical and first-person reflections, group-authored conversations, poetry, photo essays, as well as scholarly manuscripts grounded in social and historical research.

We are particularly interested in narratives that consider multiple forms of domination and resistance, those which view social justice as inseparable from racial, gender, and economic justice, and which are influenced by the intersectional approaches and antiracist political and intellectual work of women, womanists/*mujeristas*/feminists, and queers of color. We invite submissions that address contemporary struggles and journeys to political consciousness and action, and we also seek historical pieces that reflect back upon authors' social justice journeys as youth, particularly across unlikely geographic locations, time periods, and which uncover histories of resistance.

We invite essays and creative works on a wide range of topics connected to youth political consciousness and organizing that may include but are not limited to the following:

- Building alternative institutions, cultures, and practices (co-operatives, freedom schools, etc.)
- Prison abolitionism and dismantling the prison-industrial complex
- Reproductive and sexual justice
- Immigrant rights and border justice
- Native, rural, and urban struggles against displacement and gentrification
- Disability rights, especially access to affordable health care
- LGBTQ youth of color-led organizing
- Educational equity and ending the school-to-prison pipeline
- Public health and healing
- Food justice
- Environmental and climate justice
- Organizing against police brutality and gang injunctions
- Antiwar projects and counter-recruitment organizing
- Antipoverty and/or welfare rights organizing projects
- Union organizing and/or student-labor coalitions
- Youth-led cultures of resistance, including music, art, media, and performance
- Intergenerational dialogues and projects
- Occupy/Decolonize movement participation
- Political consciousness and activism in reactionary contexts, time periods, and places

Brief description of submission (no more than 350 words) due on April 2, 2012.

Complete submissions due on June 30, 2012.

Word Limit: 6,000 words (including notes and references, if applicable)

Format: Word document (for scholarly submissions with references, please use Chicago Style)

**Email submission and any questions with subject line "Submission" to both: [molly.talcott@gmail.com](mailto:molly.talcott@gmail.com) and [dorcasgilmore@gmail.com](mailto:dorcasgilmore@gmail.com).**