

Event Report :
100 years of protest at UCLA

<p>York Chang</p>	<p>Attorney for california teachers association labor union Poverty attorney for neighborhood legal services</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cofounded students first organization promoting affirmative action and student rights <p>Limited culture and political engagement in Barstow</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - No sense of political identity - Student government - graphic design in cultural affairs - Met activists and started to educate himself and get involved - CAPSA - Attacked while protesting with other students in beverly hills for worker immigrant rights - Organize coalitions of underrepresented students - Pete wilson governor- targeted immigrants - limit their access to public services that was affecting students - echoes of DACA - prop 187 - Practical and academic intersect - Organize around student government because as activists education is human right that opens doors to power (consciousness and awareness) - Student government was first a place for programming and events but it is now not about titles or resumes but instead it is access to decision makers and resources to make education more accessible - Financially organized resources for campaign - Used to win affirmative action panel, organized walkout to battle group trying to get rid of affirmative action first at UC level - Best part of experience: opportunity to figure things out about yourself, find connections and communicate - Craft that develops from bad experience, bad conversations on BRUINWALK, - Activists all went on to continue what they were doing at UCLA - Seminal experience can be foundation for lifelong career and passion - Came full circle - came back to education - more funding for primary educaiton - civil rights issue -
<p>Jolie Chea</p>	<p>UC president's postdoctoral fellow</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sociology and ethnic studies degree and asian american studies - Work alongside queer, and youth of color - Combine social justice activism and community based scholarship - Grew up in LA as child of cambodian refugees - "Grew up in America together" - Chinatown service center helped them find apartment to share

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Chinatown history??? Working class family and area - Start working young - Summer youth employment program started by struggle of community members and leaders to provide opportunity and employment to improve lives - fought for programs not created out of goodwill - Meant to serve at risk populations - picking up litter - Strong cultural identity in LA - Junior high and high school bussed out to different neighborhoods to improve access to education - 1992 LA uprising - formative moment in political uprising - Running through LA not going to school because of race rumbles that would happen, hide from police in underground bus tunnels - Aware of ethnicity and cultural identity and aftermath increased awareness of race - Why is my life this way? Enrolled in classes and got kicked out but appealed and got back in - took ethnic studies class that changed life - Desire to make sense of experiences - Masters student in asian american studies - busy time for communities because social media wasn't around so activism was in air / climate - Finding your Gift - critical resistance, civil disobedience actin todos somos arizona - blocked entrance of detention center and were arrested - No longer formally involved with organizations - where life took me - Don't work for university - but IN it - US in colonial settler nation - What made class possible? Nervous about people not having specificity - have freedom to evoke anxiety - what will you do when you don't know what to do - Teaching is act of protest - Protest is not action - but philosophy or way of life - Protest is not a position you can have formally in an organization, but in the way you move about the world
Robert Kirimi	<p>Social engagement artist, playtivity and comedic storyteller</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Work in LA times - Worked with SXSW - Activism and art practice are intertwined - Chicano hunger strike journalist for daily bruin - few people of color working there - Took over faculty center and arrested - first time in university - Political activist = joke teller - "Everyone thinks you're going to be dea in 12 hours"

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Be anywhere to be political - political is personal- Taught sexual education through theater- Ending up in places to least expect - news magazines for art and activism- Stories nourish - kin and half breeds- Part of continuum - never feel ahead of time because it goes on forever- Activism allows people to find family- Criticized student body president first filipino - ended up conversing with him and they now have cooking show- Idea 1 - Paulo freire '93 LA riots : "Find your gift" root of activism- Idea 2 - figuring things out through failure- If you take play away from human it is best way to kill soul- Figure it out through play- Use food to do this - occupy baltimore - feed lunch to talk about economics- Relations and relationships to deal with activism- In meetings with edward james omos - how many intimate conversatins are happening right now that you do not know about ?- Those are muscles heart and veins of activism- Who are you eating with ?- If you lose play you lose humanity- Relationships stem from play- Learn from failure - never give up continue to play |
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