Solidarity Syllabus on Our Community is Our Campaign (November 2017)

Listen to the November 2017 episode of Solidarity is This, which features a conversation with M. Adams and Kabzuag Vaj, the co-directors of Freedom, Inc, a non-profit organization in Madison, Wisconsin that organizes Black and Hmong communities.

Below are links to the resources mentioned in the conversation.

About Southeast Asian communities

Southeast Asian Freedom Network (SEAFN) is a national campaign to stop the deportation of Southeast Asian community members. The organizations currently part of the SEAFN are: Asian and Pacific Islanders for Community Empowerment (Oakland, CA), Asian Pacific Islander Youth Promoting Advocacy and Leadership (Oakland, CA), Asian Freedom Project (Madison, WI), CAAAV: Organizing Asian Communities (New York, NY), Cambodian Association of Greater Philadelphia (Philadelphia, PA), Family Unity of Lowell (Lowell, MA), Khmer Girls in Action (Long Beach, CA), and Providence Youth Student Movement (Providence, RI).

Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC) is a national organization that advances the interests of Cambodian, Laotian, and Vietnamese Americans by empowering communities through advocacy, leadership development, and capacity building to create a socially just and equitable society.

SEARAC also offers resources on immigration and deportation. Over 15,000 Southeast Asian Americans in the U.S. have final orders of deportation, around 80% of which are based on old criminal convictions. In most of these cases, individuals came to the U.S. as infants and toddlers, fleeing the conflicts in Southeast Asia as refugees with their families.

About Solidarity

Movement for Black Lives Policy Platform - In response to the sustained and increasingly visible violence against Black communities in the U.S. and globally, a collective of more than 50 organizations representing thousands of Black people from across the country have come together with renewed energy and purpose to articulate a common vision and agenda.

Seeding Change - Seeding Change grows a national Asian American movement to promote a just, sustainable, and democratic society. Its key strategies include building a national pipeline for the next generation of AAPI organizers; creating an infrastructure for AAPI grassroots organizing; and experimenting with building power and scale for our movements toward a vibrant social and economic justice movement.
**SEAFN Open Letter to the Southeast Asian Community on Black Solidarity** - SEAFN calls the Southeast Asian Community to action, healing and organizing after the deaths of Mike Brown and Eric Garner.

**100+ AAPI Orgs Vow to Resist the Trump Administration** (Colorlines) - A coalition of Asian American and Pacific Islander organizations issued a statement rejecting any attempts by the Trump Administration to use AAPIs to make a case for their legitimacy and diversity.

**Asian American Racial Justice Toolkit** - This toolkit represents the work and thinking of 15 grassroots organizations with Asian American bases living in the most precarious margins of power: low-income tenants, youth, undocumented immigrants, low-wage workers, refugees, women and girls, and queer and trans people. It reflects their experiences with criminalization, deportation, homophobia, xenophobia and Islamo-racism, war, gender violence, poverty, and worker exploitation.

**Dispatch from Ferguson: Convenience Store Owners Talk Race** (Colorlines) - In Ferguson for the National Weekend of Resistance (October 2014), activist and writer Deepa Iyer talked to local South Asian and Arab-American shopkeepers about race, community and police.