

Revolutionary Women of Color: Legacy, Activism, Writings

Radical Women online study group, September-October 2020

Reading List

LEGACIES

September 2

Introduction to discussion group

Excerpt from *Race and Sex, 1972: Collision or Comradeship*, Radical Women position paper, by Dorothy Mejia Chambless

September 9

“Women’s Liberation or ... Black Liberation, You’re Fighting the Same Enemies’: Florynce Kennedy, Black Power and Feminism,” by Sherie Randolph, *Want to Start a Revolution? Radical Women in the Black Freedom Struggle*

September 16

“Grassroots Leadership and Afro-Asian Solidarities: Yuri Kochiyama’s Humanizing Radicalism,” by Diane Fujino, *Want to Start a Revolution? Radical Women in the Black Freedom Struggle*

“Life Story: Emma Tenayuca, Latina Labor Activist and Communist Party leader (1916-1999),” *Women and the American Story*, wams.nyhistory.org

ACTIVISM

September 23

Excerpts from *Assata: An Autobiography*, by Assata Shakur

“Stonewall Was a Riot -- Now We Need a Revolution,” by Merle Woo, *Smash the Church, Smash the State: The Early Years of Gay Liberation*

September 30

“American Indian Women’s Activism in the 1960s and 1970s,” by Donna Hightower Langston, *Hypatia*

“Warrior Women: #WARNRidesAgain,” by Kelsey Hill, Lakotalaw.org

WRITINGS – history and theory

October 7

“Age, Race, Class and Sex: Women Redefining Difference,” by Audre Lorde, *Sister Outsider*

“Reflections on the Black Woman’s Role in the Community of Slaves,” by Angela Davis, *Words of Fire: An Anthology of African-American Feminist Thought*

October 14

“Sylvia Rivera: A Woman Before Her Time,” by Liz Highlyman, *Smash the Church, Smash the State: The Early Years of Gay Liberation*

“Double Jeopardy: To be Black and Female,” by Frances Beal, *Sisterhood is Powerful*

October 21

“The Combahee River Collective Statement,” *Words of Fire: An Anthology of African-American Feminist Thought*

Excerpt from *Viva La Raza: A History of Chicano Identity and Resistance*, by Yolanda Alaniz and Megan Cornish

THE PATH FORWARD

October 28

“Revolutionary Feminism: An Anti-Racist Agenda,” by bell hooks, *Killing Rage: Ending Racism*

Excerpt from *Women of Color: Front-Runners for Freedom*, Radical Women position paper, by Nancy Reiko Kato

“Socialist Feminism: Our Bridge to Freedom,” by Nellie Wong, *Third World Women and the Politics of Feminism*