

# Remembering Fred Goldstein

written by Struggle - La Lucha

April 19, 2024

*The following talk was given by John Parker of the Socialist Unity Party at a memorial gathering for [Fred Goldstein](#) on the anniversary of his death. Goldstein was a prominent Marxist thinker, revolutionary socialist, and author who contributed significantly to the international communist movement.*

That dedication to our class is something so wonderful. It reminds you about Fred's inspiring life, his love for our class, our working class, his love for humanity, and the love for his family.

Fred would not back down from a struggle. Especially today when we see genocide in Gaza or the U.S. government pushing World War III. It is his life that inspires to do what needs to be done.

Fred fought the struggle with principles that shielded him from opportunism and bourgeois ideology. And he'd pay any price to remain on track. And his love for his family was expressed when he told us that seeing Lila as an adult must be achieved. He got to see not only an adult but a fighter of capitalism, a union organizer, and a health worker in a most stressful situation with the pandemic. Despite that, Lila maintained a life-saving dedication to our class. Fred died with that knowledge.

Fred was so dedicated to the truth that he would not allow his articles to go without his several re-edits, even after they were turned in. "Wait, I forgot to add this ..."

You can tell Fred would not sit idly by if a point had to be made.

I remember Fred pointing his finger upwards when making his points.

I had a stroke last year, and if I saw him making that gesture today, my new frame of mind would be asking — “what’s he pointing to up there in the sky?” I probably would have thought he was just trying to get me to see reality from a higher plane — to see the whole picture.

He did make me see the bigger and more comprehensive picture of the global capitalist economy, not only enlightening me but the whole world in understanding the effects of technology and the changing nature of our working class (more women and people of color) that has always been subject to a more acute attack from imperialism, and a greater hunger for the struggle.

His updated version of Sam Marcy’s “High Tech - Low Pay,” called “Capitalism at a Dead End,” showed the effects of the “just in time” and outsourcing production with the 1980s internet communications speeding up at the fiber-optic speed of light across oceans, increasing exploitation, and unemployment — but also helped our international working class see a common enemy.

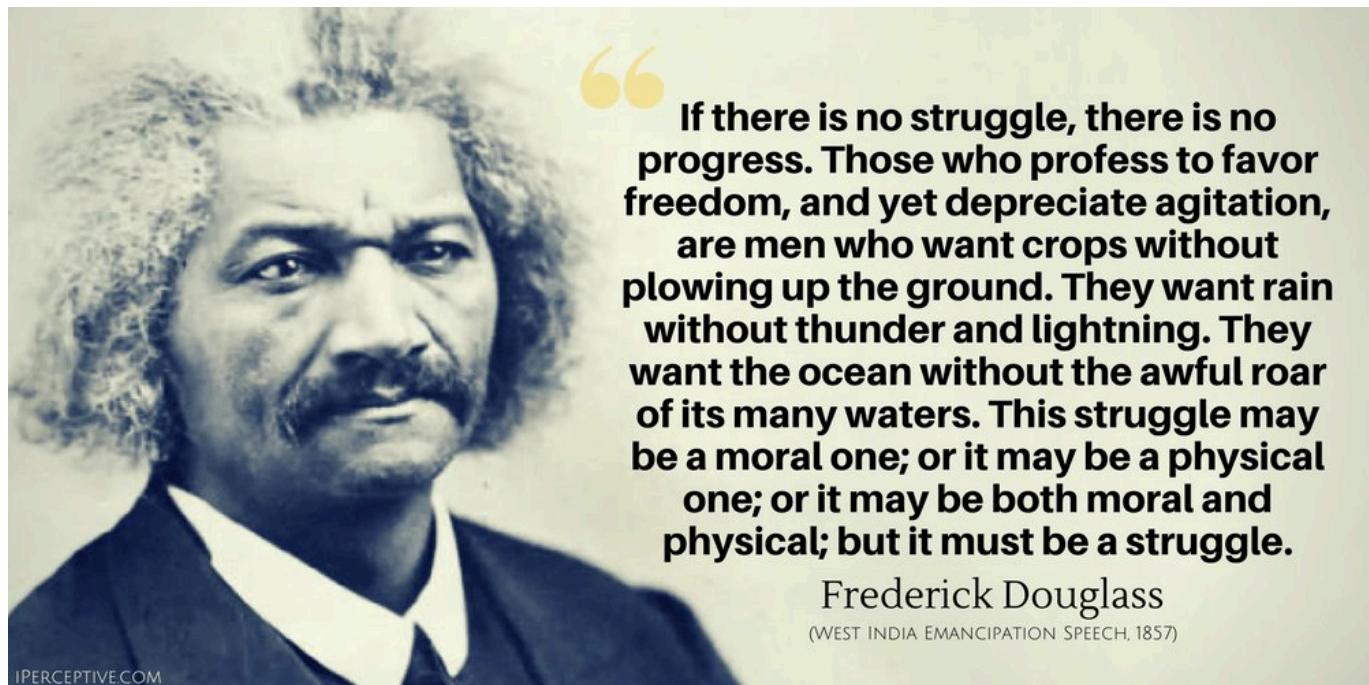
After many edits by Fred, the book showed how much he cared about sharing knowledge and empowerment with our class. One of our comrades spoke about how Fred made sure the contributions of wisdom and knowledge of members would be heard regardless of unfriendly environments.

Fred was an empowering force that kept the fire of struggle strong, even with a broken heart. Our continuation of struggle when we were told that our political struggle was over — that we had no right to continue the struggle — we understood that we had to continue. Still, depression and self-doubt are a challenge.

Fred’s confidence and respect for our determination to continue fighting for our principles and not shy from the difficult allowed us to make necessary contributions to our movement. Our comrades saw the opportunity to reach in and bring forth the discouraged skills and passion for the struggle — hell, we now have a paper called

Struggle-La Lucha.

And as the other Fred said:



That's Fred Douglass and Fred Goldstein's physical actions and steadfast moral commitment to raising working class consciousness never die in our aspirations.

That is a warrior, that is a thinker, that is our class. Thank you, Fred Goldstein, Presente!



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# **San Diego: Mumia Abu-Jamal's 70th Birthday Celebration - April 23**

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## LONG DISTANCE REVOLUTION -



# MUMIA ABU-JAMAL'S



We will sign a  
Card and send  
Revolutionary  
Greetings and  
Love to Mumia

## 70th Birthday Celebration

SCREENING OF **JUSTICE ON TRIAL**  
**The Case of Mumia Abu-Jamal**

by Johanna Fernandez

**Free Mumia and All Political Prisoners**



**Tues • April 23**

**6 pm ≈ 7:30 pm**

**Malcolm X Library  
5148 MARKET STREET  
SAN DIEGO, CA. 92115**

**Please arrive on time - Video will begin at 6:10 pm**



Labor donated: 4/2/24



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# On International Workers' Day: Urgent appeal from the Palestinian General Federation of Trade Unions

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*The call below was issued in March by the Palestinian General Federation of Trade Unions.*



الإتحاد العام لنقابات عمال فلسطين - قطاع غزة  
Palestine General Federation of Trade Unions - Gaza Strip

Brothers and Sisters of unions and other labor organizations in the United States of America:

In the midst of pain and blood, in the displacement camps, amidst the rubble and the

ruins of our homes, workshops, factories, stores and institutions destroyed by the “Israeli” occupation, using U.S.-made weapons, in the name of the Palestinian General Federation of Trade Unions (PGFTU), we call on you for solidarity.

Instead of celebrating with you on May 1, International Workers’ Day, we are busy shrouding dozens of people who are being killed around the clock in the middle of a genocidal war against our people — in every sense of that word. This has led to the destruction of everything in the Gaza Strip (hospitals, health centers, schools, universities, streets, water purification, sewage and other infrastructure, factories, shops, cultural centers, mosques, churches and even unborn children), none of which were spared by the occupation’s bombs, missiles and shells (including internationally banned weapons, like white phosphorus).

We are living through wholesale slaughter and forced dislocation — ethnic cleansing — committed against us. This devastating war and its catastrophes have forced upon us in the PGFTU in Gaza great responsibilities to collect the broken bodies and even pieces of our people, healing the wounded and trying to ease their pain (without anesthetics, antibiotics or other medicine), dealing with the psychological trauma (especially of the children), while trying to convey the truth of this suffering and the humanitarian and environmental catastrophe to the world.

Since the beginning of the aggression, we in the PGFTU have considered ourselves an integral part of our people — not separated from their reality. We have suffered and lost thousands of members, union offices, facilities and other institutions.

Despite our efforts to provide relief to our people with the limited support we have received and to raise the voice of our people loudly in international forums, we have encountered shocking silence and neglect by the international labor movement. However, we recognize there have been some exceptional examples of unions, clearly demonstrated in leading protests denouncing the Zionist war of genocide being waged on the Gaza Strip.

Dear comrades in the American unions,

Several actions have come to light during the aggression, which must be closely observed and exposed, most notably:

First, U.S. unions need to expose the extent of the war crimes and genocide committed against our people and the biased American position and complicity in enabling the aggression. This must be confronted and continue to be protested to exert pressure against the export of U.S.-made weapons to the occupation. Pressure must be increased on the U.S. administration to abandon these hostile actions against the Palestinian people.

Secondly, there is the Israeli decision to suspend or terminate the contracts of thousands of workers in the Gaza Strip by local, Arab and international institutions in connection with the war of extermination, depriving employees of their rights and compensation. It would have been better for these institutions to strengthen the workers' economic security by implementing support packages instead of firing them from work. This issue must be at the core of your concerns and struggle.

Third, the international labor movement, including the International Federation of Trade Unions, retreated to verbal positions without taking measures on the ground or pressuring the decision-makers to stop this war of extermination, limiting union activities to conferences and statements and not delving deeply into the need to guarantee humanitarian aid or influencing international public opinion to expose the truth about Zionist crimes and the practices of the allied countries that continue to support Israel.

Among these steps is the struggle to ban the occupation's trade unions internationally, as they are partners in the war of genocide. In particular, we call on American unions to boycott these unions to protest their complicity in this genocidal war.

Fourth, unions can play an influential role in the United States to provide relief for hundreds of thousands of workers' families whose homes and workplaces have been destroyed, leaving them to shelter in tents without any work or income. You can contribute to financial projects and relief funds for workers and temporary social security through coordination with the International Trade Union Confederation to alleviate the suffering of thousands of our people.

Dear comrades,

We call on you to be our voice and advocate inside and outside America. What our people are experiencing and what workers and unions in particular are exposed to is the most horrific catastrophe known to humanity in recent decades. We ask that you convey our message and give voice to the suffering of hungry, starving workers and their families — not just to the American people, not just to your unions but to the entire world.

We are a people enduring bombardment, hunger, disease and all forms of suffering, but we are determined to live, to stand firm and to rebuild from this destruction with our blood and many sacrifices.

Thank you for your efforts, and happy new year on International Workers' Day. We will certainly carry the banner of victory despite the killing and destruction.

*From your comrades/trade and professional unions in Gaza*

### **Palestinian General Federation of Trade Unions**

Signatory: Basheer Al-Sisi, Member of the General Secretariat of the Palestinian General Federation of Trade Unions - City of Gaza



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# **Mumia Abu-Jamal's 70th birthday is April 24, 2024**

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# **MUMIA TURNS 70 BIRTHDAY OF RESISTANCE APRIL 24TH, 2024**

## **PHILLY RALLY**

**2PM  
OCTAVIUS CATTO STATUE,  
(SOUTH SIDE OF CITY HALL)**

**6PM  
(DOORS OPEN AT 5)  
WATERS MEMORIAL  
AME CHURCH  
(609 CLIFTON ST.  
NEAR 11TH AND SOUTH ST.)**



**SPEAKERS ON NEXT SLIDE ➡  
MORE INFO: [LINKTR.EE/MUMIA](https://linktr.ee/mumia)**

# Afternoon Rally In Philadelphia

**RALLY AND MARCH FOR MUMIA ABU-JAMAL**

**WED APRIL 24, 2024**

**2 - 4 PM**

PHILADELPHIA CITY HALL (south side)

**Octavius Catto Statue**

**1400 John F Kennedy Boulevard**

**Philadelphia, PA 19107**

The French movement for Mumia's freedom has gathered [thousands of petitions](#) in support of Mumia Abu-Jamal. These will be presented to District Attorney Larry Krasner's office during a rally and march in the City Hall area.

[\*\*1,000 Supporters From France Call On The Governor Of Pennsylvania And The Prosecutor Of Philadelphia\*\*](#)

Founded in 1995, the French collective "Libérons Mumia" brings together about a hundred organizations and public authorities: human rights associations, trade unions, political parties, local and regional collectives, and local authorities.

Indoor evening program in Philadelphia after the afternoon rally:

**EVENING PROGRAM**

**WED APRIL 24, 2024**

**6 - 8 PM**

Waters Memorial AME Church

609 South Clifton Street

Philadelphia, PA 19147

**(off South Street between 10th and 11th Streets)**



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# **Los Angeles: Spotlight on Puerto Rico, Developments & Challenges, April 20**

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# Spotlight on PUERTO RICO

## DEVELOPMENTS & CHALLENGES:

An update from the archipelago

**Hear Berta Joubert Ceci**



**SAT, APRIL 20, 6 pm**  
at the Harriet Tubman  
Center for Social Justice  
5278 W Pico Blvd, LA

Phone: 323-306-6240

Berta Joubert was one of the conveners of the 2019 Puerto Rico International Tribunal of Colonial Crimes of the United States. She is a founding member of Women In Struggle/Mujeres En Lucha, a member of the Women's International Democratic Federation and a regular contributor to "Struggle La Lucha" publication. Joubert-Ceci resides in San Juan, Puerto Rico.

Berta is touring U.S. cities this April with the goal of putting a spotlight on Puerto Rico and its struggle for independence from U.S. imperialism. She will present a slide show, visuals and video documentation. What are the conditions and main crises facing the people of Puerto Rico? Who is to blame? What can we do?

For info email: [info@womeninstruggle.org](mailto:info@womeninstruggle.org)



Tour sponsored by:

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& STRUGGLE LA LUCHA.ORG**

Women in Struggle/Mujeres en Lucha is organizing a coast-to-coast tour: Spotlight on Puerto Rico with Berta Joubert-Ceci.

Joubert-Ceci lives in San Juan, Puerto Rico. She was one of the convenors of the 2019 Puerto Rico International Tribunal of Colonial Crimes of the United States.

Berta has a powerful presentation with a slide show that breaks down the current crises faced by the people of Puerto Rico as they fight for sovereignty and justice in their own land. The presentation elucidates the current machinations of U.S. imperialism to maintain control and the flow of profits from Puerto Rico. Joubert-Ceci addresses the conditions and main crises facing the people of Puerto Rico. Who is to blame ... and What can we do?



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## **Queens, NYC: Defend Drag Story Hour, April 16**

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# ELMHURST LOVES DRAG STORY HOUR

TUESDAY, APRIL 16 @2:30PM

ELMHURST PUBLIC LIBRARY

86-07 Broadway. Elmhurst, NY 11373

Show your support for the event –  
join us outside with signs, flags, and joy!



Tuesday, April 16 - 2:30 p.m.

Elmhurst Public Library

88-07 Broadway, Elmhurst, NY 11373

Queens, NYC: This coming Tuesday at 2:30pm! The queerphobes are back at it again — this time they plan on intimidating kids and their adults at the Elmhurst Public Library. Join us outside to show our support for Drag Story Hour! Bring pride flags, joy, noisemakers, and all things rainbow.

NYC Queer and Trans Defense:

<https://www.instagram.com/nycqueertransdefense/>



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# **Earth Day: Time to act against capitalism destroying our planet**

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April 22 marks Earth Day, highlighting decades of environmental activism. Since 1970, this date has symbolized the ongoing battle waged by environmental advocates, notably from Indigenous communities, against the relentless pollution of our planet's air and water by Big Oil and large corporations driven by profit. Their actions have led to the destruction of natural habitats, the conversion of fertile lands into deserts, and, significantly, the alarming escalation of global warming.



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# **Struggle ☐ La Lucha PDF - April 8, 2024**

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# Deadly bridge collapse exposes capitalist decay



By Sharon Black

Baltimore — In the very early morning hours of March 26, while it was still dark and most people were asleep, the massive 984-foot-long, 213-million-pound container ship Dali lost power, veered off course and struck one of the main concrete supports of the Francis Scott Key Bridge. Within minutes, the bridge collapsed.

Shock and disbelief were immediate. Fear and grief followed rapidly.

Word spread quickly in Turner Station, the neighborhood closest to the Key Bridge. Oliver Baptist Church immediately called a prayer vigil for the lives of the immigrant workers from Honduras, Guatemala, El Salvador, and Mexico who were laboring on the bridge at the time of its collapse.

Families in this tight-knit community hugged each other, deeply aware that many of their own members traverse the bridge daily.

Turner Station is a historic Black community. The town grew out of a need for Black millworkers to have a place to live while nearby Dundalk remained segregated.

During the "Great Migration," people came to get jobs at Bethlehem Steel. But with deindustrialization and the closing of the mill, the area is now an industrial "Brownfield" — much of it abandoned or underutilized due to industrial pollution.

A giant Amazon warehouse complex, which employs thousands of overworked and underpaid workers, stands in place of the once-unionized Bethlehem Steel. The bridge could be seen in the near distance.

### War on immigrants

Six immigrant workers died in the bridge collapse, changing the lives of their families and communities.

When the ship hit, eight workers employed by Brawner Builders were fixing potholes on the bridge. All were Latino immigrants from ages 26 to 49. Only two survived. One worker from Michoacán, Mexico, was hospitalized and is recovering from injuries.

All had partners and families who

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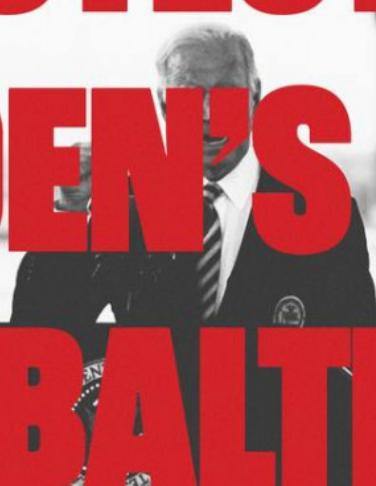


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## Protest Biden's visit to Baltimore

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# PROTEST BIDEN'S VISIT TO BALTIMORE



MONEY FOR INFRASTRUCTURE  
NOT FOR GENOCIDE

## FRIDAY APRIL 5

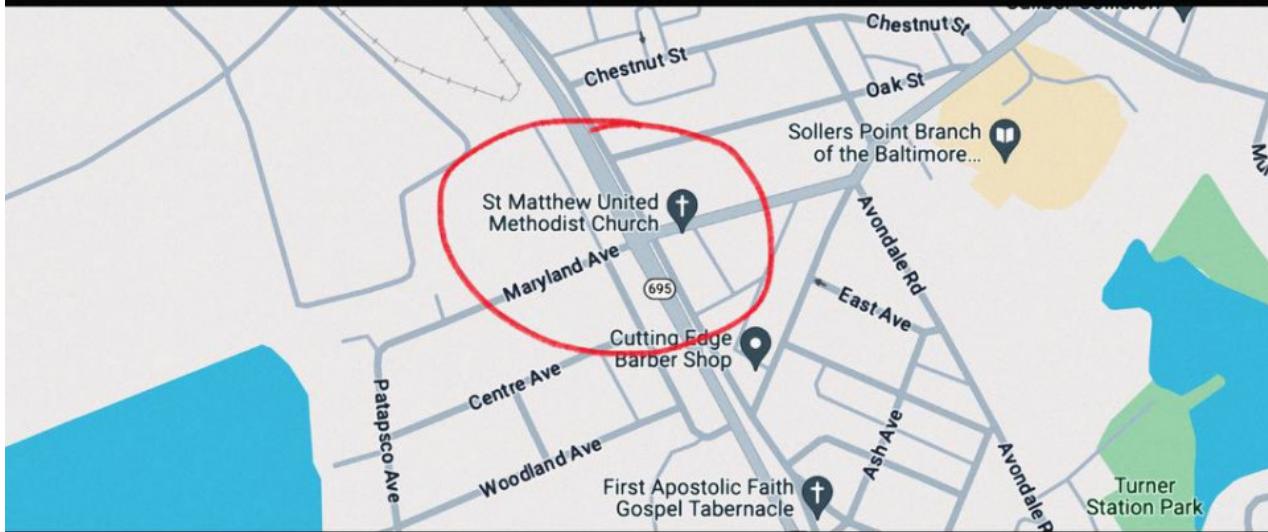
9 – 12 PM

BROENING HWY & MARYLAND AVE  
DUNDALK MD 21222

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## PEOPLES POWER ASSEMBLY

# TRAVEL ADVISORY



**Parking is available on nearby side streets.**

**PPA organizers WILL BE ON SITE at 9am. We will essentially stake out the location until Biden appears.**

**Details on the visit, even this close to the event, are still scarce. We have to be prepared to be flexible. New information may change our plans at a moment's notice.**

**We will post live updates to our Instagram story and Telegram channel. Call 410-218-4835 after 9am for questions.**



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# **April 4-People's Organization for Progress, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. March and Rally for Ceasefire in Gaza and Justice for the Palestinians**

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**PEOPLE'S ORGANIZATION FOR PROGRESS  
& ALLIES**

**DR. MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR.  
MARCH & RALLY  
FOR CEASEFIRE IN GAZA  
&  
JUSTICE FOR THE PALESTINIANS**



- **DEMAND - STOP THE WAR AND GENOCIDE IN GAZA**
- **DEMAND - IMMEDIATE AND PERMANENT CEASEFIRE NOW**
- **DEMAND - IMMEDIATE DELIVERY FOR ALL HUMANITARIAN AID WITH NO RESTRICTIONS**
- **DEMAND - STOP ALL MILITARY AID TO ISRAEL**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2024**

**4:30 P.M.**

**Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. (Statue)  
Justice Building  
495 Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Boulevard  
Newark, NJ**

**FOR INFORMATION CALL: 973 - 801-0001  
TO ENDORSE E-MAIL [info@njpop.org](mailto:info@njpop.org)**

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