

Non-Violent Civil Disobedience Workshop with Malinda Clatterbuck

12:05-1:30 pm, Thursday, March 8, International Women's Day

Location: Ford Atrium, McComsey Hall

Advanced Registration Required: <https://tinyurl.com/Civil-Sign-Up-Here>

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Organized by the Women's and Gender Studies Program at Millersville University, this workshop is held in honor of International Women's Day. With its origins in the first women's suffrage movement, International Women's Day acknowledges the ongoing worldwide effort to ensure social, economic, cultural and political parity for women, people of color, and LGBTQ communities.



Inspired by the Standing Rock Sioux's pipeline protest, Black Lives Matter, and The Women's March, a worldwide protest held on January 21, 2017 advocating legislation and policies that support human rights, women's rights, immigration reform, healthcare reform, reproductive rights, the natural environment, LGBTQ rights, racial equality, and workers' rights, this workshop will prepare students for civil disobedience actions and their legal consequences. The largest single-day protest in U.S. history, The Women's March included approximately 5 million protesters across the U.S., all of which were peaceful. Because significant social change in the U.S. has only come from sustained action, The Women's and Gender Studies Program at Millersville is offering special training in nonviolent protest to ensure your safety and effectiveness in bringing change. The workshop will include sharing and interaction as well as lecture, and practicing what it feels like to stand shoulder to shoulder in a non-violent stance of resistance with your community. Workshop leader Malinda Clatterbuck will address: pre-rally concerns, what happens if you are arrested, arraignments, and tips for legal observers.

Malinda Clatterbuck is a founding member of the non-profit organization Lancaster Against Pipelines in 2014 and has been working in her community against exploitation of the land. She organized a protest on October 16, 2017 in support of the Sisters of the Adorers of the Blood of Christ, whose land and chapel in Lancaster were (and are) threatened by the installation of the Atlantic Sunrise Pipeline, exposing the community, water, and soil to risk of explosions and contamination. Clatterbuck's protest was in support of the safety of her community, the preservation of the land, and the sisters' religious freedom. A core belief of the sisters is that the land, a source of sustenance and a legacy for future generations, is sacred. Sponsored by The Women's and Gender Studies Program, The MU President's Commission on the Status of Women, and the Department of Art & Design.

Bio: Malinda Harnish Clatterbuck

Educator, community organizer, pastor, and counselor, **Malinda Harnish Clatterbuck** lives with her family in rural southern Lancaster County, where she grew up. Throughout her adult life, she has lived and worked on an Indian reservation, in higher education in Washington DC, served as youth director and counselor at multiple churches, and taught college, high school, and pre-school. Her passion for justice and compassion have embodied her work in each of these settings. In the past two years she has become more aware of the injustices surrounding corporate overreach violating the rights of local communities via Williams Partners' proposal to put a natural gas transmission line through her backyard on its way to the eastern seaboard for export. She started a non-profit, Lancaster Against Pipelines, and has been working in her community organizing against this exploitation of the land for the sake of corporate profits. In addition, she got involved, as a board member, in the Pennsylvania Community Rights Network, which is fighting to change this imbalance of power of the few over the many in the Keystone state. She willingly shares her experience and knowledge for the sake of the future of her community- and world.

Related Events

4-6:00 pm: *Salary Negotiation Workshop*, AAUW, 200 Osburn. Advanced registration required. The workshop is organized by Millersville's AAUW Club and sponsored by Experiential Learning and Career Management (ELCM), and The MU President's Commission on the Status of Women.

6-9:00 pm Film: *Miss Representation* (2011), Lehr Dining Hall. The film is sponsored by the Gender Issues and Social Justice (GISJ) Committee, APSCUF, The MU President's Commission on the Status of Women, and the School of Social Work.