

40th Anniversary of the Attica Prison Rebellion – Listing of Events (September 2011)



September 1 – Café Society at Mess Hall – Topic: Are Prisoners' Rights Human Rights? – 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

With over 2.3 million men and women living behind bars, the U.S. has the highest incarceration rate of any country in the world. How is this growing population of prisoners treated? What rights do incarcerated men and women have and why should we care? Join us to consider these questions and more. Mariame Kaba, founding director of Project N.I.A. will kick off this discussion.

Café Society is a series of conversations where families, friends, neighbors, and citizens come together to discuss current events and other important political and social issues. By engaging in the meaningful exchange of ideas and perspectives, these conversations enliven the core of democracy and empower the public. Learn more about Café Society at <http://www.prairie.org/programs/caf-society>.

Organized by The Public Square; Co-sponsored by Project NIA and Mess Hall

September 6-September 8 – Attica's Legacy: A Photographic Exhibition

We invite everyone to view photographs by *John Shearer* as well as a collection of original vintage press photos documenting the Attica Prison rebellion at Mess Hall.

We welcome groups who are interested in learning about the Attica prison uprising through the exhibition. Contact Mariame at projectnia@hotmail.com if you would like to schedule a tour of the exhibition. The tour includes a short presentation about the context and meaning(s) of the rebellion. Groups of all ages are welcome though priority will be given to youth groups who would like to schedule a tour.

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September 8 – Attica's Legacy: Reception & Reading – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Join us for refreshments, view our photographic exhibit, and listen to the words of Attica Prisoners as read by Chicago activists, organizers, educators and community members.

All of these events are FREE and open to the public. They all take place at Mess Hall, 6932 N. Glenwood Ave.

For more information about Project NIA visit our website at www.project-nia.org. For information about Mess Hall, visit their site at <http://messhall.org/>