

Exhibition of campus protests 1965-2004 in TBH atrium Oct 4-13, 2016

Please invite your students to visit an exhibition in TBH atrium next week that Ken Salo is staging with the help of UP 260 and UP 494 students in preparation for the upcoming FAA Arts X Oct 13 *Activist Campus* tour as per narrative below and at <http://conferences.illinois.edu/artsx/workshops.html>.

This exhibition, will cover student protests between the years between 1965 and 2004 that connects the movements for Civil Rights, and Black Power, with the movement against the Vietnam War, the campaign to end apartheid in South Africa, and the struggle to remove the Chief as the mascot for the University of Illinois. It features images of pamphlets, protests, and clips from student publications like Free Prairie Press, The Geek, Walrus, People, and La Carta. The Oct 13 tour will hopefully include a noon panel discussion on Urban Uprisings as Urban Planning with activists who participated in these student struggles.

Activist Campus; a walking and biking tour of sites of protest on and near the UIUC campus

Introduction

Competitive public universities like UIUC are sustained through rituals of self-promotion including official campus tours that represent the “typical” UIUC experience as inclusive and conflict free.

This activist tour will privilege the perspectives, histories and landscapes of those who have been and still are systematically excluded from typical representations of UIUC’s history; students and workers struggling against racial, ethnic, nationalistic, economic, criminalized and gendered exclusion from culturally appropriate and affordable public education. We will walk, bike and collectively map sites of struggle to reveal the UIUC landscape as a contested site and the product of struggles over and for the power to decide who benefits from the UIUC experience. Pedagogically, as a place based learning strategy, it will offer students an opportunity to connect local histories with global designs for public higher education.