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# **THE SUITE LIFE OF 605**



**a zine on solidarity,  
connections, and reflections**

*Solidarity*

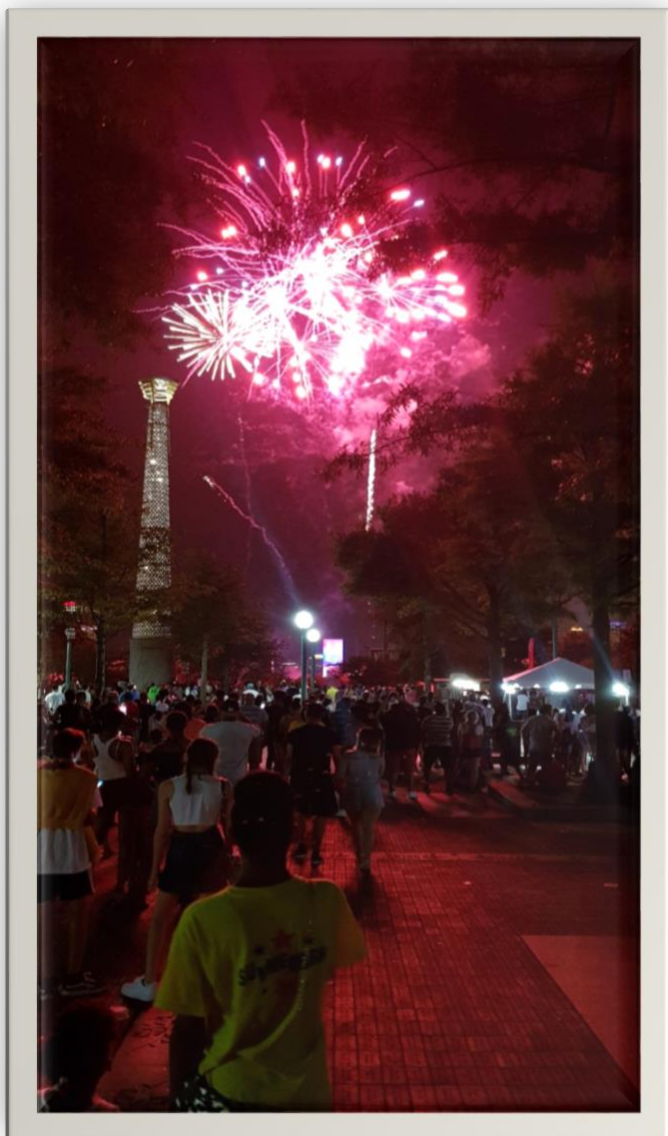
*Nourishing Collectives*

*Organizing at Intersections*

*Lost cause without Others*

*Us.*

# 4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY



”WHAT, TO THE **AMERICAN SLAVE**, IS YOUR  
4<sup>TH</sup> OF JULY?”

”I AM **NOT INCLUDED** WITHIN THE PALE OF THIS  
GLORIOUS ANNIVERSARY.”

”A DAY THAT REVEALS **TO HIM** MORE THAN ALL  
THE OTHER DAYS IN THE YEAR, THE **GROSS**  
**INJUSTICE** AND CRUELTY TO WHICH HE IS THE  
CONSTANT VICTIM.”

”TO PALTER WITH US IN A DOUBLE SENSE: AND KEEP THE  
WORD OF PROMISE TO THE EAR, BUT  
**BREAK IT TO THE HEART**”

”AMERICA IS *FALSE* TO THE *PAST*, *FALSE* TO  
THE *PRESENT*, AND SOLEMNLY BINDS HERSELF TO  
BE *FALSE* TO THE *FUTURE*”

”THE FOURTH OF JULY IS YOURS, NOT  
MINE”

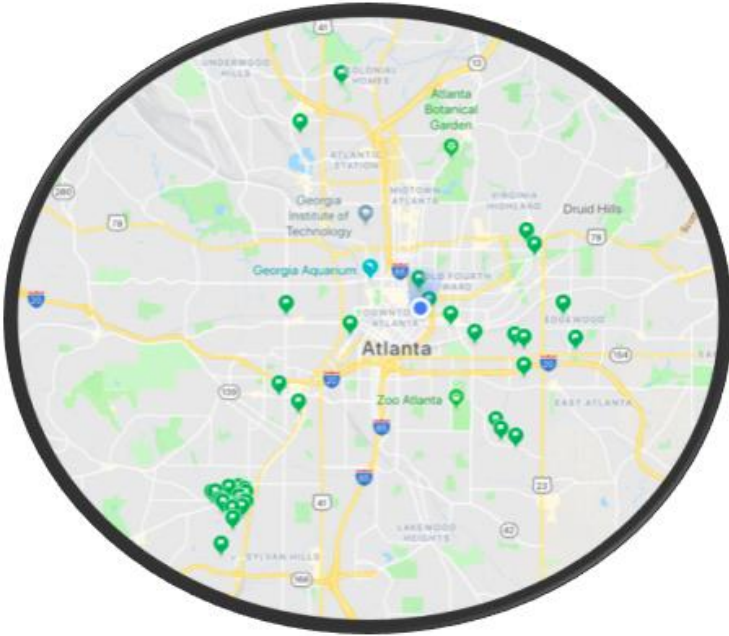
”*THE LESSON IS WHOLLY LOST ON OUR* ***PRESENT***  
***LEADER***”

FREDERICK DOUGLASS (1852)



# STREETS

## **34 CONFEDERATE AVE'S**

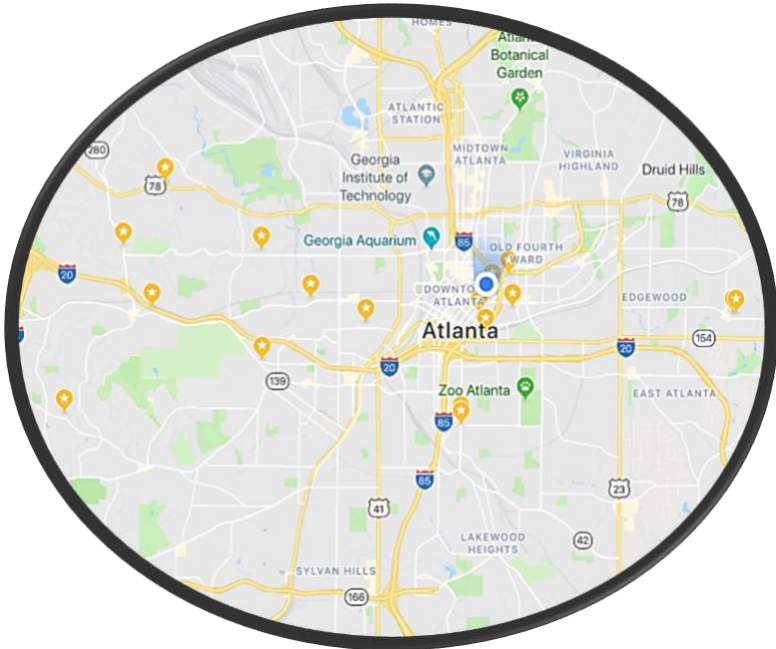


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Wilson St. SW  
Sayer St. SW  
Wetzel Dr. SW  
Colquitt St. SW  
Longstreet Cir.  
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Miller Dr. SW  
Anderson Way  
SW  
Bartow Street SW  
Cumming Drive  
SW  
Walthall Dr. NW

Hardee Avenue  
NE  
Hardee Avenue  
SW  
Cobb St. SW  
Gordon Pl. SW  
Maney Ln.  
N. Miller Drive  
SW  
Lee St. SW  
Gordon Pl. SW  
Joseph E.  
Lowery Blvd. NW  
Walker St. SW  
Forrest St. NW

Bell St. NE  
Gartrell ST. SE  
Pickett St. SE  
Walker Ave. SE  
Holtzclam St. SE  
Stovall St. SE  
Cleburne Terrace  
NE  
Cleburne Ave. NE  
Hardee St. NE  
Memorial Dr. SE  
Jackson St.  
Piedmont Ave.  
NE

## 16 CIVIL RIGHTS AVE'S



**Benjamin E. Mays Dr.**

**William Holmes  
Borders Seniors Dr.  
SE**

**Hank Aaron Dr. SE**

**Hank Aaron Dr. SW**

**Joseph E. Boone  
Blvd. NW**

**Hosea L. Williams  
Dr. NE**

**Hosea L. Williams  
Dr. SE**

**Jesse Hill Jr. Dr  
NE**

**Jesse Hill Jr. Dr.  
SE**

**Donald Lee  
Hollowell Pkwy.  
NW**

**M.L.K Jr. Dr. SW**

**M.L.K Jr. Dr. SE**

**M.L.K Jr. Dr. NW**

**Hamilton E. Holmes  
Dr. NW**

**John Wesley  
Dobbs Ave. NE**

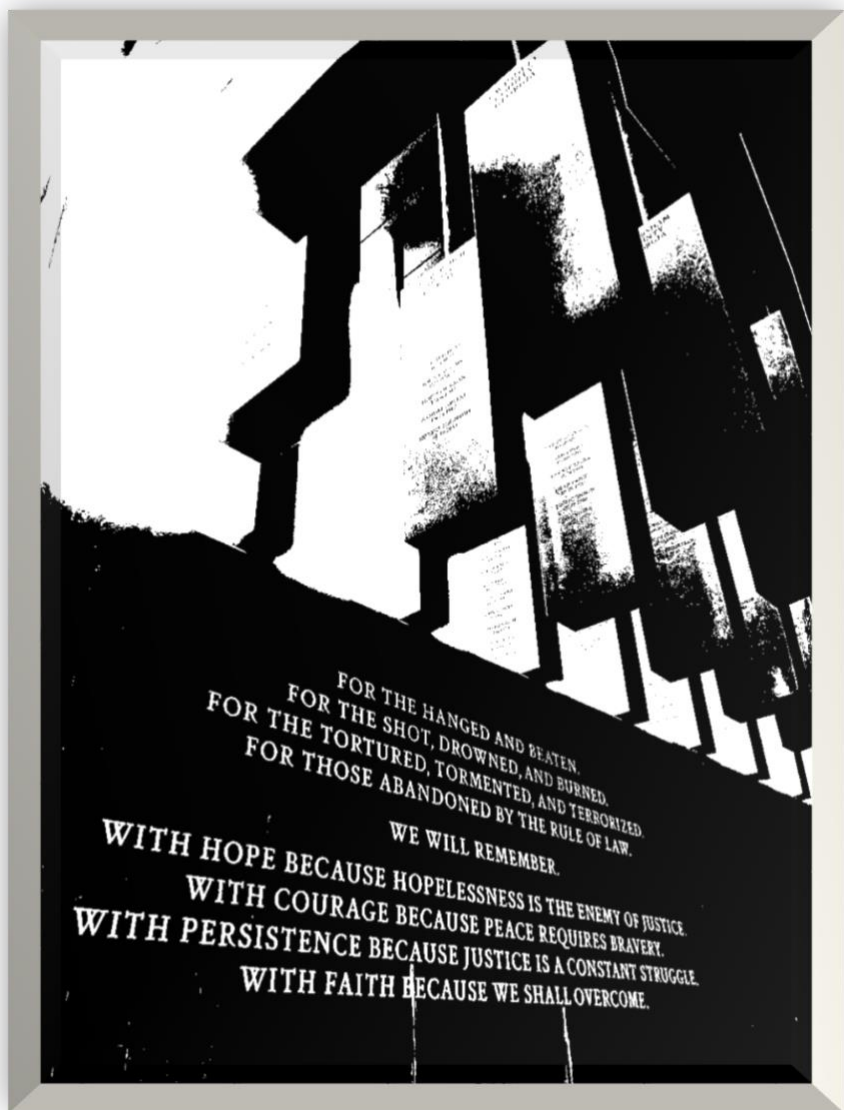
**Atlanta Student  
Movement Blvd.**

# HONORING THE DEAD



*Lion of Confederacy Monument honoring unknown confederate dead  
located in Atlanta, GA.*





*Equal Justice Initiative's Memorial for Peace and Justice honoring the known and unknown lynched in Montgomery, AL*

# “NOT JUST HISTORY”



Walking back from Centennial Park on the Fourth of July, plastered to a generator, we found this poster. It was a call to action against a Klu Klux Klan rally. But it wasn't found just anywhere; it was in front of Piedmont Dining, a few feet away from where we all lived.

On February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2019, Klan members planned to march on Stone Mountain, a confederate monument only a few miles from Downtown Atlanta. This was a sequel, with the first rally numbering two dozen white supremacists back in 2016.

Two weeks after Klan members announced this first rally, the Frontline Organization Working to End Racism, or FLOWER, was created. They organized counterdemonstrations that drew hundreds of people marching in opposition.

The most recent rally, however, never happened: Klan members were blocked from securing a permit. FLOWER, in contrast, was able to demonstrate, and in the process burned an eco-friendly effigy of a Klansmen. Pictures are below

History is not so far away. While we learn about it through biased textbooks and school curricula, we can also, simply, go outside – as we've done throughout this fellowship.



## Reflections on Etowah

The Etowah Detention Center. As many mentioned, it felt very purposefully disconnected, non-human. Tucked behind the screen, I couldn't help but think how intentional the whole scheme was -- controlled was the scope of interaction, no face-to-face, no holistic tell of the other, no description of the environment from which the person was speaking -- in an effort to limit any potential for deviance. Everything was controlled. The rigid system in place was similar to its humanity only in its imperfection: frequently the system would cut off, minutes before the allotted time was exhausted; a foil to the requests and finesses for more time that face-to-face interactions often induce. There was no room for exceptions, only submission to the clock, which managed to make even an agreement with time arbitrary. Indeed, with ten whole seconds left on the clock, time was cut, and along with it my ability to respectfully thank a man who shared his name, his story, and his dreams. I will likely never meet Romaine Bain again.

- Ishan Sharma



*Etowah Immigration and Customs Enforcement Detention Facility in Gadsden, AL*

## Reflection on Vulnerability

Whenever I think about how to sum up my experience in this fellowship, I return to the idea of vulnerability. I learned firsthand how that sense of helplessness and exposure impacted the systems and people of American society, particularly as it relates to minorities. The terrible vulnerability of black people in the U.S. has a scope, complexity and power that continues to be the epitome of injustice. The naked vulnerability Southern whites felt in a system utterly dependent on the denial of rights and unpaid labor of one group of people inspired inhuman cruelty for centuries. The shameful vulnerability to racial bias endemic to the systems meant to provide justice, thrown in stark relief by the countless graves of people swallowed whole by a system that hates them. And yet, in spite of all the suffering, I saw countless stories of when shared vulnerability became the basis for solidarity—and ultimately change. In the South alone, black women refused to use a bus system that discriminated against them, religious leaders chose to condemn racism in the face of violent threats and even white men and women who benefited from a racist system fought and died to eliminate racism. I learned that vulnerability can encompass both our worst impulses and our highest aspirations and its power to shape, inspire and threaten our essential human rights is crucial to understanding any country or its people.

◦ Andres “Andy” Antuna



# MEDICINE DEEPLY ROOTED IN COMMUNITY

Instagram: @jess.finn.jones

Black and Brown people don't suffer high rates of diabetes, cancer, hypertension, etc. in America due to "race" or any kind of biological predisposition - which is the narrative we are taught TO THIS DAY in medical, pre-medical, and medical anthropology classes. Ex: "Native American communities are prone to alcoholism." No! White people just introduced alcohol into native communities with the INTENTION of keeping them docile and dependent! These problems are not due to race, but RACISM and intentional choices on the part of the colonizer to

## EPIGENETICS

what you eat, where you live, who you interact with, when you sleep, how you exercise cause chemical modifications to our genes

dehumanize and control Black and Brown people.

Mother Nature has the capacity to heal. (despite what Big Pharma™ says) To me, "medicine deeply rooted in community" means medicine that is preventative, allows patients to take their health into their own hands, and empowers them with the knowledge that THEY - not doctors - are the experts on their own bodies.

Community-based medicine honors traditional medical knowledge, including plant-based medical treatments that are made freely accessible, and, when possible, are grown in the same areas where folks are living.

If Mother Nature has the great capacity to destroy, should she not have equal capacity to heal, as well?

Big  
THYME  
good for  
sleep  
disorders

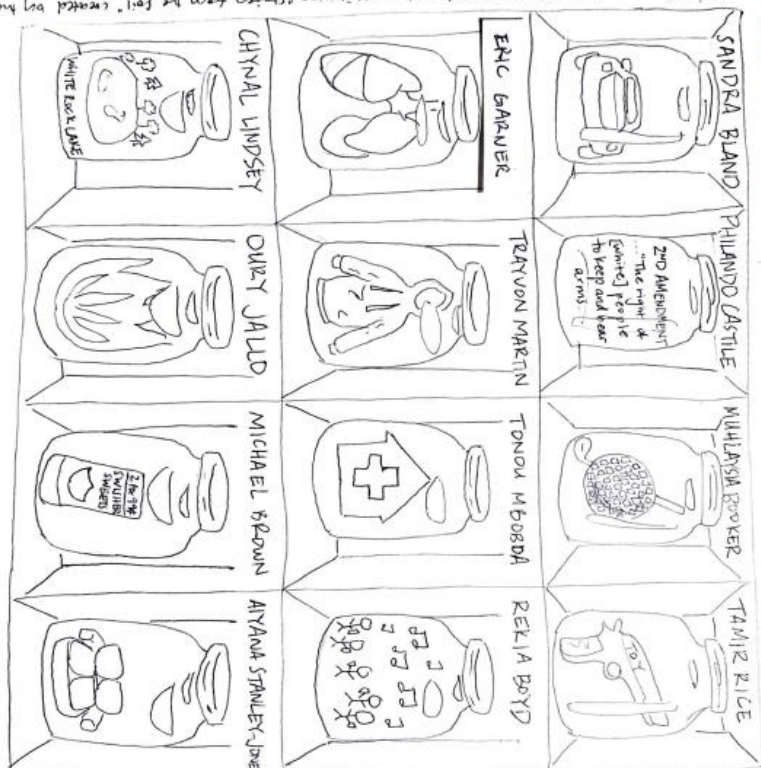
## Prison System in Germany

200 jails and prisons, a prison population of 65,000 and 77 prisoners per 100,000 population. Privatization of prisons is unlawful according to Article 33 of the Basic Law. Those on "good behaviour" are allowed to not only have visitors, but also spend time with them in a private room without supervision by police officers. Still, the German prison system is far from just. Its historical continuity can be found in colonialism & Nazism. E.g. the same buildings in which people were incarcerated for resisting Hitler are being used. One third of the prison population are so-called foreigners. Since years the general prison population decreases whereas the number of imprisoned people with migrant background increases.



# STORIES FROM THE SIDEWALK

"Stories from the Sidewalk" is based on the exhibition "Stories from the Sidewalk" created by the Equal Justice Initiative (EJI), which remembers the victims of racial lynching - centering in each jar that represent a crucial moment in the individual narrative.



Institutionalized violence against Black people is an everyday practice both in Germany and the USA. Whereas in the US, the roots of police brutality are laid in enslavement, the Jim Crow Laws, and lynching, the historic continuity of institutionalized violence in Germany can be found in Nazism and colonialism. Given the many parallels, it's crucial to work in solidarity.


"my favorite part about this fellowship is  
how much we learn from each other."

- Andres "Andy" Antuna



## EPIC TRAINING MONTAGE



 love IS THE CAPACITY,  
WILL, AND COURAGE  
TO NOURISH AND AFFIRM  
ONE'S self, ANOTHER,  
AND COMMUNITY  
TOWARD UNAPOLOGETIC  
WHOLENESS & COMPLETENESS

-Durrelle Brooks

Love is the willingness to sacrifice, to be beaten, to go to jail, to be killed for the betterment of society rather than live out your life in silence. The civil rights movement, above all, was a work of love. Yet, even fifty years later, it is rare to find anyone who would use the word love to describe what we did.

- Congressman John Lewis