Resource Guide: Terry Todd International Speakers Series of Kalamazoo Nature Center presents adrienne maree brown on Emergent Strategy

This document contains live links to additional information on people, projects, and literature in the order they were mentioned in this virtual talk which aired live on September 23, 2021. We thank you for your interest in this talk and invite you to share this document and the link to the recorded virtual talk with others.

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(3:20) Land and People Acknowledgment - Truth, Racial, Healing, and Transformation Kalamazoo

(6:12) Community Emergence Series- Partner Organizations:

- Kalamazoo Nature Center
- Terry Todd International Speakers Series of KNC
- Roothead
- ONEplace of Kalamazoo Public Library
- Truth, Racial, Healing, and Transformation Kalamazoo
- Kalamazoo Climate Crisis Coalition
- Black and Brown Therapy Collective
- Mary Jane Underwood Center for Civic Engagement
- Arcus Center for Social Justice of Kalamazoo College
- Grypon Place
- Open Roads
- RAWK- Read and Write Kalamazoo
(8:50) adrienne maree brown: Writer in residence at Emergent Strategy Ideation Institute

Her works include:

- **We Will Not Cancel Us And Other Dreams of Transformative Justice** (AK Press, 2020) ISBN 9781849354226
- **Octavia Butler Strategic Reader** (Allied Media Conference, 2010), co-edited with Alexis Pauline Gumbs

Podcasts:

- **How to Survive the End of the World**
- **Octavia’s Parables**

(19:30) Emergent Strategy: In right relationship with change and compatible with the Planet

Elements of Emergent Strategy:

- **Adaptive** - with intention as opposed to reactive
- **Fractal** - attention to the small and patterns
- **Non-linear and iterative** - cumulative practices
- **Decentralized and interdependent** - as opposed to hierarchical
- **Resilient** - recovering from harm using transformative justice
- **Creating more possibilities** - Capitalism suggests a single possible way

Credit for ideas shared by adrienne:


(27:40) adrienne maree brown’s teachers

- **Grace Lee Boggs**
• Nina Simone
• Aretha Franklin
• Audree Lorde
• Tony Morrison
• Malcolm X
• Frida Kahlo
• Maya Angelou
• Prince
• Marilyn Monroe
• David Blair
• Berta Cáceres
• Sherly Chisholm
• Harriet Tubman
• Chango
• Octavia E. Butler

Other books, organizations, and quotes referenced:

(37:02) Movement Generation

(40:00) Makani N. Themba: Strategic Communications Consultant
- “White Sociopathy”

(57:20) Parable of the Sower Graphic Novel

(1:02:00) “Octavia E Butler: "All that you touch you Change. All that you Change Changes you. The only lasting truth is Change. God Is Change."

(1:07:50) Alta Star - Somatic Coach at Strozzi Institute

(1:13:35) The Revolution Will Not Be Funded

• Paula X. Rojas: Are the Cops in our Heads or our Hearts?

(1:18:00) The Purpose of Power by Elisia Garza

(1:19:55) “Maya Angelou. Remember this because it will happen many times in your life. When people show you who they are the first time believe them.

(1:28:40) Ministry for the Future by Kim Stanley Robinson

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