

Nuke Free Now! Sunday August 5th 2012, Ashley Pond, Los Alamos, NM

12pm: **Las Mujeres Hablan** will lead us in an opening welcome and blessing

12.15pm: **Kristen Iversen** will speak on the subject of Transparency and Truth: can we, as American citizens, trust government and corporations to tell us how and when our health and our lives are being put at risk?

12.30pm: **Music from Laurianne Fiorentino** with Arne Bey and Dave Borton

1pm: **Lisa Putkey and Robert Chavez** will speak about why youth are crucial to the nuclear disarmament movement and what youth have done and are doing to make a difference.

1.15pm: **Ken Mayers** will speak as an internationally active member of Veterans For Peace

1.30pm: **Music from Mufari Marimba**

2pm: **Professor Lloyd J. Dumas** will explain how nuclear weapons laboratories do not create jobs, but are an economic burden that helps to drag the economy down and destroy jobs. Re-directed toward the right kinds of civilian-oriented research, they could not only help boost the economy but make a far larger contribution to the nation's security.

2pm: **Visioning Council:** Come together in circle to envision the cleanup and healing of our communities and lands. With Beata Tsosie-Pena and Louis Pena.

2.15pm: **Linda Gunter** will speak about the pathway from Trinity, Hiroshima, and Nagasaki to Church Rock, Three Mile Island, Chernobyl, and Fukushima, and the connecting point of indigenous peoples and uranium mining. She will also explain that Fukushima-type reactors are operating in the U.S.

2.25pm: **Eric Jantz** will speak on the environmental justice and public health impacts of uranium mining and processing, and how the front end of the nuclear fuel chain contributes to weapons proliferation.

2.40pm: **William Hartung** will speak about lobbying and campaign contributions by major defense contractors, such as Bechtel and Lockheed Martin, and how they exert political influence that shapes U.S. nuclear weapons policy and spending.

2.50pm: **Music from Mark S and Billy B**

3.15pm: **Arjun Makhijani** will speak about his work on sustainable energy, and the high and hidden costs of nuclear power.

3.30pm: **Alaric Balibrera** will speak about the critical transition humanity is currently in, how cooperation is far more successful than competition, and how the values that will help us through are primarily based in that more feminine and cooperation-based paradigm. Alaric will offer a vision of the future based on cooperation, and in light of the nearly unimaginable changes being brought by the emerging sciences.

3.45pm: **Spoken Word from Beata Tsosie-Pena**

4.15pm: **Jeff Haas** will speak about the continued and increasing targeting of Iran by the U.S. and Israel, and how they use their nuclear weapons to intimidate and strangle countries that challenge their hegemony.

4.30pm: **Pancho Ramos Stierle** will speak about his vision for all peace activists – what it means to “disobey with great love.”

4:45pm: **Music**

5pm: **John Dear** will speak about our need to repent of the mortal sin of nuclear weapons and warfare, our need to beg the God of peace for the gift of disarmament, and our calling to become people of nonviolence like Jesus and Gandhi, peacemakers who practice nonviolence and herald the coming of a new world of peace and nonviolence.

5.15pm: **Audio link with the sounding of the Peace Bell in Hiroshima**

5.20pm: **“Sackcloth and Ashes” march of peace and commemoration:** to LANL and back to Ashley Pond Park. Led by Pax Christi. Followed by the lighting and floating of Peace Lanterns on Ashley Pond.

Biographies:

Alaric Balibarrera, a Santa Fe resident, began a hunger strike on July 16. Balibarrera, a screenwriter, grew up in Los Alamos where his father was a documentarian for LANL. As a child, he saw films of the atomic explosions projected regularly on his living-room wall. His later pilgrimage to Hiroshima revealed the consequences of what his hometown had created.

Beata Tsosie-Pena, is from Santa Clara Pueblo and works as Program Coordinator for Tewa Women United's Environmental Health and Justice Program. She is also a poet, farmer, musician, teacher, and mother. She is a Green For All Fellow, has been a member of Las Mujeres Hablan for four years, and is currently serving as Chair for two Boards, H.O.P.E. (Honor Our Pueblo Existence) and Santa Clara Day School.

Arjun Makhijani, is President of the Institute for Energy and Environmental Research in Takoma Park, Maryland. He earned his Ph.D. from the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Sciences at the University of California, Berkeley in 1972, specializing in nuclear fusion. He was the principal author of the first study of the energy efficiency potential of the U.S. economy published in 1971. He is the author of *Carbon-Free and Nuclear-Free: A Roadmap for U.S. Energy Policy* (2007). He was named a Ploughshares Hero, by the Ploughshares Fund (2006). In 2007, he was elected a Fellow of the American Physical Society. Dr. Makhijani has testified before Congress, and has appeared on ABC World News Tonight, the CBS Evening News, CBS 60 Minutes, NPR, CNN, and BBC, among others. He has served as a consultant on energy issues to utilities, including the Tennessee Valley Authority, the Edison Electric Institute, the Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory, and several agencies of the United Nations.

Eric Jantz is a staff attorney with the New Mexico Environmental Law Center. The Law Center is the only non-profit law office in New Mexico that represents primarily low-income communities of color in their struggles to resist pollution in their neighborhoods. Eric's practice focuses on assisting communities in northwest New Mexico resist new uranium mining operations and force clean up of legacy waste from past mining and milling.

Father John Dear is a longtime peace activist, speaker, and the author of 28 books on peace and nonviolence, including *Lazarus Come Forth!*, *Jesus the Rebel*, *Living Peace*, and his autobiography, *A Persistent Peace*. He writes a weekly column for the National Catholic Reporter, and was recently nominated for the Nobel Peace Prize by Archbishop Desmond Tutu. www.johndear.org

Jeff Haas is a civil rights attorney, one of the founders of the People's Law Office in Chicago, an activist around Palestinian Rights, and supporter of sustainable communities in El Salvador as the Chair of EcoViva. He is the author of *The Assassination of Fred Hampton: How the FBI and the Chicago Police Murdered a Black Panther*.

Ken Mayers served as an operational communications officer in both the 3rd Marine Division in the Far East and the 2nd Marine Division, where he saw firsthand the impact of our military presence there on Vieques. He subsequently served as a guard company commander at the National Security Agency, and later commander of a company of Marines monitoring "enemy" communications along the east Asian coast from Vietnam to Siberia. After resigning his commission, he earned a Ph.D. in Political Science at U.C. Berkeley, and taught Political Economy at Bennington College. With his late wife Elizabeth, Ken founded the Santa Fe chapter of Veterans for Peace in 2002. The chapter currently has 130 members and associates and is widely recognized in the Santa Fe community as a leader in peace activities.

Kristen Iversen is the author of *Full Body Burden: Growing Up in the Nuclear Shadow of Rocky Flats*, and she is director of the MFA program at The University of Memphis. www.kristeniversen.com; www.falloutreport.com

Las Mujeres Hablan, (The Women Speak), is a network of local activists working in Northern New Mexico, U.S., to protect their peoples and lands from the nuclear weapons industry. The women work locally for global disarmament.

Linda Pentz Gunter is the international specialist at Beyond Nuclear, an organization she founded in 2007. She also serves as Director of Media and Development. In addition to international issues, Linda works on the nuclear power-nuclear weapons connection; wildlife impacts; and uranium mining and human rights.

Lisa Putkey is a coordinator for the youth group Think Outside the Bomb and a member of Tewa Women United's Environmental Justice Group. She studied Peace and Conflict Studies at the University of California at Berkeley where she was the Co-Chair of Fiat Pax, a student group organizing to end the UC's management of the Livermore and Los Alamos Labs. She has worked on the Mayors for Peace campaign with Western States Legal Foundation, as a union organizer with United Healthcare Workers, as a community organizer with ACORN, and as a Scoville Peace Fellow in Peace Action's national office. She moved to Chimayo two years ago to organize Think Outside the Bomb's Disarmament Summer, which culminated in a 11-day permaculture and action camp for youth and a direct action at LANL protesting the proposed CMRR.

Lloyd J. "Jeff" Dumas is Professor of Political Economy, Economics and Public Policy at the University of Texas at Dallas. An engineer and an economist, his most recent book is *The Peacekeeping Economy: Using Economic Relationships to Build a More Peaceful, Prosperous, and Secure World* (Yale, 2011). Dumas has been quoted as an authority in Time, Business Week, Financial Times, and Barron's, among many others, and discussed the policy implications of his work on more than 300 TV and radio programs in the U.S., former Soviet Union, Russia, Canada, Europe, Latin America and the Pacific.

Pancho Ramos Stierle joined the University of California at Berkeley to pursue a Ph.D. in Astrophysics. When the U.S. Government and the laboratories of the university announced they were developing "safer nuclear weapons," he decided to stop cooperating with the institution. His activism and life's focus is on issues of human rights, environmental sustainability, nonviolence, peace-building, immigration, urban agriculture and the development of a vibrant "gift economy." He blogs at Earthling Opinion and ServiceSpace and can be followed on Twitter @oneworldcitizen.

Robert Chavez is a 19 year-old from both Ohkay Owingeh and Santa Clara Pueblos. He is the Youth Coordinator for Honor Our Pueblo Existence and Think Outside the Bomb (TOTB) and a member of Tewa Women United's Environmental Justice Group. Growing up around strong anti-nuclear mentors he began his learning and activism around nuclear issues at a very early age. For the past 12 years he has been educating peer and community members about the environmental and health risks of working at or living in close proximity to Los Alamos National Laboratory. He was a travelling speaker on the 2010 National TOTB Tour and has made many public appearances speaking about these issues. He is passionate about educating students in New Mexico so that they may make informed decisions before pursuing work at LANL.

William D. Hartung is the Director of the Arms and Security Project at the Center for International Policy and the author of *Prophets of War: Lockheed Martin and the Making of the Military-Industrial Complex* (Nation Books, 2011) and the co-editor, with Miriam Pemberton, of *Lessons from Iraq: Avoiding the Next War* (Paradigm Press, 2008). His articles on security issues have appeared in the New York Times, the Washington Post, the Los Angeles Times, The Nation, and the World Policy Journal. He blogs for the Huffington Post and TPM Café.