

36 portraits from Robert Shetterly's collection
Americans Who Tell the Truth

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SYMPOSIUM ON DEMOCRACY 2019

Courageous Conversations: Civil Discourse in Divisive Times



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Robert F. Kennedy



Location on Campus: Olin Fine Arts Center Lobby

Interesting fact: Former United States Attorney General Robert Kennedy served his term during the presidency of his older brother John F. Kennedy.

Paul Robeson



Location on Campus: Olin Fine Arts Center Lobby

Interesting fact: Performer and activist Paul Robeson had his passport revoked from 1950 - 1958.

Pete Seeger



Location on Campus: Olin Fine Arts Center Lobby

Interesting fact: Folk musician Pete Seeger is the son of two classical music professors.

Edward Snowden



Location on Campus: Technology Center

Interesting fact: A former contract employee for the U.S. government who obtained and leaked intelligence documents, Edward Snowden was charged with violating the Espionage Act of 1917.

Noam Chomsky



Location on Campus: Howard J. Burnett Center
First Floor

Interesting fact: A linguist, political activist, and writer, Noam Chomsky was a child of the great depression who studied linguistics at Harvard and the University of Pennsylvania.

Jennifer Harbury



Location on Campus: Howard J. Burnett Center
First Floor

Interesting fact: A 20th century human rights activist, attorney, and author, Jennifer Harbury backpacked alone in Afghanistan when she was just 19, returning 3 days before starting a semester at Harvard.

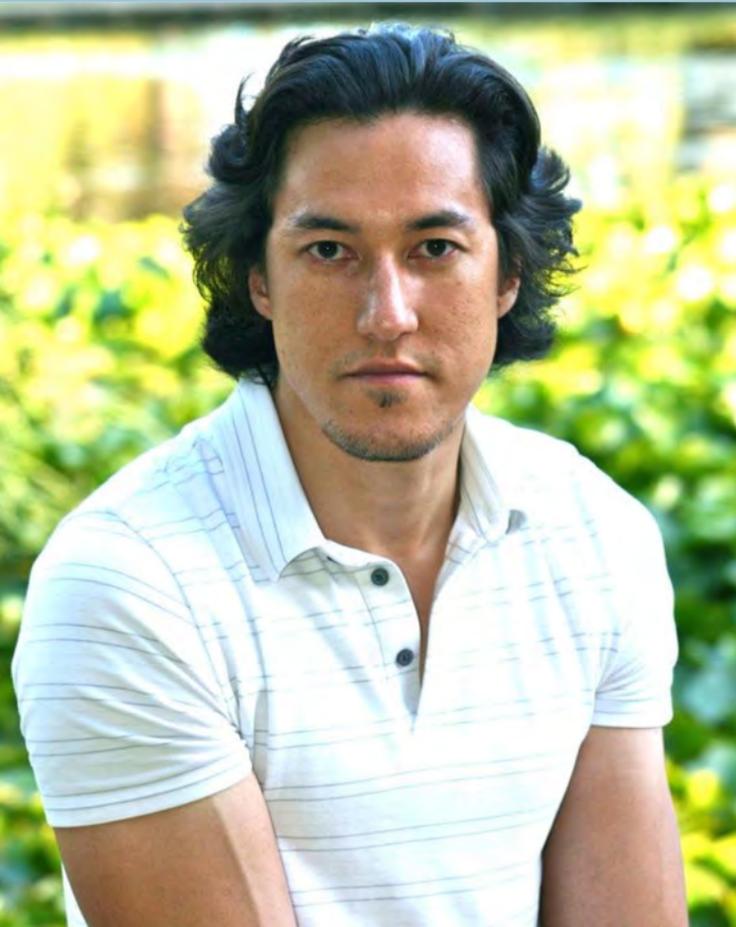
Medea Benjamin



Location on Campus: Howard J. Burnett Center
First Floor

Interesting fact: Medea Benjamin, co-founder of CODEPINK and Global Exchange, helped expose companies such as Nike for using sweatshop labor.

Paul K. Chappell



Location on Campus: Howard J. Burnett Center
First Floor

Interesting fact: Peace activist Paul Chappell was able to write two books while on active duty: *Will War Ever End?: A Soldier's Vision of Peace for the 21st Century* and *The End of War: How Waging Peace Can Save Humanity, Our Planet, and Our Future*.

Majora Carter



Location on Campus: Howard J. Burnett Center
First Floor

Interesting fact: Environmental activist Majora Carter founded the nonprofit environmental justice group Sustainable South Bronx.

John Muir



Location on Campus: John A. Swanson Science Center Salvitti Atrium

Interesting fact: In 1892, conservationist and naturalist John Muir founded and presided over the Sierra Club.

Chief Joseph



Location on Campus: John A. Swanson Science Center Salvitti Atrium

Interesting fact: This Nez Perce indian chief is considered a military genius due to his epic retreat after being forced off of his land.



Rachel Carson



Location on Campus: John A. Swanson Science Center Salvitti Atrium

Interesting fact: Groundbreaking environmentalist Rachel Carson has a bridge named after her in Pittsburgh.

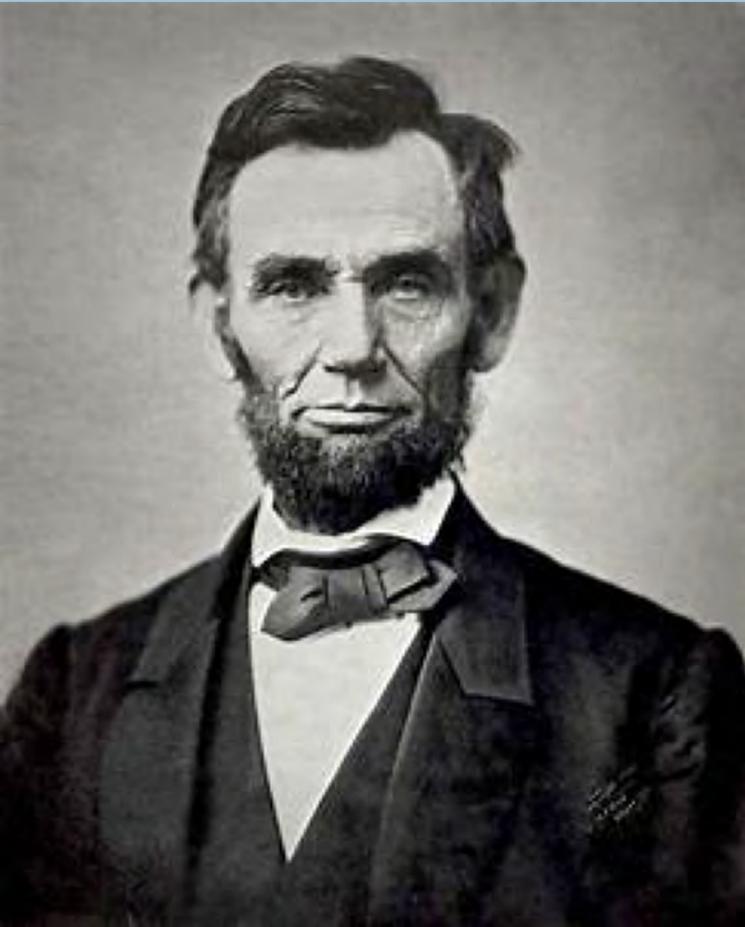
Sandra Steingraber



Location on Campus: Dieter-Porter Hall

Interesting fact: Biologist and environmental activist Sandra Steingraber survived bladder cancer when she was in her 20s.

Abraham Lincoln



Location on Campus: Rossin Center Ballroom
Entrance

Interesting fact: Abraham Lincoln, 16th President of the United States, issued the Emancipation Proclamation on Jan. 1, 1863.

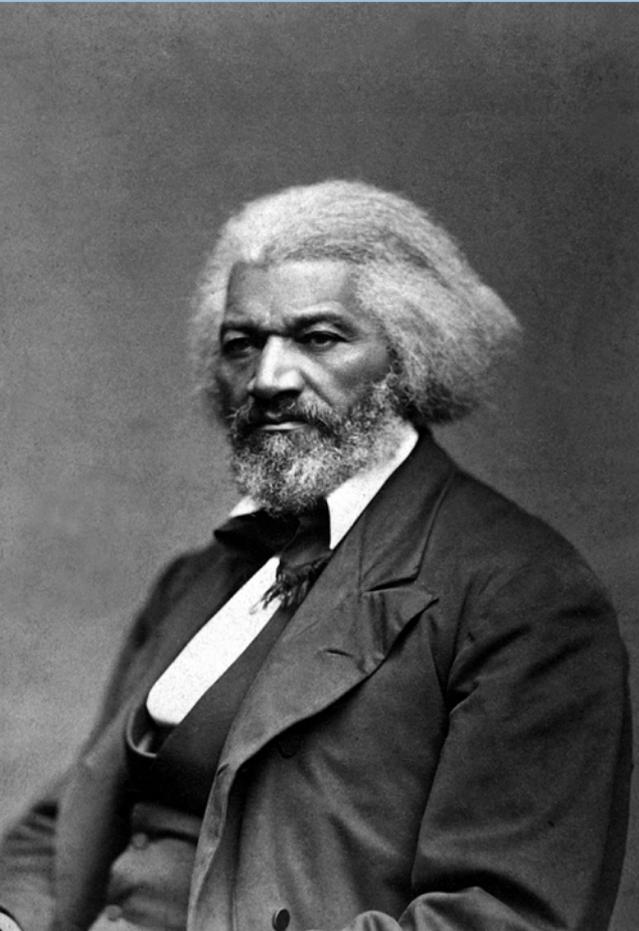
Harriet Tubman



Location on Campus: Rossin Center Ballroom
Entrance

Interesting fact: Former slave and abolitionist Harriet Tubman served as a nurse, scout, and spy for the Union army during the Civil War.

Frederick Douglass



Location on Campus: The Commons Lodge

Interesting fact: Abolitionist and former slave Frederick Douglass educated himself on reading and writing.

Van Jones



Location on Campus: The Commons Lodge

Interesting fact: Environmental and human rights activist Van Jones is the author of three *New York Times* best sellers.

Samantha Smith



Location on Campus: The Commons Lodge

Interesting fact: Samantha Smith was a child peace activist who, at the age of ten, wrote to the leader of of the Soviet Union asking if they were going to war.

Michael Pollan



Location on Campus: The Commons Lodge

Interesting fact: Michael Pollan is an American author, journalist, activist, and the Lewis K. Chan Arts Lecturer and Professor of Practice of Non-Fiction at Harvard University.

Jane Addams



Location on Campus: Old Main First Floor Lobby

Interesting fact: Social reformer Jane Addams was considered the face of social activism of the Progressive Era.



Naomi Klein



Location on Campus: Old Main First Floor Lobby

Interesting fact: Environmental author Naomi Klein attended the University of Toronto for a short period of time, but did not end up receiving a degree.

John Kiriakou



Location on Campus: Old Main First Floor Lobby

Interesting fact: This C.I.A operative went to jail for 30 months for whistleblowing on the C.I.A's use of waterboarding on prisoners.

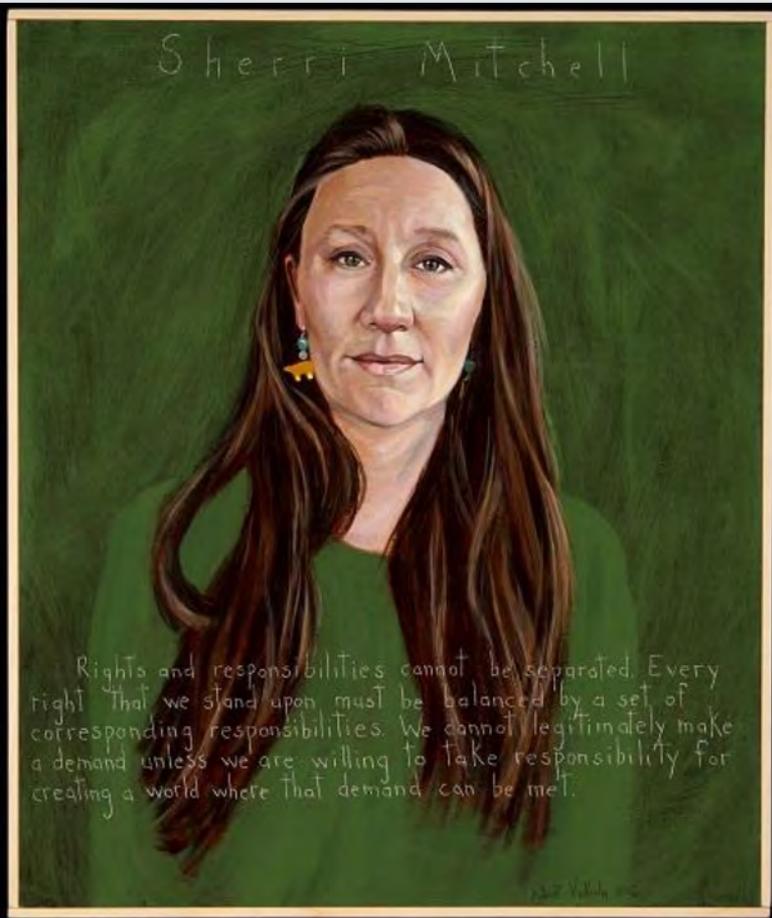
Sojourner Truth



Location on Campus: Old Main First Floor Lobby

Interesting fact: One of Sojourner Truth's most famous speeches, "Ain't I a Woman?," was delivered at an 1851 women's rights convention in Akron, Ohio.

Sherri Mitchell



Location on Campus: U. Grant Miller Library
Walker Room

Interesting fact: Indigenous people's attorney Sherri Mitchell received the Mahoney Dunn International Human Rights and Humanitarian Award for her research into human rights violations against indigenous people.

Zora Neale Hurston



Location on Campus: U. Grant Miller Library
Walker Room

Interesting fact: Hurston, a 20th century author and anthropologist, won a scholarship to study anthropology at Barnard College in New York. A later fellowship gave her the means to collect folklore in her native South and in the Caribbean.

Jim Hightower



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Walker Room

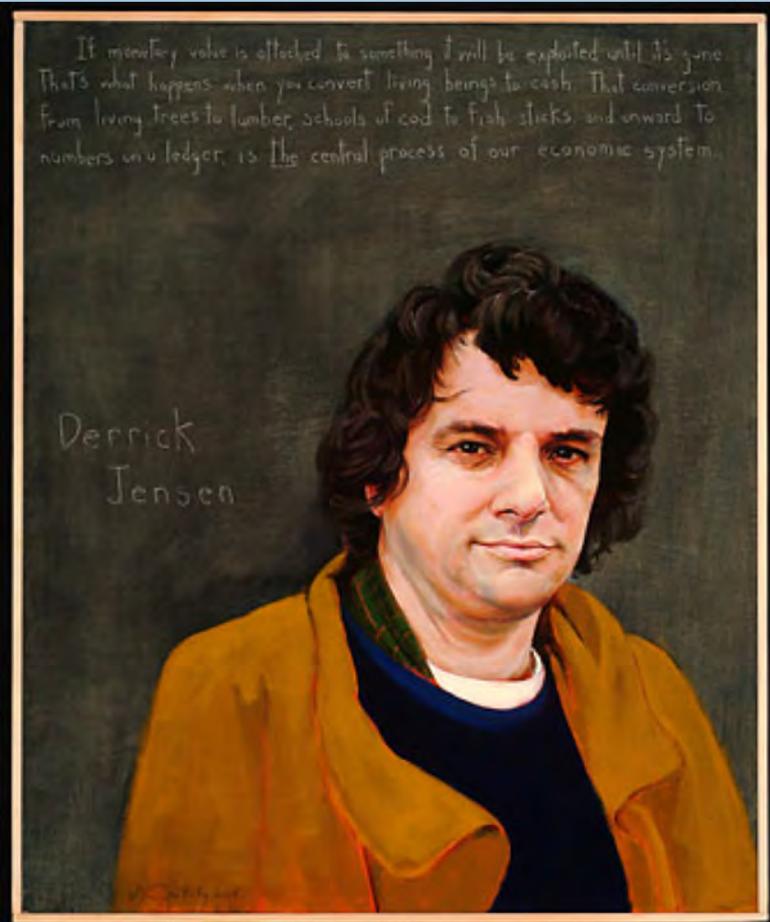
Interesting fact: Jim Hightower, a columnist and progressive political activist, publishes his own monthly newsletter and broadcasts daily radio commentaries.

Derrick Jensen



Location on Campus: U. Grant Miller Library First Floor

Interesting fact: Environmental activist and author Derrick Jensen has a book called *The Culture of Make Believe* that was a finalist for the J. Anthony Lukas Book Prize.



Lois Gibbs



Location on Campus: U. Grant Miller Library First Floor

Interesting fact: In 1988, environmental activist Lois Gibbs successfully convinced fast food restaurants to cease their use of styrofoam boxes and switch to the less wasteful paper wrappers.

Alice Walker



Location on Campus: U. Grant Miller Library First Floor

Interesting fact: 20th century writer Alice Walker is an activist for peace, social justice, civil rights, gender equality, and the environment, and was also a recipient of the Pulitzer Prize for fiction.

Aldo Leopold



Location on Campus: U. Grant Miller Library First Floor

Interesting fact: Outdoorsman and essayist Aldo Leopold helped found The Wilderness Society, an organization dedicated to preserving wilderness.

Jesselyn Radack



Location on Campus: U. Grant Miller Library First Floor

Interesting fact: Lawyer Jesselyn Radack graduated from Yale Law, and joined the Justice department through the Attorney General Honors program.

Bernice Johnson Reagon



Location on Campus: U. Grant Miller Library First Floor

Interesting fact: Civil rights activist Bernice J. Reagon founded an a cappella singing group of African-American women called Sweet Honey in the Rock.

Jonathan Kozol



Location on Campus: U. Grant Miller Library First Floor

Interesting fact: In 1964, writer and activist Jonathan Kozol left his comfortable life in Cambridge, Massachusetts to go to Boston to work as a teacher in a low-income neighborhood while advocating for equality in America's public schools.

John Lewis



Location on Campus: U. Grant Miller Library First Floor

Interesting fact: A civil rights activist and a Congressman, John Lewis was also the first major figure from the House of Representatives to call for the impeachment of president George W. Bush.

Dorothy Day



Location on Campus: U. Grant Miller Library First Floor

Interesting fact: This co-founder of the Catholic Worker movement helped the homeless by creating hospitality houses.

James Baldwin



Location on Campus: U. Grant Miller Library First Floor

Interesting fact: 20th Century author James Baldwin published his first novel, *Go Tell It on the Mountain*, in 1953.