

FEATURING

Boots Riley

is the lead vocalist for The Coup, a hip hop group from Oakland. He is a lifelong revolutionary, and he played an important role in Occupy Oakland and other Bay Area political struggles. Boots recently released a book about the lyrics and backstories of his music: *Tell Homeland Security—We Are The Bomb*.

Khury Petersen-Smith

co-authored, with Stanford alum Kristian Davis Bailey, the influential 2015 *Black Solidarity Statement with Palestine*, covered by Ebony and other outlets. Khury is a member of the International Socialist Organization and is active in Palestine solidarity and anti-racist organizing. He has written about the politics of Black liberation for Jacobin Magazine and the International Socialist Review.

Wael Elasady

is a Palestinian-Syrian activist living in Portland. He is a co-founder of Students United for Palestinian Equal Rights at Portland State University and a member of the International Socialist Organization. He was co-host of *One Land, Many Voices* a community radio show bringing the question of Palestine to the Portland area.*



TOWARD JUSTICE

The
Black/Palestine
Solidarity Tour

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When heavily militarized police in Ferguson, Missouri, confronted African American protesters angry at the police murder of Mike Brown in 2014, Palestinians watching events unfold from Gaza began sending tweets about how to cope with the teargas filling the streets.

Such an act of solidarity was more than a mere expression of support from people who, though half a world away, know firsthand about state repression. Police in cities across the U.S.—including police in Ferguson and Baltimore—have turned to Israel for training in how to deploy tactics honed in suppressing the Palestinian struggle for justice. And the U.S. directly supports Israel's dispossession of the Palestinians—to the tune of some \$3 billion per year.

Many of the issues facing the Black community in the U.S.—police violence, job discrimination, poverty, and environmental racism—are the same problems that Palestinians face.

A new generation of activists is forging ties of solidarity between the struggles of Palestinians and African Americans—struggles for equal rights, for dignity, for freedom. This tour hopes to make a modest contribution to this project—by unearthing the inspiring history of Black/Palestinian solidarity and by making these lessons relevant for present-day efforts seeking to transform the future.

Oakland

Sat, April 9th – 5:30pm, Oakland Peace Center, Shelton Hall, 111 Fairmont Avenue
Sliding scale: \$5-\$20 / no one turned away for lack of funds
*Wael will be speaking on Sat. April 9th

Stanford University

Tues, April 12th – 7pm, Black Community Services Center

UC Berkeley

Wed, April 13th – 7:30pm, Valley Life Sciences Building room 2040

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