



November 22 at 11 AM

Sacco & Vanzetti Memorial Award Recipient:
“A conversation with Mohsen Mahdawi”
with Mohsen Mahdawi

• *Mohsen Mahdawi* is a Palestinian activist, graduate student at Columbia University’s School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA), and prominent advocate for human rights *will join us in person.*

Mahdawi was among a number of student activists targeted by the Trump administration for deportation. In April, 2025, he was arrested and detained by U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents at the U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) office in Colchester, Vermont, where he had been informed, he had an interview to obtain U.S. citizenship. He was released from detention and granted a temporary restraining order to prevent federal authorities from transferring him out of Vermont. In May 2025, he attended his graduation from Columbia's School of General Studies. In July, 2026, a New York appeals court overturned the decision to release Mahdawi, ruling that Crawford lacked the authority to intervene in ongoing immigration removal proceedings.

music by **Layan Hawila**, *oud, Palestine*



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Monday, October 5, 2026 | 7:30pm
Community Church of Boston
565 Boylston St. | Boston, MA 02116

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$20
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Please RSVP in advance as space is limited.



Gallery For Social Political Art Presents:

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Exhibition:
Oct. 30 – Dec. 20 2026

Reception:
October 30 6:30 PM

Artist's Talk:
7:00PM

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CCB SUNDAYS & MORE!
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October 4 at 11:00 AM



Photo by Don J. Usner

“The Fallout from the Failure of the Iran War, and the Collapse of Pro-Israel Support in the US”

with **Max Blumenthal**

Max Blumenthal is the most fearless journalist we’ve ever met. The mainstream news slop-trough would never touch his constant honest and uncompromising coverage of US Imperialism, Zionism, Gunboat Diplomacy, DC Power and Money Mongering and Dysfunction. We are deeply honored to kickoff CCB’s 26-27 Season with The Grayzone’s Max Blumenthal. (Max will join us virtually)

music by **David Rovics**

October 11 at 11 AM

“Red in the Face”
with **Simon Moya-Smith**



From racist Indian mascots to wannabeism to antiquated American holidays that celebrate white invasion and land theft, Indigenous folks face a lot year-round, but it all crescendos every autumn with a cacophony of mawkish Americana.

• *Simon Moya-Smith*, 43, is an Oglala Lakota and Chicano writer and journalist. He has a Master of Arts in Journalism from Columbia University and a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science with a Minor in Ethnic Studies from the University of Colorado Denver. His work appears in The Nation, NBC News, CNN, and New York Magazine among others. Moya-Smith, along with Julie Francella, Ojibwe, host the Indigenous-focused segment, *We’re Still Here*, on SiriusXM Progress Ch. 127 with comedian John Fugelsang every Thursday at 11 a.m. PST/2 p.m. EST. Moya-Smith's new book, *Your Spirit Animal is a Jackass*, is forthcoming. You can follow Moya-Smith on Instagram, Bluesky, and Threads. (Simon will join us virtually)

music by **CommUnity Voices** with **Cindy Mapes & Jimmy Frances**

October 18 at 11 AM

“Using Fiction to Reveal the Power of Incarcerated Women”

with Jean Trounstone and Stacey Borden

Jean Trounstone will discuss her 8th book and first novel *Sounds Like Trouble To Me*, a story of a correction officer who kills her abusive husband and finds herself on the other side of the law. Stacey Borden will join Jean to discuss how this work based on two true stories reveals the truth of women behind bars and building community to create change.



• **Jean Trounstone** is the author of eight books, an activist and educator, who has written extensively about the criminal legal system in America. She was the first-person world-wide to director a Shakespeare play behind bars and has won awards for her work directing eight plays in the women's prison and writing about her work.

• **Stacey Borden** is the Founder and Executive Director of New Beginnings Reentry Services, Inc. (NBRS), a nonprofit dedicated to supporting women returning to their communities after incarceration. Drawing from nearly 30 years of lived experience with incarceration, Stacey has become a nationally recognized advocate for criminal justice reform, restorative justice, and survivors of domestic and sexual violence.



Photo courtesy of New Beginnings

music by Michael Laureanno

October 25 at 11 AM

“Major Changes in North America via Mexico”

with Elena Mass

Much of the world has begun to recognize Mexico as a global model, with incredible public and private investment. This in turn has greatly benefited Mexico's social infrastructure. Its ability to remain sovereign in its politics and protect its land is rather astounding, considering that Mexican armed forces are re-taking border land as industry encroaches. Mexico's 70 officially supported Indigenous languages are now integrated in the revised constitution as are laws to prevent election interference and severe penalties against femicide or intent thereof. Elena will discuss some of this recent history as it enfolds and the benefits of traveling to this neighboring country.

• **Elena Mass**, Cambridge activist, civic and environmental leader has been traveling back and forth to Mexico since 2023, writing about her social, political and personal experiences with Mexicanas and Mexicanos and gives another view of North America that has been omitted from our mainstream news. Elena is a member of Community Church and served as board president in 1990 and on the board for some years as recently as 2016-2018.



music by Andres Millán



Photo by Yawu Miller

• **Bahar Sharafi** is an Iranian-American peace activist and data scientist living in Dorchester. She is Massachusetts chapter leader for National Iranian American Council, co-chair of CD8 for Palestine, and collaborates with MAPA in Arise & Resist and in organizing around peace and reconciliation with Iran.

music by Husssam Bahloul, oud, Syria & Ghassan Sawalhi, percussion, Palestine

November 1 at 11 AM

“Iran, the United States, and Why This War Matters”

with Bahar Sharafi

Iran is one of the most consistently demonized nations in United States discourse. U.S. officials, and media, frequently use obscene, dehumanizing, and misleading language with regards to Iran. U.S. policy towards Iran over the past 47 years has consisted of economic warfare, sabotage, and overt and covert war, with brief interludes of diplomacy. However, the history of U.S.–Iran interactions has a longer history. Sharafi will briefly review the history of U.S.–Iran relations in the context of the broader history of the Iranian struggle.

November 8 at 11 AM

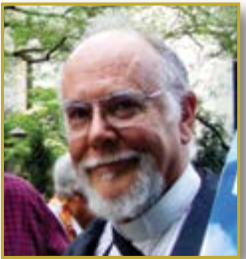
“The Quaking of America: No longer waiting to exhale.”

with Rev. Ralph Galen

Our title comes from Resmaa Menakem who instead of writing a direct sequel to the colossal *My Grandmother's Hands*, a manifesto on dealing with racialized trauma, wrote a manual for how to prevent and/or survive a civil war here in America. Many years ago I used to have fun with and had some faith in electoral politics. That lasted through JFK. Party affiliations no longer matter but today we can take a deep breath and see what work lies in store for us.

• **Rev. Ralph Galen** has recently joined our CCB team as an affiliate minister. We will hear his musings on the upside down state of the planet, the world, and a community in denial of the fascism that is upon us. We will hear his musings on the recent mid-term elections. Having retired from over 40 years of UU ministry, Rev. Galen has under his belt years of wisdom about coaxing congregations to act with deliberate intention to change the world. We warmly welcome Ralph to CCB!

music by Dean Stevens



“The Global Impact of China's Growth”

with Richard Wolff

After 40 years of superior growth (2 to 3 times faster than the US), China has become an economic superpower with rising political and ideological influence. Nothing less than a global transformation (for the US too) flows from China's arrival. This is the process we will examine.

• **Richard Wolff** is a professor of Economics all his life (Yale, CUNY, UMass, Sorbonne), Wolff also founded *Democracy at Work* and hosts its weekly radio/TV show *Economic Update*. His most recent of many books is *Understanding Capitalism*, the third in the series that includes *Understanding Socialism* and *Understanding Marxism*. He appears regularly on many radio and TV interview programs covering world economics. (Richard will join us virtually)

music by Rod MacDonald

Monday, November 16 at 7 PM
(Free & Open to the public- hybrid event)

“Wired to Steal: Zionism & the Shaping of the Western Mind”
with Yoav Litvin & Ilan Pappé *In Person*

Since the Hamas assault of October 7, 2023, and for more than two years, Israel has been engaged in what has been described by a consensus of international experts as a genocide. Can Israel's actions be explained by retribution, “self-defence,” revenge, or the quest to free hostages, or are these narratives masking something deeper? How has Israel's decades-long occupation of Palestine shaped the violence we are witnessing today?

Wired to Steal combines vivid storytelling, clear science, and deep moral urgency to reveal the playbook of settler colonialism, and offers a roadmap for dismantling it.



YOAV LITVIN incisive political analyses and interviews, he brings a unique perspective to social movements, urban culture, and the arts. Litvin has published scientific research articles and reviews on the neuroscience of emotion in a host of academic publications in the US and Europe. His books *Out-door Gallery: New York City* and *2Create: Art Collaborations in New York City* are iconic documents of ephemeral art.



ILAN PAPPÉ is recognized globally as one of the world's foremost historians of Israel/Palestine. He is a professor of history at the Institute of Arab and Islamic Studies and Director of the European Centre for Palestine Studies at the University of Exeter. He is the author of over twenty books, including the bestselling *The Ethnic Cleansing of Palestine*. In 2017, he received the Middle East Monitor's Lifetime Achievement Award.

@CCB: SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24TH AT 6PM

WHAT HAPPENS WHEN A
MALAYSIAN MUSLIM WOMAN
DEFIES EXPECTATIONS AND
CHALLENGES PATRIARCHY?

Author's Talk • Reception • Book Release & Signing



Ani Zonneveld shares her journey from Kuala Lumpur to rural Illinois, confronting invisible lines drawn by religion, gender, and race—all in pursuit of truth and justice. From the music industry to global human rights forums, Ani uses her voice—literally and figuratively—to advocate for freedom of expression, women's rights, and LGBTQIA+ inclusion within Islam. Whether navigating UN corridors or standing up to extremists, her story challenges dominant narratives and fosters radical empathy. Her memoir is a bold invitation to step out of tribalism and into allyship, using the intersections of feminism, faith, and the arts as tools for transformation.



Ani Zonneveld is a writer, singer/songwriter, founder and President of Muslims for Progressive Values (MPV), an international human rights organization that advocates for social justice and equality for all, a strong supporter of freedom of expression and of conscience, women's rights and as an ally, LGBTQ rights. MPV has nine chapters throughout the U.S. She is founder of the international Alliance Of Inclusive Muslims, with members spanning six continents.

In collaboration with Community Church of Boston
& Muslims for Progressive Values.