

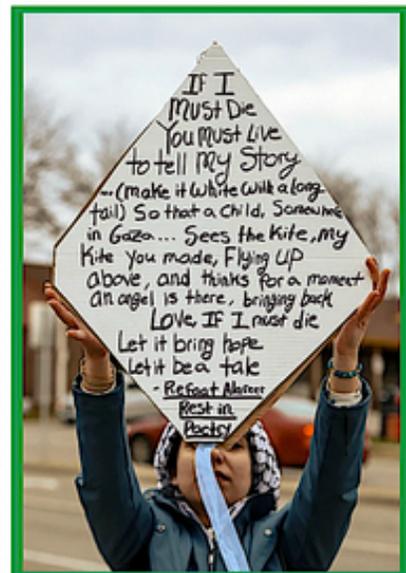
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*Welcome to our weekly newsletter KITE, from
the Sarah Lawrence Coalition for Palestine.*

*KITE is open to contributions from within and beyond our
Sarah Lawrence community. If you or someone you know would like to contribute—an event
announcement, an event report, an opinion piece,*

*a response to something we've published, a quote, a poem—
please send to sl.fs.jpalestine@proton.me.*

Copy deadline is Sundays at noon. Thank you.

Since our last newsletter:

- *Monday January 26 [Francesca Albanese](#): “Not sure the magnitude of this is fully understood: Israel has wiped out 2,700 families in Gaza, leaving 6,000+ people as the sole survivors of entire bloodlines. This is the result of deliberate policy, pursued with full knowledge of its effects. This is not war. It is genocide.”*

Abubaker Abed: “The Gaza Strip has now 0 Israeli prisoners for the first time since 2014. They have all been exchanged to free Palestinian hostages who have been either kidnapped again or exiled to third world country. Israel meanwhile has over 9000 Palestinians in its prisons, including the women and children.”

University of Minnesota after the federal murder of one of its alums, 3 miles from campus: “We recognize that many are feeling fear, sadness, and confusion as we navigate a complex and challenging moment.” [Chronicle](#)

A list of 27 Canadian journalists who have gone on sponsored Israel trips organized by a Zionist group whose co-founder previously worked for an Israeli intelligence firm. [Davide Mastracci](#)

- *Tuesday January 27 [Umer Khalid](#), a 22-year-old British pro-Palestine activist, ends hunger strike. He's being held on pre-trial remand at the Wormwood Scrubs Prison in London. [AlJazeera](#)*

[Matt Kennard](#): “Umer Khalid's demand is the British government release information about the spy flights it sent over Gaza daily for nearly 2 years. Starmer is allowing him to die rather than reveal the truth about Labour's participation in genocide.”

“surreal seeing everyone suddenly speak up about ICE when ICE kidnapped Mahmoud Khalil from his home and many Columbia professors remained silent. Leqaa Kordia is still in ICE detention. what you allow your government to do to others is what they will do to you.” [@itslaylas](#)

Israeli settlers carry out brutal attacks on the villages of Masafer Yatta in the West Bank. [Ihab Hassan](#)

- *Wednesday January 28* Gaza under Israeli fire as ‘desperate’ Palestinians seek supplies. [AlJazeera](#)

UNRWA Commissioner-General: Silencing Humanitarian Voices in Gaza Must End. [UN](#)

- *Thursday January 29* Israeli settlers set Palestinian homes on fire in Jerusalem. [MiddleEastEye](#)
- *Friday January 30* Doctors Without Borders announces that it will refuse to provide the names of its staff to Israeli authorities, a condition imposed to renew its operating license in Gaza. [Ezzideen Shehab](#)

YouTube, owned by Google parent Alphabet, complies with Israeli government order to block Al Jazeera Media Network broadcasts and livestreams in Israel and the occupied territories. [DropSite](#)

How ICE already knows who Minneapolis protesters are: “One of the tools, which was built by Paragon, an Israeli technology company, lets people take control of phones or remotely hack into them to read messages or track locations.” [MinnesotaStarTribune](#)

Denial of the Gaza Health Ministry’s death toll helped buoy American support for Israel’s genocide. Among the genocide deniers: the Biden administration, Congress, Ritchie Torres, the Anti-Defamation League, AIPAC. [Intercept](#)

Four former US officials reportedly confirm that US Ambassador to Israel Jack Lew and his deputy Stephanie Hallett blocked government circulation of a 2024 USAID cable calling Gaza an “apocalyptic wasteland,” claiming it lacked balance. [PalestineChronicle](#)

• *Saturday January 31* “Relatives in Gaza city tell me their night was one from hell and speak of a massacre in the Sheikh Rudwan neighborhood where many displaced women were taking shelter.” [Laila El-Haddad](#)

Former Biden White House Assistant to the President and National Security Advisor to Vice President Kamala Harris, Phil Gordon, admits the United States violated US law in order to continue funding Israel’s war effort. [DropSite](#)

The US Occupation of Gaza Is Officially Beginning [Truthout](#)

If you protest a genocide, like these 80 students did, you'll get [expelled](#) by Columbia University. If you help cover up a genocide, like Jack Lew did, you'll get [hired](#) by Columbia University. [Zachary Foster](#)

• *Sunday February 1* Israel says it will terminate humanitarian work of Doctors Without Borders in Gaza after it refused to provide a list of its Palestinian staff. [Aljazeera](#)

Israeli tanks open fire on tents in Jabalia. [Mosab Abu Toha](#)

“Who believed that ‘if they only released the hostages’? Who believed in the ceasefire? After killing 500+ people in about 3 months, Israel—armed and supported by the US—continues its genocide in Gaza undisturbed. Don't let it become the new normal. Stand up against genocide!” [Francesca Albanese](#)

- [March 27, 2025 letter from the House Committee on Education & Workforce to 5 colleges: Pomona, Bowdoin, Northwestern, Barnard, & Sarah Lawrence.](#)

- [June 11, 2025 letter from the House Committee to Sarah Lawrence](#)

- [August 5 lawsuit filed by 10 Sarah Lawrence students & one faculty member against the College & the House Committee, to prevent shared attempts to equate anti-Zionism & anti-Semitism & to interfere with pro-Palestine anti-genocide protest.](#)



• FROM THE FACULTY & STAFF •

Code of complicity

This January, in the wake of the brutal murders of Renee Good and Alex Pretti by ICE agents, Minneapolis, already near its boiling point from raids, exploded in protests. Good, a poet, and Pretti, a nurse, were not the first victims of ICE violence--many others, like Keith Porter in LA, have been beaten and shot or died in ICE detention facilities. But these murders were recorded by several protesters and passersby and broadcast widely. Despite freezing temperatures and brutal repression, residents of Minneapolis took to the streets, working together to protect their immigrant neighbors and friends, chanting "Pigs, Go Home!," using a well-known term to refer to police, one with a proud tradition in the US, going back to the 1960s and, more recently, to the BLM protests. Images from Minnesota's most populous city, already horrifying before the killing of Good, show it turning into a war zone. The federal response to the murder of Good and Pretti was to label both as terrorists and their murderers as heroes and victims. As of January 30th, Good's and Pretti's killers remain free and

continue receiving paychecks while on paid administrative leave--while in Minnesota alone, over one hundred people were arrested for protesting the federal government's violence and cruelty.

It is in this context that we of FSJP read the recent email from Sarah Lawrence president Cristle Collins Judd, denouncing our students for protesting an on-campus event with Ezra Klein, which Sarah Lawrence continued to enthusiastically promote even after Klein proclaimed that Charlie Kirk, master of racist, misogynist, and transphobic speech, was "doing politics the right way." Since people's memories are often short, this is what Charlie Kirk, Klein's (and now Sarah Lawrence's!) poster boy for "viewpoint diversity" and civil debate, tweeted in August of 2025: "President Trump is going out on patrol tonight in DC. Shock and awe. Force. We're taking our country back from these cockroaches."

Students appalled by Klein's presence on campus in this moment expressed their disapproval by briefly disrupting his talk and organizing a well-attended counter-event--which, despite hardly any publicity, gathered far more Sarah Lawrence students than the highly publicized event across the lawn. The next night, President Judd's letter unequivocally denounced the students' actions, equating anti-Zionism with anti-Semitism. Her statement allowed for no alternative views or interpretations. This could be dismissed as yet another showdown between the college administration and the student body--a tale as old as the liberal university itself. But in view of recent events, the quick and unquestioning condemnation of students who mobilize tirelessly against genocide, racism, xenophobia, misogyny, and transphobia is both jarring and tone-deaf. We realize that the Sarah Lawrence administration finds itself in a tough spot: on the one side, far-right activists are calling for punishment and retribution, on the other, those who stand with us ask Sarah Lawrence to stand with its students and in this critical historical moment to suspend demands for compliance and business as usual. It's a difficult choice. Bridges between the far right and the rest of humanity are tricky. With every passing day we're living more in an upside-down world: where victims of violence are terrorists and their murderers are victims; where writing on "free speech" boards is purposefully misinterpreted, suppressed, and demonized, while those who defend hateful, violence-promoting tweets by right-wing podcasters are celebrated for their bravery, knowledge, and "nuance"; where racists and xenophobes are lauded as gifted debaters while tens of thousands of protesters exercising their first amendment rights against oppression are tear-gassed, beaten, detained, and murdered; where five-year-olds armed with Spiderman backpacks and bunny-ear hats are kidnapped and left to languish in detention centers, while the administration celebrates ridding the US of dangerous immigrants. In this upside-down world, it is not surprising that our students, wielding books written by Palestinian poets, are accused of creating an atmosphere of "discomfort" and "intimidation" and violating the school's Code of Conduct. In a time of genocide, mass deportations, and public executions, Sarah Lawrence is cracking down on disruption and demanding compliance. This may not be surprising but is still deeply disappointing and shameful, and the opposite of what we see as the work of teaching and learning at Sarah Lawrence.

Lawsuit brought by Sarah Lawrence Palestine activists to protect anti-genocide protest

On August 5, 2025, ten Sarah Lawrence students, past and present, joined by one member of our faculty, filed a suit in federal court to try to prevent further attempts by the College and the House Committee on Education & Workforce to equate anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism, and to surveil, stigmatize, discipline, and prevent campus protest against the Israeli genocide in Palestine.

We of FSJP are hopeful that a supportive decision on this case could prevent further harmful cooperation of the College with the House Committee, and could protect the College from further Committee demands for information about Palestine-related protest. The suit aims to constrain both the College's cooperation with the Committee and the illegitimate operations of the Committee's sham "investigations."

For us the plaintiffs in this case represent the best of the values of Sarah Lawrence: a willingness in a time of political danger not to assist in projects of persecution, as in the time of Senator Joseph McCarthy's similar Committee, but to stand up for the values undergirding our Principles for Mutual Respect: to respect each other; to work with integrity and honor; to foster honest inquiry, free speech and open discourse; to embrace our diversity in all its dimensions; and to inflict no harm on one another, or on anyone else, near or far. In a time of genocide, silence is complicity. We commend our fellow community members for continuing to break that silence, and look forward to this upcoming year's conversations about other ways that work might continue.

CALL FOR DIALOGUE AND PARTICIPATION. SL FSJP would like to extend a special invitation to our fellow staff and faculty members to participate in making our weekly KITE newsletter.

What you might think of as a small contribution—a brief observation, a contentious letter, a note from a meeting, an interview of only a few questions, a captioned photograph, a

quote—would benefit us all, whether contributed with attribution or anonymously. As above, you can reach us at sl.fs.jpalestine@proton.me.

• FROM THE ALUMNI •

Weeks after Mahmoud Khalil's deportation decision is reversed, President Cristle Collins Judd puts Sarah Lawrence students in danger of federal persecution

President Judd's campus-wide email on January 29 is a unilateral allegation of anti-Semitic acts by students and an expression of intent to pursue disciplinary action accordingly. The College has ascribed a guilty verdict before an investigation has taken place, indicating a disciplinary process that will lack transparency and input from the campus community. It has done so without consulting the campus community on the consequences of these allegations.

Our political landscape has changed since Judd and Dave Stanfield imposed a similarly opaque disciplinary process on students involved in the occupation of Westlands in 2024. The federal government has aimed multiple investigations into alleged antisemitism at Sarah Lawrence since January 2025. It is an open secret that College emails relating to campus protests are accessible to the Department of Education on request. Across this country, ICE and other law enforcement have been repeatedly weaponized to kidnap pro-Palestine activists from campuses as punishment for opposing the Israeli/US policy of genocide. Why, then, in this political climate full of threats to student safety and, to a lesser extent, to the operations of the College, would President Judd declare that an "antisemitic slur" has been posted on the free speech board, and that student protesters had "intimidated," "harmed," and "infring[ed] on the rights of others"?

Judd's administration has shirked responsibility for transparent discussion of disclosure of information to the House Committee on Education and the Workforce, leaving us all in the dark as to how much sensitive information has been leaked to the Feds. All we have to discern the Administration's temperament and intentions are through statements such as Judd's Jan 29 email.

Cristle's email is unprecedented. In 2025 she would have been advised by her general counsel, Joanna Silver, to avoid statements alleging anti-Semitic hate crimes on the Sarah Lawrence campus. This caution would probably not have been motivated by observing the factual lack of anti-Semitic incidents among pro-Palestine groups and at their protests. Neither would it be motivated by a recognition that federal investigators are using the façade of combating anti-Semitism to crush resistance to a settler-colonial ethnostate in Palestine. Whether or not President Judd has accepted that façade until now, her (federally accessible) regurgitation of its conflation of anti-Zionism and anti-Semitism in her January 29 email indicates a dangerous shift in the College's response to federal pressure. We should be reminded of Columbia University's (failed) appeasement strategy in this regard.

Take Interim President Katrina Armstrong's statement in February 2025 in response to a post about the resistance movements in Palestine by the group Columbia University Apartheid Divest (CUAD): "As we have said repeatedly, promoting violence or terror is not tolerated in our community and is antithetical to what our University stands for. CUAD is not recognized, authorized, or supported by the University. We unequivocally reject materials that glorify violence; it is a breach of our values and not acceptable." Posted just a month before Mahmoud Khalil's abduction by ICE from University housing, this statement indicates that the Columbia administration contributed more than just Khalil's address to the Feds seeking to arrest him. In ascribing the crimes of "violence" and "terror" to the group he worked beside, Katrina Armstrong manufactured consent for his arrest. Her administration refused Khalil's appeals for protection and instead offered the Federal government probable cause for his arrest as an affiliate of an anti-Semitic terror group.

Notable in both President Judd's and Katrina Armstrong's statements is the simultaneous vagueness and seriousness of their allegations. They imply violence, anti-Semitism, and terror, without describing any act in detail. Neither do they feel the need to corroborate their claims. Judd's email is meant to appease the many organizations who insist on a swift and harsh response to a phantom

wave of anti-Semitism sweeping the US. Its vagueness is meant to leave the campus speculating about the extent of students' crimes—when all they are guilty of is an expression of dissent to what they saw as the College's platforming of a master of the liberal syntax, a powerful tool for the manufacture of consent for Israel's genocidal inception and subsequent expansion in Palestine.

Cristle will get none of what she wants: the federal government can't be appeased. Instead, she has given the Feds their excuse, should they need it, to impose their violence at Sarah Lawrence on Sarah Lawrence students.

ICE on ice

[Maeve Aickin](#) ▪ *Dissent*, January 30, 2026

We've all seen [the video](#) of the agent slipping on the icy side street. We've saved every angle, dissected every frame, the way he brings his legs together at the moment of truth as though concentrating his body mass will summon the steadiness he so desperately desires. We've all made the joke about ice on ICE violence. We remix it. A coworker is delighted when I clock in for my shift because she's been waiting all day to show me the version where a self-satisfied Garfield watches from a distance, smug after having executed his prank with the tactical precision of a guerrilla warrior. We share images of unmarked vehicles rocking back and forth in unplowed snow, and we all say the same thing: do you have any idea how much a Minnesotan has to hate your guts not to get out of their car and dig you out? A month before Renee Good's murder, I got stuck on the side street where I'd parked during an Anti-War Committee (AWC) meeting, and a woman who'd been watching from her window donned her long johns, grabbed her shovel, and got to work.

I think about her during school pick-up when I'm talking to the mothers in bright orange vests who wear whistles for necklaces. We circle the parking lot, stand by the buses, and keep our blue fingers glued to our rapid response chats in case an ICE agent tries to exploit the few unprotected feet separating a child from their transportation home. A woman tells me that her son is now fearful of every man in a uniform. "I'm explaining to him, these guys aren't the same as the police, you know? They may look similar, but he needs to understand they're completely different agencies."

"How so?"

We talk about the summer of 2020, the opening at the bottom of the discursive funnel into which every conversation inevitably drops. We talk about what the word “criminal” means to us. We talk about what we imagine when we hear the word “safety.” I tell her about the Minneapolis police officers who were trained by Israeli police and military officials, about the ICE officials whom the Anti-Defamation League flew to Israel for its counter-terrorism seminar. I wonder aloud whether a few more cameras and years of training would have really stopped a former National Guard soldier from shooting Good in the head. This is a golden opportunity for the Minneapolis Police Department to convince us that at *least* they aren’t as bad as those guys, but we must keep our memories long and our analyses structured by the lives and executions of Jamar Clark, Philando Castile, George Floyd, Daunte Wright, Leneal Frazier, Amir Locke, Ricky Cobb II, and Kingsley Bimpong. When my new friend expresses her fear of getting arrested, I offer her advice about avoiding bruising around her wrists. We smile and wave at the children exiting the school because we don’t want to be another group of unfamiliar adults rattling fear into their tiny ribcages. We show each other our favorite iterations of the wipeout seen around the world.

Days later, I eat shit on Lake Street as I’m sprinting through the Powderhorn protest in my marshal vest to block the next intersection. I hope that none of the undercover cops in the crowd catch it on video. Do they have their own networks of Signal chats through which they disseminate evidence that we rugged Northerners do, on occasion, face-plant in the ice, too?

Last summer, a group of plainclothes federal agents brutalized poet and activist Isavela Lopez during an attempted ICE raid a few blocks down the street. The Minnesota US Attorney’s Office charged her with a felony. A number of staffers at the office resigned after Jonathan Ross murdered Renee Good, but there was no such exodus when they announced Lopez’s charges in June. I’m grateful for the people across the world lending our city their attention today, and I wish I lived in a country where a story like Lopez’s could inspire the outrage and mass mobilization it took a federal occupation to ignite.

A friend in New York sends a missive from a solidarity protest complaining that the chanters aren’t staying on message. “We’re all looking to you guys,” she says. “You’re our only hope!” It isn’t true, of course, as networks of organized neighbors in Los Angeles and Chicago continue resisting federal abduction programs and mourning Keith Porter Jr. and Silverio Villegas González, but I show the

message to the friends I'm with at the Palestine rally outside the Walker. "We're Brooklyn's only hope! We're the Obi-Wan Kenobi of Bushwick, New York!"

In Minneapolis, organizers rarely have to fret about ideological incoherence because we all know each other. We marshal each other's protests. We share the same sound equipment, the same screen printing materials, the same twenty dollars we Venmo back and forth ad infinitum. This is a small city. Everyone either knows someone who's been kidnapped or knows someone who is grieving. Our size is the reason why Donald Trump's deployment of at least 3,000 federal agents has been so devastating, but it is also one of the reasons why we got organized so quickly. We need to work in coalitions because there aren't enough of us to operate effective campaigns alone. As an antiwar organizer activated by the student movement for Palestine and shepherded into city-scale mobilization by the AWC, I work alongside the Minnesota Immigrant Rights Action Committee (MIRAC) because we understand that our struggles are interconnected. Some of the articles about us characterize our resistance as spontaneous, but MIRAC was organizing to keep our neighbors safe long before an agent of the state executed Good and long before an agent of the state attacked Lopez then blamed her for the bruises he'd beaten into her.

We know that when the U.S. government destabilizes states outside of the imperial core, it consequently displaces the people of those states and criminalizes them when they migrate here. We all see our government using our tax dollars to refine its violent strategies of dehumanization, both internally through the American prison system and externally by intervening in countries like Venezuela. The speeches at the rallies I marshal invite me to think about how I can calibrate my work with the AWC to function in harmony with MIRAC's campaign for legalization for all, the Twin Cities Coalition for Justice's campaign for community control of the police, and the Climate Justice Committee's campaign to get Northern Iron out of St. Paul's East Side.

Operation Metro Surge has transformed Tim Walz into America's dad again. Those of us who aren't attending our first rodeo refuse to adopt him. We wonder if he thinks we're waiting with bated breath to read his next strongly worded letter. As the president bullies Governor Walz, Mayor Jacob Frey, and Attorney General Keith Ellison with Department of Justice probes, sensationalist fraud stories, and allegations of the kind of radicalism that would earn them our respect, our elected officials go on

publicity tours and maintain their distance from the street protests and rapid-response networks through which their constituents are resisting the federal invasion.

Walz chairs the State Board of Investment (SBI), which pours millions from public workers' pension funds into corporations that sell ICE the technology it uses to track down and abduct those very workers. Fifty-four million goes to Lockheed Martin, manufacturer of both the patrol aircraft the Department of Homeland Security uses to militarize the US-Mexico border and the warplanes and Hellfire missiles the Israeli military uses to decimate schools and murder children. Twenty-two million goes to L3Harris, whose cell-site simulators ICE uses to track undocumented immigrants and whose weapons system components enable Boeing's Joint Direct Attack Munition "smart" bombs to track and execute Palestinians. Fifty-five million goes to Palantir, whose AI platforms help determine which Palestinians the Israeli military snipes, which majority-Black neighborhoods U.S. law enforcement targets for "[pre-crime](#)," and which Minnesotans masked men abduct and threaten with torture in an El Salvadoran concentration camp. The SBI has either canceled or made virtual the last three of its quarterly public meetings.

When I got arrested for sitting in the SBI's long-neglected offices to demand the board take the preliminary steps to divestment and recommit to hearing public comment, MIRAC organizers chanted outside the jail in the freezing rain until we'd been freed and fed. When several of the MIRAC members who'd greeted me upon my release sat in Frey's office demanding that he implement their proposed revisions to our separation ordinance in order to make Minneapolis a true sanctuary city, I hollered up at them from the plaza below. When Frey issued an executive order in December prohibiting law enforcement from staging immigration operations on city parking lots, ramps, and garages, the mainstream coverage omitted the organizers who'd spent the night in jail to force his hand. Likewise, when the city council unanimously passed a revised separation ordinance to codify Frey's order while preventing him from using city resources to aid federal immigration enforcement, there were scarcely any mentions of the community members and organizers who had drafted those demands in the first place.

I get lunch with the folks from the food drive after we've finished delivering the two-and-a-half truckloads of non-perishables that the university students donated in just three days. We transport the goods to a food shelf, where a team of volunteers will pack bags of essentials and drive them to

neighbors at risk of abduction. It's been two weeks since Good's murder. Spray-painted butterflies cover the city.

My new friends organized their food drive from the back of their coffee shop. They know the guys who run the restaurant across the street, and soon everyone's at one big table, weaving complex sentences from strands of English and Arabic and making sure I've gotten enough to eat. "Everything was better here before 2020," one of them says, but the Timberwolves had only been to the Western Conference Finals once before 2020, another points out. "Cuz, do you think he's gonna take over Greenland?" "Cuz, how many people *actually* support what he's doing? Like, as a percentage?" "Cuz, do you think they're gonna make checkpoints here, too?" They give me extra whistles to bring to my coworkers; they ask me if I'm sure I've eaten enough.

Fox News complains of "organized gangs of wine moms" wearing whistles around their necks, and suddenly, a group of mothers down the street is printing shirts to raise money for the Immigrant Defense Network. Someone sends a Venmo link in my neighborhood's mutual aid Signal chat, and within hours, a family who can't safely leave the house will be able to pay next month's rent. Working people get no sleep so the agents won't either, hurling pure sound against Hilton windows and covering the pavements outside the DHS's home base in the fresh slabs of ice that wipeouts are made of.

I am never the first person to arrive at an ICE raid. I am never the last person to leave. From my side of Signal, it seems like there is always someone to drive you home, or to work, or to school, someone to pick up groceries, to find a car seat, to find a somewhere else to stay for a little while, to stay for as long as it takes. That's not how it feels on the other side of Signal, where there is never going to be a somewhere that is safe enough, and every safe somewhere demands a sacrifice I am struggling to comprehend.

I join a singing circle at the Lake Harriet Art Shanties an hour after ICE agents tackle Alex Pretti to the ground and shoot him in the back. We make a list of things we have that are stronger than our fear. We sing about our love, our hope, and our community, and I feel both earnest and impotent. The sign next to a sculpture of a monarch butterfly unfurling from a frozen cocoon tells me that borders are fictions and migration is natural. Like Breonna Taylor, Pretti worked in medicine to keep his neighbors healthy and safe. Friends send me op-eds describing my city as the site of the imperial

boomerang's homecoming, but the supremacist ideology and mechanics of state violence that facilitated Pretti's murder originated in the American colonial project and never departed. Those of us unaccustomed to seeing our humanity disputed call for a return to normalcy, as though the distribution of state violence along the axes of race and indigeneity is a status quo we should feel proud to tolerate. Every passing day, the aperture determining who the state recognizes as human narrows, and the ranks of its manufactured enemies grow.

Today I'm full of horror, and I have never felt more certain that a better world is possible. My stomach seizes when I think about the students being denied their right to learn by an arm of the federal government. I meet people who are in too much danger to leave their homes. I meet their loved ones. Their terror is all-eclipsing, but my neighbors and their neighbors are proving to me every time I meet them that the vast majority of us believe everyone deserves to live a safe, abundant, and dignified life. Our capitalist country incentivizes antisocial behavior to convince us it's inevitable, but we will work to transform systems that deny our neighbors safety, resources, and dignity when we are shown ways to do so.

Ruth Wilson Gilmore wrote that abolition "is not *absence* [but] *presence*," that "what the world will become already exists in fragments and pieces, experiments and possibilities." I see the first apparitions of this presence in our fledgling mode of interrelation, which is predicated on the safety and well-being of the collective. It's a prayer embedded in the alternative infrastructures of care we are inventing for one another. I don't know when we'll get ICE out of our city, but I believe more than anything that we will, and I hope the two longest-lasting legacies of our occupation will be the grief for our kidnapped, murdered, and brutalized neighbors and the seeds of our new social grammar. We are all sure we've had enough; we are all sure we'll never have enough of this new being with and for each other.

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Fundraisers

The Sameer Project is a donations-based aid initiative in Gaza led by Palestinians. Their multiple campaigns serve families across Gaza with medical supplies, food, tents, and other necessities. linktr.ee/thesameerproject

Amal for Palestine is an organization founded in 2021 providing financial help, services, and meals for families in Gaza. Since the escalation of the genocide, Amal for Palestine has continuously raised funds for food and other necessities for displaced Palestinians in the north of Gaza. givebutter.com/SevBF8

Gaza Soup Kitchen is run by the Almadhoun family and their friends. Gaza Soup Kitchen sources ingredients from remaining farms, and buys supplies as soon as they hit the market in order to provide hot meals for displaced families. Based in the north of Gaza, they feed around 3,000 people daily. tinyurl.com/gazakitchn

Water for Khan Younis is an initiative to support clean drinking water for displaced Palestinians in Al-Mawasi, in southern Gaza. With the donations so far, they have been able to deliver two drinking water trucks on a daily basis (6,000L or 7,500L each day).