

Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.

We are caught in an inescapable network of mutuality,

tied in a single garment of destiny.



Martin Luther King Jr.
Letter from the
Birmingham Jail,
April 16, 1963

Whatever affects one directly, affects all indirectly.



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Racial attacks.
Poverty amid plenty.
School shootings.
Hate crimes.
Today's headlines scream the social tragedies that threaten our world.
The core goal of the Center for Justice, Tolerance, and Community at UC Santa Cruz is to help us understand the roots of these social ills—and to propose practical solutions to build a stronger, more equitable society.

We want to change the world, and we need your help.

Injustice. Intolerance. Fragmented communities. The social problems that beset our world are not only going unsolved, they are intensifying. We believe it is time to consider new, research-based approaches to understanding these pervasive problems and, based on that understanding, to propose new, more effective solutions. The Center for Justice,

Tolerance, and Community (CJTC) at UC Santa Cruz is dedicated to doing exactly that.

We provide here an introduction to the Center for Justice, Tolerance, and Community. We ask you to make an investment in shaping our shared future by supporting the fundraising campaign undertaken on behalf of the CJTC.



Who we are

Young resident of Cancer Alley, Louisiana, a heavily polluted area



The Center for Justice, Tolerance, and Community is an interdisciplinary center dedicated to research, education, and policy for a new common good. Our topic is social justice in its various manifestations. We define this broadly, including studies of the roots of prejudice, the sources of economic inequality, and the obstacles to the building of community. We seek to work at the cutting edge, combining rigor and relevance, as we focus on what might be termed the civil rights issues of the new century. Most of all, we seek to promote research that translates into action.

The CJTC builds on UCSC's enduring traditions: our diverse faculty's commitment to building a better world; our scholars' exceptional work on issues of equity, diversity, and social justice; and an undergraduate and graduate student body devoted

to broad social values and learning through research.

An interdisciplinary faculty steering committee is shaping the CJTC's activities and research agenda, including such topics as:

- ▶ the psychological **ROOTS OF VIOLENCE AND RACISM**
- ▶ analyses of community-building and economic development in **DISTRESSED URBAN AREAS**
- ▶ strategies to **REDUCE WAGE INEQUALITY** in the new digital economy
- ▶ community discussions of **HOMOPHOBIA** and **GAY RIGHTS**
- ▶ comparative studies of **GENOCIDE** throughout history
- ▶ analyses of **FAITH-BASED MOVEMENTS** for social change
- ▶ the intersection of **SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, AND SOCIAL JUSTICE**

Temple Beth El, Syracuse, New York, after arson fire, October 2000





Advocates for Silicon Valley janitors, spring 2000

Homeless mother



What we are doing

From interdisciplinary research to public policy. The CJTC offers two great strengths: its interdisciplinary focus and its emphasis on using research to inform and shape public policy.

CJTC researchers work across academic disciplines and in partnership with community members, nonprofit agencies, advocacy groups, foundations, and businesses to fulfill the CJTC's mission. The CJTC bridges the divide between research and policy by hosting public lectures, initiating dialogue with legislators and other policy makers, and focusing on public interventions through opinion pieces, policy advising, and briefings of community leaders.

Students benefit from opportunities to do practical research and to work with some of the nation's most accomplished scholars and policy makers.

Where we are beginning

First California, then the world. We live in a world in which the linking of all the world's peoples promised by globalization and technological innovation is marred by violence, intolerance, and inequality. We communicate easily with people thousands of miles away, yet our neighbors are strangers—or enemies. Sharp tensions arise as the gap between rich and poor widens. Differences in religion, politics, and culture fuel armed conflicts around the globe.

To address these issues, the CJTC is focusing initially on California, which is on the cutting edge of the new economy, the new diversity—and new inequities. Lessons from the California experience will provide the basis for establishing a national and international presence and research agenda for the CJTC.



- ▶ advising business leaders on best practices to bridge the digital and social divides in their workforces and communities
- ▶ collaborating on week-long trainings bringing together community leaders from Latin America and Latino communities in the U.S.
- ▶ helping unions understand the changing nature of labor markets and design new approaches to temporary employment

Our plans for the future include:

- ▶ training undergraduate students in research for social change
- ▶ creating a capability for rapid research response to emerging issues
- ▶ serving as a meeting ground where policy makers and community leaders can come for solid research and honest discussion
- ▶ supporting these research, collaboration, instruction, and outreach activities with a new facility that would provide an auditorium, media and survey research labs, a computer room, a library, offices, and meeting areas

The CJTC's current projects include:

- ▶ conducting analyses and training with three low-income neighborhoods in the Bay Area, to design new strategies for regional equity and opportunity
- ▶ providing research for a faith-based group working toward social justice in the Monterey Bay region
- ▶ analyzing racial and income differences in exposure to environmental hazards in California
- ▶ facilitating large-scale, community-based discussions of racial reconciliation
- ▶ bringing to campus top-level academics, organizers, and policy makers to speak to faculty, students, and community leaders
- ▶ providing research and policy advice on the role of community colleges in the welfare-to-work transition

Migrant workers harvesting lettuce



Manuel Pastor, Director, Center for Justice, Tolerance, and Community; Anne Neufeld Levin, Chair, CJTC Planning Committee and donor of seed funding; Martin M. Chemers, Dean, Social Sciences Division

How you can help

We invite you to help ensure the future of the Center for Justice, Tolerance, and Community by participating in its capital campaign.

A permanent endowment is being created to fund the CJTC. Our goal is to raise \$10 million over the next seven years to fund the center's programs and to support construction of appropriate facilities.

The CJTC also seeks financial support from individuals, foundations, and corporations for current operating expenses, research, and projects.

Contributions to the Center for Justice, Tolerance, and Community are being accepted through the UC Santa Cruz Foundation. Gifts of any amount are appreciated, including cash, securities, real property, and equipment. Pledges are also welcome, enabling you to extend payment of your gift over time (up to three years). A variety of deferred gift options are available, including charitable remainder trusts, life insurance gifts, and bequests.

The CJTC Faculty Steering Committee includes (left to right) Michael K. Brown, Associate Director Dana Takagi, John Brown Childs, Director Manuel Pastor, and (not pictured) Heather Bullock, Pedro Castillo, Nancy Stoller, and Patricia Zavella.



In recognition of your gift

Contributions will be recognized in several ways, depending on the size and purpose of the gift and on each donor's preference. Permanent naming opportunities are available for gifts that endow facilities and programs. Other recognition opportunities are also available for gifts that support current expenses.

In addition, the names of donors contributing \$10,000 or more will be listed on the Donor Wall, to be located prominently in the CJTC's future facility.

For more information about supporting the CJTC, please contact:

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