

LOCAL ACTIVISM & APPROACHES TO SOCIAL JUSTICE  
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Ty Black is an activist, hip hop artist, and community leader. In New York and New Jersey, she hosts a weekly program, "Warrior Queens Wednesday in Jersey City," focused on empowering black females. She was also the main organizer of the one-year commemoration white dove release at the death site of Eric Garner. Ty Black's record "Killer cops" was reviewed in the *New York Times*.

Dr. Fernández teaches in the Department of Educational Leadership. Prior to Uconn, she spent three years working alongside a Latina immigrant parent group organizing around anti-immigration reform. As a scholar activist, her primary research is focused on the educational engagement experiences of Parents of Color, particularly immigrants in environments hostile to them. She hopes her work will help highlight barriers to authentic engagement within schools.



Janisha R. Gabriel is currently a board member of The BLK ProjeK, a South Bronx non-profit fighting to bring healthy food to low income residents and Technology & Design organizer with the #BlackLivesMatter organization. She is also founder of the Speak My Name Project, an online database profiling Black women and girls who have lost their lives to state or intraracial violence and Haki Creatives, a boutique creative agency serving non-profit and grassroots organizations.

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The Right Reverend Doctor John L. Selders, Jr. serves in the United Church of Christ, as the Organizing Pastor of Amistad United Church of Christ, as Associate College Chaplain at Trinity College, as Executive Director of Zizzo House, and as one of the leaders of Moral Monday CT. He is also an award-winning songwriter, musician and performer who serves on a number of boards and works with several organizations ultimately concerned with the healing of humanity.

Beandon J. Shipman aka BShip Grady created a Hip Hop world-news broadcast called Black Fox Newz (BFN). Along with other educators and activists, he created The Rev. Daughtry Learning Center to offer free SAT tutoring courses to the youth. He just created The Graduation Party Company under which he will start a record label and Computer Aided Design to provide jobs for designers and engineers.



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