

Niagara University DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Spring 2019 Social Justice Speaker and Discussion Series

Thursday, March 21 (Golisano 101, 2-3:30 PM): **Barrett Brown** – Journalist and Activist, on *Hacking the Surveillance State*
Brown is the founder of Project PM, a crowd-sourced investigation into the cyber-industrial complex. As an unofficial spokesperson for *Anonymous*, he was indicted on 12 federal charges, including linking to hacked data, and sentenced to 63 months in prison. His prosecution was protested by *Reporters Without Borders* as an example of eroding press freedoms in the US. While in prison, Barrett continued to write a column from jail for *The Intercept*, for which he has won a National Magazine Award and a New York Press Club journalism award. He is currently working on a software platform that he designed to help journalists, researchers, and activists collaborate.

April 4 (Golisano 101, 2-3:30 PM): **Dawson Barrett**, *The Fight of Our Lives: Protest Movements in Post-Liberal America*
Barrett's writings on punk rock, the 2011 Wisconsin labor crisis, and the history of US social movements have appeared in a various popular and scholarly pubs. He is an assistant professor of History at Del Mar College in Texas and the author of *Teenage Rebels: Successful High School Activists from the Little Rock Nine to the Class of Tomorrow* and *The Defiant: Protest Movements in Post-Liberal America*. He has been described as "a cheerleader for troublemakers and rabble-rousers of all ages."

April 11 (Golisano 101, 2-3:30 PM): **Frida Berrigan** *Hope and Resistance: A Conversation with Frida Berrigan*
Frida Berrigan is a columnist for *Waging Nonviolence*, a board member of the War Resisters League, and the author of *It Runs in the Family: On Being Raised by Radicals and Growing into Rebellious Motherhood*. Her parents, Phil Berrigan and Elizabeth McAlister, were a former priest and nun who became nationwide icons for their prophetic witness against war and nuclear weapons, which resulted in long jail sentences. She grew up in the community they helped found, Baltimore's Jonah House. Becoming a parent herself has forced her to come to terms with her upbringing in new ways.

April 26 (Gallagher MPR, 2:30-4:00 PM): **Daniel McGowan** on *Building Intersectional Alliances and Networks of Support*
Daniel McGowan is a former political prisoner and environmentalist who spent seven years in prison for actions he took part in with the Earth Liberation Front. Prior to and since his time in prison, he has been active in prisoner solidarity projects, most recently with long-term New York State political prisoners and cases from the anarchist movement. Daniel supports many social justice causes including Addameer, which works with Palestinian prisoners, and the Unist'ot'en Camp, which is an indigenous homestead in Canada resisting encroachment and development of their land. He was the subject of an award-winning documentary, *If a Tree Falls*, and currently works for the ACLU as a paralegal on their Criminal Law Reform Project.