Environmental justice is a new, progressive movement spawned from mainstream environmentalism that encompasses social justice, workers justice, food justice, and the notion of including all people while upholding equal rights. The environment is a place where everybody lives, works, and plays, and is a space to foster community but is also highly taken advantage of in this day and age. Minority communities are disempowered and threatened by the unequal distribution of environmentally degrading sites. Claremont, California, offers an example of gentrification. It borders the expansive inland Empire, which is made up of low-income minority communities bearing the brunt of environmental injustice. There are many grassroots organizations working to combat this disproportionate distribution of wealth, power, and access to resources. Some of these grassroots organizations are united in the fight against environmental injustices. We want to capture these different grassroots efforts and shift the focus to the root cause of the problems that we see. The community proposed a series of three workshops: Claremont Colleges, Inland Empire微量, and Pomona. The workshops were held to discuss the issues of environmental injustice and to explore how community members can work together to address these issues. The workshops were organized by various organizations in the Inland Empire that deal with food, labor, and social justice, and the best way to learn about grassroots action is to immerse oneself within that community. In our capacity, we did so by learning about and living in Ontario’s Upland and Pomona. We visited Natural Resources Defense Council’s Los Angeles office, Pomona’s Native American, and the local farmworker organizations. We also visited the Claremont Colleges and Pomona College’s Multicultural Center. We observed these organizations’ work to combat environmental injustices and to learn about the strategies that they use to fight against it. We documented these experiences through a series of interviews, photos, videos, and personal accounts. The aim of these workshops was to bring together the different grassroots organizations and to share their experiences. We hope to inspire more people to unite in their respective positions and to act on the collective voice to fight against environmental injustices.
San Antonio High School: Plant Justice Program

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For more information and weekly updates of the Plant Justice class visit the Plant Justice Facebook page: www.facebook.com/sahsplantjustice

Enroll in Politics Practicum: Food Justice and an Ecological Economy of Food at Scripps College taught by Nancy Neiman Auerbach to be an intern with the Plant Justice Program.

San Antonio High School is located on the Southern border of Claremont, California. Although it is in the city of Claremont, generally a wealthy community, the school serves a significant portion of socio-economic minorities and low-income youth. As a continuation high school in the Claremont Unified School District, it draws students who are considered at risk of not graduating on a standard academic track.

The Plant Justice Program began in the Spring of 2010, as part of Professor Nancy Neiman Auerbach’s Political Economy of Food course at Scripps College. There are two parts to the Plant Justice Program: an after school program for elementary and middle school students in which the high school students act as mentors, and the plant justice class that students at San Antonio High School take for academic credit. Each class session is orchestrated and executed by Claremont College Students who are part of the Politics Practicum Food Justice class (POL195S). Classes involve gardening in the multiple bed garden, orchard, and native garden located on the San Antonio High School campus. The class also cooks with ingredients from the garden, while focusing on topics of environmental justice and food politics. Speakers from outside often come to class to talk to students about various topics including youth organizing, environmental justice, and indigenous culture. The intention is to create a community and safe space for the students to learn and have fun through hands-on experience and discussion. This partnership is mutually beneficial for the high school students, elementary and middle school students, and the college interns.
#2 on the map

Crossroads Halfway House: Motherless Mondays and Fallen Fruit from Rising Women

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Ways to get involved: Contact Sister Terry to start volunteering in the garden. Donations of money and fruit are always accepted, as well as support of the Fallen Fruit from Rising Women stand at Claremont’s Sprinkle Farmers Market (the first Sunday of every month). Involvement with Motherless Mondays requires a volunteer orientation.

The Crossroads house is a halfway house and a warm place program working exclusively with incarcerated women. The house provides food, shelter, as well as job opportunities and help on transitioning back into the community in a substance-free environment for women immediately after they are released from prison. All of these services are free of charge to the women.

Motherless Mondays is part of the Crossroads house program and is a volunteer internship for students from the Claremont Colleges. Every Monday, students prepare and share a vegetarian meal with the residents of the Crossroads house. The meals are made mostly with local organic produce from Amy’s Farm, the Claremont Farmer’s Market, as well as the Crossroads Garden. After dinner, the students and the women of the Crossroads house discuss issues of sustainability, food justice, and the industrial food system. This encourages a dialogue to form with the women in the Crossroads house that will develop and integrate a more positive outlook on food and food justice.

Fallen Fruit from Rising Women (FFRW) is a collaboration between the Crossroads house and Claremont College students. FFRW sometimes donates bushels of fruit from students to produce and sell food products and resources that are sold to the public. The program was started four years ago by Nancy副书记 in Auckland, a professor at Scripps College, as a way for her students to engage with the community. It started with gardens at the Crossroads house; from there the student interns and women together came up with the idea of selling the food products to raise money for the program. Since then, it has expanded into a food justice program. The women of Crossroads work with Claremont College interns to create products such as marmalades, jams, breads, and floral soaps. As a social enterprise, FFRW provides job opportunities and training for Crossroads women and college interns. This collaboration has raised awareness for industrial food systems and the criminal justice system. Students are able to see firsthand how social enterprises can build and strengthen community.
There is nothing like starting a day with the adventures of harvesting for Fallen Fruit from Rising Women. From squishing under the sun in search of lemons that have not yet rotted to singing and dancing in the kitchen with the Crossing’s women to the times of pot stirring and citrus chopping, I rarely stop singing between the hours of 7:30 and 10:30 every Tuesday.

-Melody Young
POTLUCK INSTRUCTOR

The stigma of incarcerated women has completely been removed.

-Polly Main
POTLUCK INSTRUCTOR

Meatless Mondays

Fallen Fruit from Rising Women
By participating in Meatless Mondays, I’ve gained a community, a home, and a family. Mondays are a time to enjoy one another’s company, laugh, and learn. We learn about everything, each other, the prison industrial complex, food justice movements across the world, alternative diets, food trivia, farming—you name it. We’ve talked about it. I have learned so much and I’m especially grateful for the family and community of love and support that Meatless Mondays fosters.

—Jennifer Perelman
Scalia’s Turner
Meatless Program Intern
"Many of these women have had very different lives, both inside and outside of the prison system. Yet, through Fallen Fruit and Rising Women, I have gotten to know some incredibly strong women. I am constantly inspired by their perseverance, optimism and ability to embrace life even through it hasn’t been a place of safety, comfort, or stability for much of their lives."

- Jonathan成都
Fresno, CA
Huerta del Valle

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Ways to get involved:
Everyone is welcome at the garden and encouraged to volunteer! There is always plenty to do. The garden is open Mon-Fri 3-6pm, Thursday additional hours 6-9pm, and Saturday 8-11am and 1-3pm.
Address: 514 N. Tehama St., Oxnard, CA 93030.

You can also contribute by making a donation (on the website listed above). Like the Facebook page to know what’s going on in the garden!

Huerta del Valle is a non-profit organization and community garden serving families in Oxnard, which provides land open to anyone who wants to grow and harvest their own organic food. The garden is managed by a few volunteers from the community who take on daily duties such as watering beds and composting. Families and other volunteers do community work in the garden daily. The community garden promotes a healthy and sustainable attitude towards food for Oxnard. It also allows community members to come together and build community while gardening. Huerta del Valle goes beyond gardening; the garden also hosts activities and gatherings, such as barbecues, kids workshops, movie nights, speakers, and discussions. The garden engages dialogue about food and food justice, and encourages the community to be more connected to the food and the states quo.

Next to the community garden, there is a small commercial garden. This garden grows seasonal produce year-round and sells to local clients, including the Grove House and the Skelton House at Pierce College’s Ontario Program partners with Huerta del Valle to help manage the garden and engage with the community.
Ontario, California, bears the detriment of industry fragmenting community spaces.

"The pride that the Liberty Glen Village has for their project and the work they have done is part beautiful and inspiring. Each member in the garden works from 9:30 to 2:30 as they share the work. (I grow a flower I don’t know what it is growing in their garden.)
The crops, colors, choices, colors, rangefine. The crops they have are so much more thorough, they represent the hard work of their labor, the knowledge they have acquired, the way they’ve developed, and the power that they have gained."

E. E. Cummings
United Voices of Pomona

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Ways to get involved: There are open meetings every week. Get in touch if you would like to attend and get involved in helping to plan outreach, activism, and other events.

Like the Facebook page to keep up to date with current events and read important literature about local EJ issues.
Location: 475 Ranger St, Pomona, CA 91766

United Voices of Pomona (UVOP) was founded on July 16, 2012 in response to a city council decision to allow Valley Vista to build a Trash Transfer Station in Pomona. Community members were outraged at the city council’s disregard for their health and safety by proposing a toxic site so close to a residential area. They spoke out against the decision, but their resistance was met with dismissal. So, the silenced citizens joined together to form the environmental justice group to get their voices heard, calling themselves UVOP. UVOP filed a lawsuit against Vista Valley to stop their plans for building the trash transfer station. Since then, UVOP has grown and increased its power and political leverage. The organization continues to fight for environmental justice in Pomona by uncovering political corruption and fighting to make Pomona cleaner, safer, and more sustainable.

UVOP is focused on educating the community on EJ issues and encouraging community involvement and political activism. Outreach has included creating an Environmental Justice Guide to voting in Pomona, encouraging people from the community to attend open forums, and holding a toxic tour on bikes.

Students from the Claremont Colleges are currently partnering with UVOP to help them map toxic sites in Pomona and create a virtual toxic tour. A part of this project involved giving a lesson to students at Pomona High School to educate them about the EJ movement and show them the issues that affect them locally. The students learned about the toxic sites in their area and discussed ways in which they can get involved to fight for environmental justice in their community.
Wheelhouse

One of the Wheelhouse's main goals is to provide educational opportunities for the students and volunteers that stop by. Through teaching, we can have a bigger impact and spread knowledge exponentially that is useful to people using bikes in Ontario as their main mode of transportation. 

-HALLE ZANDER
ARTZER JUNIOR
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Wheels of Discovery

Wind brushes by...
1 pedal furiously
As the crisp morning air stings my face.
Rushing to nowhere in particular. 
Two wheels in synchronous rhythm.
The landscape is changing.
A lone traveler,
1 stumble upon the hustle and bustle
Of a vibrant community.
United towards a common cause.
An old man patches a tube,
Bringing to life something old and broken.
A young boy fits a chain on the front derailleur,
Residents from all walks of life,
Gathered to create change.

The Ontario Wheelhouse

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Ways to get involved: Stop by the shop for Open Hours: Tuesday 2pm-5pm, Thursday 2pm-5pm, Saturday 1pm-5pm
Located at 132 East 11th Street, Ontario, CA 91764
Donations of bike parts, old bikes and tools are always accepted at the Wheelhouse.

Mission Statement: The Ontario Wheelhouse is a community-pedaled organization that promotes bicycling within the City of Ontario and its neighboring communities. The Wheelhouse offers an educational, safe and substance free workspace for cyclists from all walks of life to learn to use, service and love bicycles.

The Ontario Wheelhouse is a bicycle cooperative, a space for learning and sharing tools and knowledge. It was founded in 2010 at the Pitzer College Ontario House by Pitzer students with support from Director of Pitzer in Ontario and Professor of Environmental Analysis Susan Phillips. The Wheelhouse promotes community building through cycling, bike maintenance and repairs. The shop is open three days a week for free instruction and bike maintenance as well as several programs through community partnerships. On a typical day at the Wheelhouse there are several volunteers (including Pitzer students and core volunteers from the community) and many residents from around the area looking to get their bike fixed or are working on an ongoing project. People of all ages come to the Wheelhouse, and as a result, there is never a dull moment. It is open to anyone to volunteer their time, build bikes, fix bikes, find bike parts, or donate bikes or tools. The wheelhouse has been as successful due to the relentless work of the core volunteers who have been educating and helping people fix their bikes. They have been working alongside Pitzer students since the start of the program. Many people have participated in the Wheelhouse through free repairs, tutorials, volunteering, and internships. The Wheelhouse continues to be a place of community, learning and reflection.
LARGEST civil disobedience in WALMART HISTORY lead to more than 50 ARRESTS. It's a DAILY STRUGGLE to make sure my own family get by: below minimum wage, no benefits, no future. We SPEAK OUT. We need the full-time minimum wage at $25,000 - $30,000 for full-time work. Civil DISOBEDIENCE is the only weapon left. We DEMAND living wages, healthcare for ALL, $25,000 - $30,000 per year to live better with FAMILY ORGANIZATION. Criminalizing the poor is a crime. Since we have no choice but to work, our FAMILY doesn't have a chance. A national issue or a WALMART issue. For the poor, at least $15.00 an hour. No retaliation. We demand RETALIATION for demands for living wages and living conditions. Rights workers SPEAK OUT. It the best way to make sure we are heard. Make us WALMART workers HUMAN. We are the ones that suffer and die. WE resist the worst conditions and work to SPEAK OUT. It the best way to make sure we are heard. The worst working conditions,最低工资, and retaliation. 言論自由・言論自由 不可能、不可能
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