



# Feminist Actions: The Movement for Black Lives and #SayHerName

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## Dean Spade on Settler Colonialism and the Conditions and Context for Resistance



*“I Use My Love to Guide Me”: Surviving and Thriving in the Face  
of Impossible Situations*

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# KRSOne Sound of Da Police 1993

Woop-woop! That's the sound of  
da police

Woop-woop! That's the sound of  
da beast

...

Take the word *overseer*, like a  
sample

Repeat it very quickly in a crew,  
for example

**Overseer, overseer, overseer,  
overseer**

**Officer, officer, officer, officer**

Yeah, *officer* from *overseer*

**You need a little clarity? Check  
the similarity!**

The overseer rode around the  
plantation

The officer is off, patrollin' all the  
nation

The overseer could stop you,  
"What you're doing?"

The officer will pull you over just

when he's pursuing

The overseer had the right to get  
ill

And if you fought back, the  
overseer had the right to kill

The officer has the right to arrest  
And if you fight back they put a  
hole in your chest

(Woop!) They both ride horses

**After 400 years, I've got no  
choices**

The police them have a little gun

So when I'm on the streets, I  
walk around with a bigger one

(Woop-woop!) I hear it all day

Just so they can run the light and  
be upon their way

Check out the message in a  
rough stylee

The real criminal are the C-O-P

You check for undercover and the

one P.D

But just a mere Black man, them  
wann check me

Them check out me car, for it  
shine like the sun

But them jealous or them vexed,  
'cause them can't afford one

**Black people still slaves up 'til  
today**

But the Black police officer nah  
see it that way

Him want a salary, him want it  
So he put on a badge and kill

people for it

**My grandfather had to deal with  
the cops**

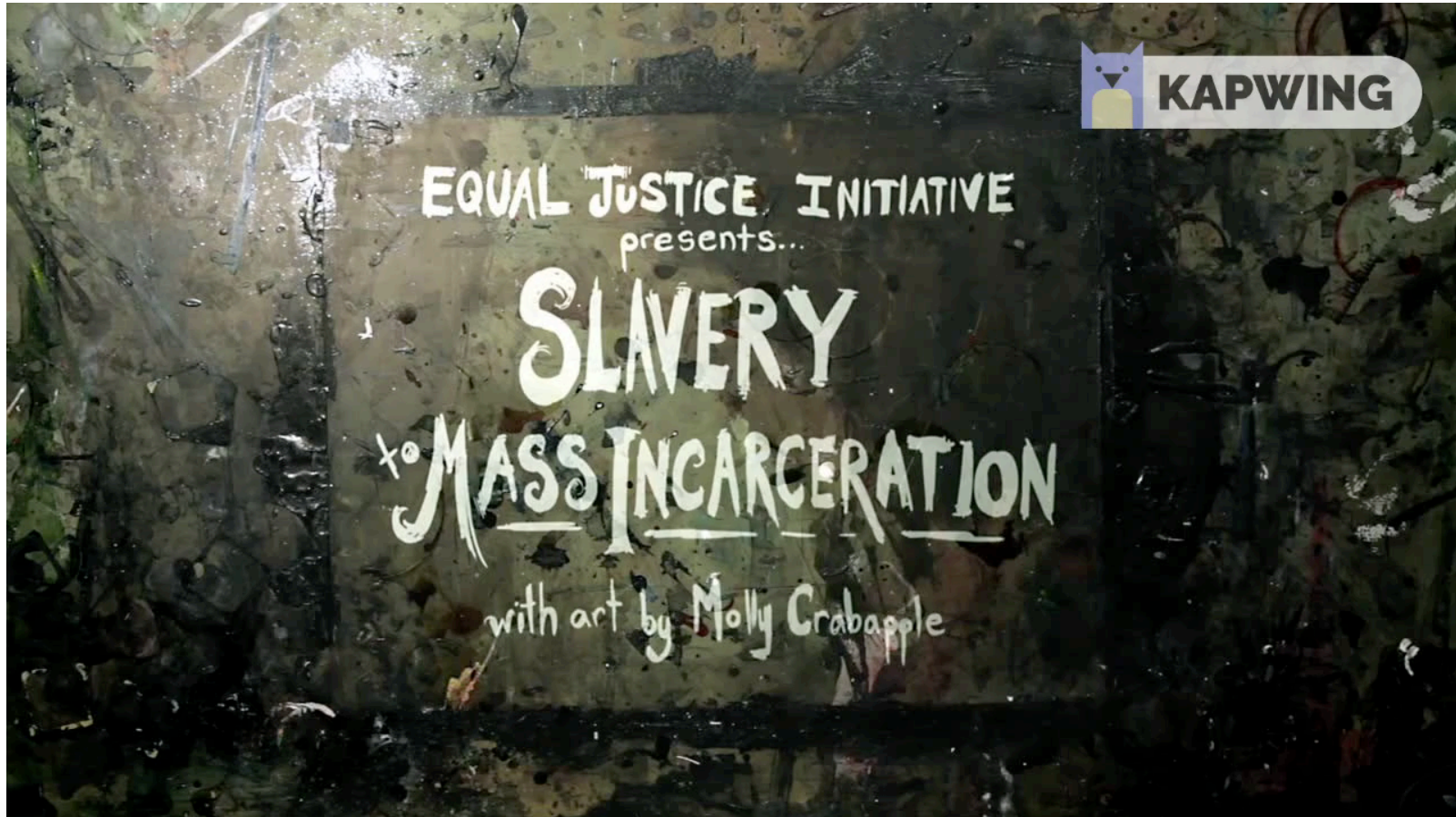
**My great-grandfather dealt with  
the cops**

**My great-grandfather had to  
deal with the cops**

And then my great, great, great,  
great—when it's gonna stop?!

# Slavery to Mass Incarceration

## Equal Justice Initiative





# HERSTORY

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In 2013, three radical Black organizers—Alicia Garza, Patrisse Cullors, and Opal Tometi—created a Black-centered political will and movement building project called #BlackLivesMatter. It was in response to the acquittal of Trayvon Martin’s murderer, George Zimmerman.

The project is now a member-led global network of more than 40 chapters. Our members organize and build local power to intervene in violence inflicted on Black communities by the state and vigilantes.

Black Lives Matter is an ideological and political intervention in a world where Black lives are systematically and intentionally targeted for demise. It is an affirmation of Black folks’ humanity, our contributions to this society, and our resilience in the face of deadly oppression.

As organizers who work with everyday people, BLM members see and understand significant gaps in movement spaces and leadership. Black liberation movements in this country have created room, space, and leadership mostly for Black heterosexual, cisgender men—leaving women, queer and transgender people, and others either out of the movement or in the background to move the work forward with little or no recognition. As a network, we have always recognized the need to center the leadership of women and queer and trans people. To maximize our movement muscle, and to be intentional about not replicating harmful practices that excluded so many in past movements for liberation, we made a commitment to placing those at the margins closer to the center.

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MSNBC Published on Feb 20, 2015





Four Years of [#SayHerName](#)

# CeCe McDonald







Black Lives Matter Hudson Valley began as BLM Rockland-Orange in December 2015. We changed our name to provide leadership and support for Black folks from Kingston to Westchester (Hudson Valley region). We currently have folks organizing in Ulster, Dutchess, Orange, Rockland, and Westchester counties while participating in panels to spread the correct mission and principles of BLM.

Our focus remains: police accountability; the East Ramapo School District; the consistent contamination of the City of Newburgh water source; creating Trans-affirming dialogue with the co-founder attending Monthly Trans Roundtable meetings in Rockland, to keep the focus on Black Trans Women and the lack of outrage over their murders and this country's failure to protect them; and a strong collaboration with #100Sistahs, feeding over 100 people weekly.

Our upcoming work includes the Dutchess County contingent working on a mural with young people (the process involves education and the importance of youth activism). We are also beginning the long-term project #BeautifulIsBlackoftheHudsonValley. This consists of projects that will highlight Blackness in the Hudson Valley. The first project is photography of lips combined with poetry that affirms and uplifts Blackness. The Dutchess County team is also building a website to include the entire BLM Hudson Valley region. Stay tuned for that.





**"Ain't I A Woman?": The Poetics of #SayHerName  
(2018 Week of Action)**

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