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## Levermore Global Scholars Program

invites you to the Human Rights Guest Speaker Series:

### “Working for Social Justice”

**Speaker:** *Ashanti Omowali Alston*

**Topic:** *Breaking the Enclosing Circles*

**Date:** November 17<sup>th</sup> (Monday)

**Place:** Blodgett 109

**Time:** 2:25-3:40 pm

#### ABOUT THE SPEAKER

ASHANTI OMOWALI ALSTON: Revolutionary, speaker, writer, organizer, motivator. Ashanti is one of the few former members of the Black Panther Party who self-describes as an anarchist within the Black Liberation Movement. He is also a former Black Liberation Army (BLA) political prisoner. He is currently co-chair of the National Jericho Movement to free U.S. political prisoners (<http://www.thejerichomovement.com>) and a member of pro-Zapatista people-of-color U.S.-based Estación Libre and the Malcolm X Grassroots Movement-New York City. On top of all that, he is an Elder-in-training and a grandfather of a small "nation."

Ashanti will share first-hand experience in people's movements challenging the broad reach of the Prison Industrial Complex, and its impact on African-descendant people, and connect this to issues faced by Native Americans and those impacted by the latest round-ups of domestic populations dubbed "Aliens." Through taking a hard look at the issue of political prisoners, we will see that while people's resistance has never ceased, the U.S. government repression of organizing for social justice is as forceful as ever. This presentation will provide a critical look at U.S. policing in communities of color and explore options to challenge the racism and repression that has existed throughout the country's history.

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