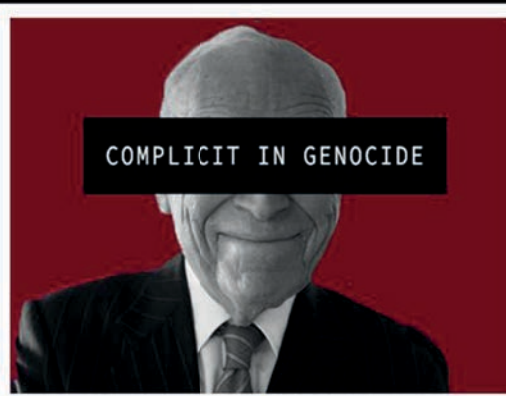
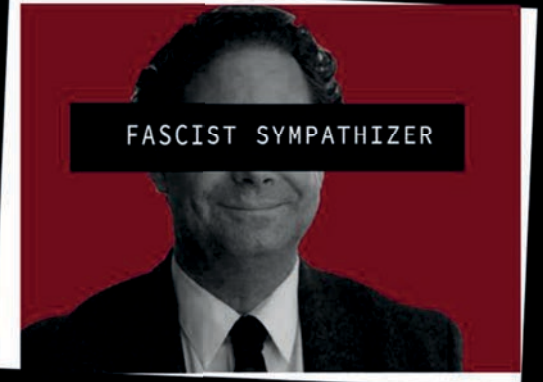


# WEEK SEVEN: QUEER YOUTH POWER

No profiteers of war & slow death  
in our museums and schools



we see the connections.

Friday, May 3, 6:30pm

Don't stand in line, don't need tickets  
Meet in the lobby of the Whitney Museum

Because Kanders Must Go!

#decolonizethisplace



# QUEER YOUTH POWER

there is no safe space for

profiteers of state violence!

This is Week 7 of '9 Weeks of Art and Action' against the Whitney Museum to pressure the leadership to remove Warren B. Kanders, vice chair of the board of trustees at the museum and war profiteer.

We are here as youth, friends and families to say no to profiteers of war and slow death on the boards of our museums and schools.

We meet today after the release of an Open Letter by many scholars and Whitney Biennial 2019 Artists demanding Warren B. Kanders be removed from the Board of the Whitney, an important development with those groups joining staff and grassroots groups asking the museum to remove Kanders as the beginning of a conversation around decolonizing the museum.

Universities like NYU, SVA, Columbia, the New School, and CUNY are complicit, as the Whitney Museum is, in Indigenous dispossession, gentrification, incarceration of Black and Brown communities, and war profiteering. They are institutionally invested in the fossil fuel industry and other systems of slow colonial violence.

The Whitney has Warren B. Kanders, and our university boards harbor student loan profiteers like William Berkley, like Laurence D. Fink who is a stakeholder in the private detention and correctional center specialists GEO Group and CoreCivic, and like anti-sanctuary ICE supporter David Van Zandt. The Whitney and SVA are gentrifying forces that have displaced queer and trans communities of color in the meatpacking district. Rising rents in "Chelsea" feed gentrification in Chinatown, and so do NYU dorms and expansion projects.

As queer, trans, femme, and GNC youth, we are drawing the connections and unlearning, and this Friday we are holding space for a gathering and series of teach-ins from different youth organizations working on decolonization struggles on the sidewalks in front of the Whitney. There is chalking, a potluck, and music. We will interrogate our positionalities in doing decolonization work, and those of us who are part of academic institutions will discuss our responsibility to leverage access to hold these institutions accountable. We are facilitating a space for relationship building and for youth organizers to meet, recognize common struggles, and strategize how to mobilize together during & after the teach-ins.

Join us now and learn about citywide youth struggles. Reclaim our institutions. Imagine what transformed institutions look like. We do this together.

#decolonizethisplace #queeryouthpower