

Volume 14
Issue 1
Spring 2008

At the CROSSROADS

An Occasional Newsletter for Anti-Racist Organizers

Find us on the web at www.crossroadsantiracism.org

Board Members

Celine Liu, Co-Chair
Bill Gardiner, Co-Chair
James Addington
Willard Bass
Mary Flowers
Rama Kaye Hart
Art Hoekstra
Debra Leigh

Administrative Staff

Robette Ann Dias,
Executive Co-Director

Chuck Ruehle,
Executive Co-Director

PaKou Her,
Director Leadership
Development Institute

Debra Russell,
Director Mgmt/Resources

Ellen Nuechterlein
Communications &
Development

Executive Director Emeritus

Joseph Barndt

To donate online visit:



- or -



In this Issue:

Page 2-3: Q & A –
DOES U.S. HAVE
'HISTORICAL
AMNESIA'?

Page 4: Schedule of
Upcoming Trainings,
How to contact us

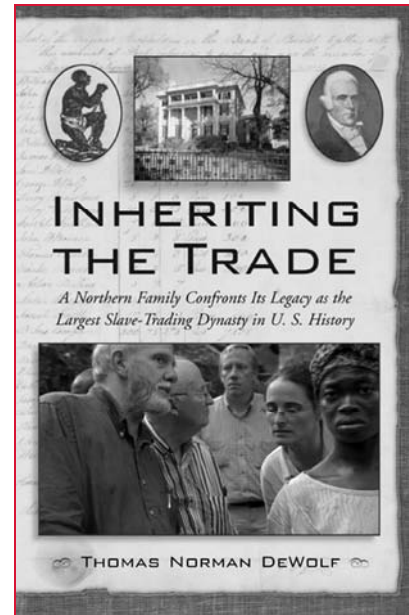
⇒ ⇒ ⇒ Book Review

Inheriting the Trade

INHERITING THE TRADE: A Northern Family Confronts Its Legacy as the Largest Slave-Trading Dynasty in U.S. History by Thomas Norman DeWolf tells the story of a contemporary journey undertaken by ten DeWolf family members who learned that their ancestors were heavily involved in the U.S. Slave Trade. They accepted an invitation from a cousin, Katrina Brown, who had decided to film a journey that retraced the slave ship route from Bristol, Rhode Island to Ghana, then Cuba, and back to Bristol.

IT IS A BOOK FILLED with truth-telling; truths about the dominance of Northern states in the slave trade, truths about the essential role of slavery in the economic foundation of the United States, acknowledgement that our Thanksgiving mythology masks the reality of the genocide of indigenous peoples. And, of course, there is truth about the great suffering of millions of Africans, brought to this country in chains; and clarity about the lasting effects of these realities, so often denied and ignored.

IN ADDITION TO the experiences of the other family members, the author records his personal journey from what he calls



“growing up white” to a conversion of mind and Spirit that has resulted in a deep commitment to work for racial reconciliation, with the goal of reclaiming the humanity of all of us.

THIS IS AN HONEST, insightful, and significant book that will help equip those of us who are consciously working for racial justice; and can inform and clarify U.S. history about our foundations as a society for anyone who is willing to consider this work. *Anne Stewart, Organizer/Trainer* ♡

Inheriting the Trade can be ordered through Crossroads by calling 269.344.2750 or e-mailing Ellen@crossroadsantiracism.org – hardcover, \$24.95.

SEE INSERT FOR REGISTRATION INFORMATION FOR CROSSROADS

8TH Annual

Advanced Organizer Gathering

July 14th – 17th, 2008

Kauffmann Conference Center, Kansas City Missouri