

EDITORIAL NOTE

As this issue of *Left History* goes to press, the collective actions of individuals to change their respective societies are making headlines across the globe. In Turkey, what began as a peaceful protest to protect a park in the center of Istanbul has turned into a popular protest movement against the ruling party and the brutality of the city's police. A similar situation has developed in Brazil, where protesters are fighting pitched battles in the street against the police as what began as a protest for a more affordable transit system have grown into a widespread popular protest movement questioning the level of government spending in anticipation of the 2014 World Cup.

Although the movements in Turkey and Brazil are the result of collective effort, they are also made up of individuals. This issue of *Left History* draws attention to the actions and ideas of individuals that were involved in varying social movements of the last century. In his article, "Trans Power! Sylvia Lee Rivera's STAR and the Black Panther Party," Samuel Galen Ng examines the relationship between trans activist group, Street Transvestite Action Revolutionaries, or STAR, and the Black Panther Party. In particular, Ng does so through the activist life of STAR's most prominent figure, Sylvia Lee Rivera. Amada Ricci's article, "Searching for Zion: Pan-African Feminist Thought and Practice in English-Speaking Black Montreal (1967-1977)," draws our attention to the ways in which Anglophone black women in Montreal constructed their identity and negotiated through multiple and competing nationalisms in a tumultuous period in the city's history. More specifically, Ricci focuses on the thoughts of Dorothy Wills, a community leader whose activism, Ricci argues, was reflective of the political consciousness of the period. Finally, Martin Smith's "Talkin' 'bout a Working-Class Revolution: The Gendered 'Turn' to Party Building, the Personal, and Perspectives Gained from Within" makes an impressive use of interviews with former International Socialist members to illustrate the role that gender and gendered relations played in shaping the ideas and actions of the party's activists.

Just as social movements are the result of the collective efforts of individuals, so too is this latest issue of *Left History*. We would like to recognize the efforts of two of our outgoing editors: Mark Brownlie and Stacy Nation-Knapper. In their tenure with us, Mark and Stacy have worked tirelessly to contribute to ensure that *Left History* continues to print quality scholarship.

While their departure is a loss to the journal, it has also allowed us to welcome two new members to the editorial team, Mary Franks and Sara Howdle, both of whom have already demonstrated their enthusiasm for the work involved in producing Left History. Finally, we would like to thank all contributors to this issue. Without your work, this issue of Left History would not have been possible.

