

## Many Anarchisms

“The principle or theory of life and conduct under which society is conceived without government - harmony in such a society being obtained, not by submission to law, or by obedience to any authority, but by free agreements concluded between the various groups, territorial and professional, freely constituted for the sake of production and consumption, as also for the satisfaction of the infinite variety of needs and aspirations of a civilized being” (Encyclopedia Britannica, 1910)

“The doctrine that human communities can and should flourish without government. Voluntary cooperation should replace the coercive machinery of the state; government itself corrupts the natural sentiments of people. Anarchists may differ about the nature of the revolution that should destroy state power, but historically have tended to be associated with advocating violent opposition to the state.” (The Oxford Dictionary of Philosophy, 2010)

“The ideal republic is a positive anarchy. It is liberty free from all shackles, superstitions, prejudices, sophistries, usury, authority it is reciprocal liberty and not limited liberty; liberty not the daughter but the Mother of Order.” (Pierre Joseph Proudhon, *The Solution of the Social Problem*, 1927)

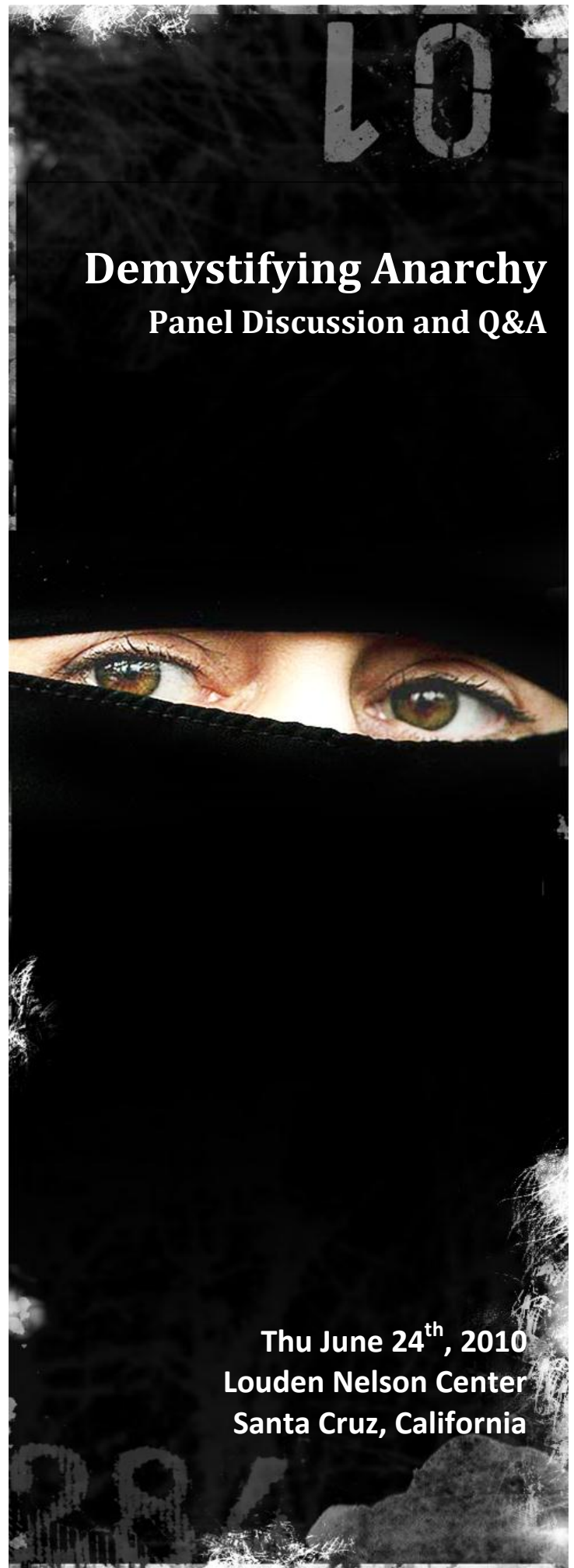
“The philosophy of a new social order based on liberty unrestrained by man-made law; the theory that all forms of government rest on violence and are therefore wrong and harmful, as well as unnecessary.” (Emma Goldman, *Mother Earth*, 1910)

"A system of social thought, aiming at fundamental changes in the structure of society, and particularly the replacement of the authoritarian state by some form of non-governmental co-operation between free individuals."  
(George Woodcock)

“We are not the least afraid of ruins. We are going to inherit the earth. There is not the slightest doubt about that. The bourgeoisie may blast and ruin its own world before it leaves the stage of history. We carry a new world, here in our hearts. That world is growing this minute.” (Buenaventura Durutti, during the Spanish Civil War, 1936)

"Anarchism is the attempt to eradicate domination. This includes not only such obvious forms as the nation-state, with its routine use of violence and the force of law, and the corporation, with its institutionalized irresponsibility, but also such internalized forms as patriarchy, racism, homophobia."  
(John Zerzan, *Running on Emptiness*, 2008)

"Anarchism is not a romantic fable but the hardheaded realization, based on five thousand years of experience, that we cannot entrust the management of our lives to kings, priests, politicians, generals, and county commissioners."  
(Edward Abbey, *Notes from a Secret Journal*, 1990)



# Demystifying Anarchy

## Panel Discussion and Q&A

Thu June 24<sup>th</sup>, 2010  
Louden Nelson Center  
Santa Cruz, California

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6:30pm to 9pm

### The Event

Our intention in organizing the Demystifying Anarchy discussion is to deepen and broaden the public's understanding of anarchist ideas. We also would like to create dialogue about anarchist thought and tactics both among anarchists and among the Santa Cruz community as a whole.

The event features a four-person panel of self-identified anarchists who will speak about what anarchy means to them and how they see the world. Following panelists' statements, time is set aside for questions and answers. We encourage you to submit questions for panelists at the intermission.

### The Program

*Introduction by Moderator* 6:45

*Panelists' Statements* 7:00

*Intermission and Refreshments* 7:45

*Questions & Answers* 8:00

*Closing Statements* 9:00



### Panelists

**Barry Pateman** is curator of the Kate Sharpley Library, and a lifelong anarchist.

**John Malkin** is a 20 year Santa Cruz resident, father, independent journalist, author, musician, Free Skool teacher, and UCSC Community Studies alumnus. He helped establish a local Citizens' Police Review Board and for thirteen years has hosted a local weekly radio show *The Great Leap Forward* on Free Radio Santa Cruz. He serves on the board of Santa Cruz Nonviolent Communication.

**Matt Meyer** is a Downtown Modesto resident, and native to the Central Valley of California. He is a member of street-based group Modesto Anarcho Crew, and contributes to its publication, *Modesto Anarcho: The Valley's Insurrectionary Journal of Class Struggle*. He is also a regular contributor to publications such as *The Revolutionary Hip Hop Report* and *Fire to the Prisons*.

**Dani** is a SWF, queer, polyamorous, age 28, from working class Northern California small town, seeking anarchists/radicals/anti-authoritarians for NSA fun or LTR interested in collective liberation, eco-defense, community building, feminisms, queer theory, radical communication, anti-racism, revolution, and long walks on the beach.

### Moderator

**Jenn Charles** is a local Santa Cruz anarchist, writer and editor. She was introduced to radical politics while working on anti-police brutality issues in southern California. In Santa Cruz, she has been involved with projects like the Red Hill Tree Sit, the SubRosa Community Space and planning events like Anarchist Cafe nights.

Demystifying Anarchy is organized by an *ad hoc* group of Santa Cruz locals from the anarchist community.