

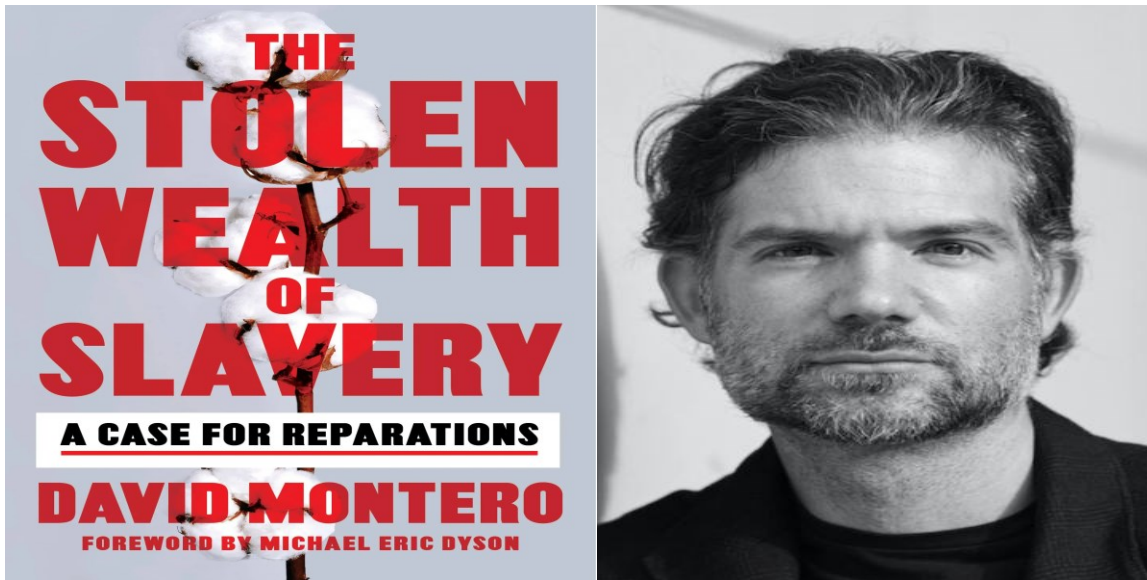
Notes from the Barricades #2024:001

A Pan-African Roots Blog

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Dear Supporters, Allies, and Friends:

Pan-African Roots Invites You to Support the Launch of



Publishers Weekly's "Top 10" Spring 2024
Amazon's Best History Book of the Month for February 2024

[Washington, DC] - On February 4, 2024, Legacy Lit, an [African] imprint of Grand Central Publishing and the Hachette Book Group launched *The Stolen Wealth of Slavery: A Case for Reparations* by David Montero. Hachette Book Group is the United States division of Hachette Livre, the third-largest publisher in the world. It operates in three divisions: Hachette Livre (FR); Hachette (UK) and Hachette Book Group (US) [recently merged]; and Hachette ES.

“In this timely, powerful, investigative history, Emmy Award-nominated journalist David Montero follows the trail of the massive wealth amassed by Northern corporations throughout America’s history of enslavement. ... It is a myth that the wealth generated from slavery vanished after the war. Rather, it helped finance the industrialization of the [United States] and became part of the bedrock of the growth of modern corporations, helping to transform America into a global economic behemoth. ... In this remarkable book, Montero elegantly and meticulously details rampant Northern investment in slavery. He showcases exactly what was stolen, who stole it, and to whom it is owed, calling for corporate reparations as he details contemporary movements to hold companies accountable for past atrocities.”

See: www.hachettebookgroup.com/titles/david-montero/the-stolen-wealth-of-slavery/9780306827174/

David Montero has documented the impact of corruption in South and Southeast Asia. He is a journalist and producer. Formerly a correspondent for The Christian Science Monitor and a producer for PBS’s flagship

investigative series, FRONTLINE. His work has twice been honored with an Emmy Award nomination as well as the South Asian Journalist Association's Daniel Pearl Award. Montero has written for Time Magazine, The New York Times, The Nation, Harvard Business Review, Le Monde Diplomatique, and many others. His first book was Kickback: Exposing the Global Corporate Bribery Network.

How I Met David Montero; and Why I Am Helping Promote The Stolen Wealth of Slavery, WORLDWIDE!

I had the honor and the privilege, as an organizer for the [All-African People's Revolutionary Party](#) ^(GC) and the director of Pan-African Roots, to participate in the NGO Forum of the 3rd UN World Conference Against Racism (WCAR) which was held in Durban, South Africa from August 28 to September 2001. I did not participate in the Governmental Session. Paragraph 13 of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action declared that "slavery and the slave trade are crimes against humanity and should have always been so."

I disagreed with this Paragraph 23 years ago, and I disagree with it today. Slavery and the slave trade are genocide, crimes against humanity and against God; and **they always were**. They are the crime of apartheid today. I have worked, studied and struggled full-time, 12 to 16 hours a day, 6 & 7 days a week, for low pay and no pay, to demand the full disclosure, translation, and digitization of all slave trade, slavery, colonial, and apartheid records, which will irrefutably prove this point. I will continue to do so, until my last breath.

Victory is certain, even if not my lifetime. David's book is one of the many weapons in our struggle, in the People's "arsenal of contention." Please buy and read it, and encourage your family and friends, students and co-workers to buy and read it as well.

Everyone who knows me, know that I am not a part of the Reparations Movement, and never will be. I do not conflict with those forces who are. I will not be silent or silenced about what I believe and have done. When my memoir is written, the truth will reveal how many leaders and organizations, institutions and revolutionary governments, I have quietly "helped" since 1963, **FOR FREE**. Sometimes, they have helped me. Most times they ignored me, or cussed me, because I will not be controlled. I will write my memoir.

David Montero wrote on page 295 of The Stolen Wealth of Slavery, that "Deadria Farmer-Paellmann was the first person [he] called when setting out to research [his] book." It was Deadria, he continued, "who suggested that [he] seek out and call up Bob Brown, who, as luck would have it, ended up calling [him]." Luck had nothing to do with it. Deadria called me to ask my permission to give David my phone number. I called him immediately. I did not wait for him to call me. He answered his phone. If he had not done so, I would have never called him again. By the end of the call, I volunteered to help him, **FOR FREE!**

It makes common sense, three years later, why I will do what little I can to help promote this book, worldwide. This book, even though I do not fully agree with it, is one of the best on this subject I have seen, and I have read dozens of them. This issue is a part of my six decades of movement work, study and struggle; and my name is printed in it, twice. I asked him to not mention my name, as I did not want him to inherit my competitors and enemies. He mentioned my name in the book, twice. I do not intend to waste my precious time explaining why I helped this "white man write a book on reparations for African People in the United States, **FOR FREE.**"

I write this edition of Notes from the Barricades to answer this question. One day, I will write a more thorough

answer in my memoirs. In the meantime, I offer some notes on how my meeting David and my endorsement of *The Stolen Wealth of Slavery* fits into the larger movement discourse, and my biographical timeline.

Moments in History

I met Dorothy Tillman in 1965. She was 17-years-old, and a staff member of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference. She had come to Chicago from Alabama with Dr. Martin Luther King to participate in the Chicago Freedom Movement. I was a 17-year-old high school student, a member of Chicago CORE, and a member of the Coordinating Council of Community Organizations, the local coalition (the multi-racial united front) of the Chicago Freedom Movement.

By 1983, Dorothy had become a member of the Chicago City Council, with the endorsement and support of Mayor Harold Washington. He encouraged a multi-racial cadre of movement organizers to become members of the Chicago City Council which destabilized his Administration during the Council Wars (1983 to 1986). I helped coordinate, with Dr. Conrad Worrill and the Chicago Chapter of the Black United Front, Bob Starks and the Task Force for Black Political Empowerment, the “last ten-day street campaign” during the 1983 and 1987 mayoral elections.” I did the same thing in Carol Moseley-Braun’s 1992 Senatorial Campaign, as a consultant to Khosi Matthews, her campaign manager; and in 2000 and 2004 as the national coordinator of the Pan-Africanist Congress of Azania’s Presidential and Local election campaigns.

Harold asked me to join the City Council as well. He offered me a “cushy job” in his administration. I refused, because I did not intend to join the Democratic Party and because I did not intend to quit the All-African People’s Revolutionary Party ^(GC). I am an organizer for the A-APRP ^(GC) today, even though at a diminished capacity. I have the right and the obligation to beg you to help it build [African Liberation Day 2024](#) in Washington, DC. See the link below.

In 2002, Dorothy was a co-author, with Mayor Daley II, of the Slavery Era Records Disclosure Ordinance, (see pages 254-57, 263, and 265) of *The Stolen Wealth of Slavery*. Dr. Anderson Thompson co-founded the Jacob Carruthers Center for Inner City Studies at Northeastern Illinois University in 1966 and had become a tenured professor of history by 2002. Among his many positions, Andy was one of Dorothy’s advisors, and one of her research consultants. He asked me to help him do research for Dorothy’s slavery ordinance. I agreed. I researched online and provided him with four file boxes of information in neat, new, and labeled file folders, with a detailed summary report, and attached computer files. I did so enthusiastically, on time, and **FOR FREE**.

Andy introduced me to Alice Hammond, one of his best graduate students and hardest working researchers. She became an adjunct faculty member at the Carruthers Center for Inner City Studies. She helped me in 2006 with transportation and logistics when I filed and served the 182 Defendants in my 282-page whistleblower, slavery era records, pro se lawsuit. She also covered some of the filing fees when I wound up short. We became “life-long friends and research buddies.” She and her daughter are two of Pan-African Roots best supporters in Chicago. I will never be ungrateful.

Among her many contributions: in 2003, Alice presented a paper for a Reparation Conference sponsored by Alderwoman Tillman in Chicago; and in 2004, she researched and presented a ground -breaking paper on JP Morgan Chase’s relationship to slavery on behalf of the City of Chicago’s Slavery Era Records Disclosure Ordinance at the City Council for Dorothy Tillman. Alice is helping launch *The Stolen Wealth of Slavery* book in Chicago and the World today.

Yes, I quietly helped David Montero with his research, and Pan-African Roots is helping launch The Stolen Wealth of Slavery, worldwide. Rest assured, I do not agree with every word, comma, and period in this book, starting with the subtitle on the cover: A Case for Reparations. Yes, David is white. He does not hide or apologize for that. I am helping him because, among other things, he provides another methodology for research---investigative journalism. He provides potential access to treasure troves of data and information; and he provides a “perspective” on slavery’s role in the development of northern capital---banks and industries, in the United States. That role continues today, under the new human trafficking, the new slave-like practices and conditions, the new colonialism, the new apartheid, the new wave of corruption, genocide, and crimes against humanity that are sweeping the world today.

Investigative journalism, can be modified and used, expanded and improved. These and other methodologies, educational and legal, can be applied worldwide, to African and other Peoples who have faced and continue to face similar or worse situations. Each People and Group must and will author their own story, define their own struggles and successes, and teach their own children the truth. Bottom-line however, I support Montero **FOR FREE**, because his situation and skills, can help introduce the movement, in all of its manifestations and forms, to human and other resources that we, and perhaps he, did not know existed. If David does not help us, to the best of his limited capacity, then he and Hachette Livre, and its publishing divisions and imprints, are part of the new, and even more insidious, slave masters. They have helped us thus far, in researching, writing and publishing this book; and I believe that David at least, will continue to do so. **“THOUGHT WITHOUT ACTION IS EMPTY.”**

For 23 years, I have demanded, and continue to demand, the release of all human trafficking, slave trade, slavery, colonial, and apartheid era records in the 125 countries of the 6 regions of Africa. I have demanded and continue to demand, that the Vatican, and the Catholic Church worldwide, reconfirm that “God Makes No Slaves in the Womb!” I have struggled, and will continue to struggle, to help change the historical and legal narrative; and to help enable and empower a new and even more militant generation of African youth to help make these life-changing and movement-changing corrections. My collective and personal work, study and struggle has reached critical mass once again, even as it races to its end.

Pan-African Roots begs you to help build African Liberation Day 2024 in Washington, DC. We also beg you to help promote and launch the Stolen Wealth of Slavery worldwide.

What You Can Do To Help!

- Make a donation to the All-African People’s Revolutionary Party ^(GC) and African Awareness Association to help build African Liberation Day 2024.
 - Send your donation TODAY, via CASH APP to **\$Leecrob** - (write ALD 2024 in the memo field)
- Help Pan-African Roots promote The Stolen Wealth of Slavery and launch our Blog.
 - Send your donation TODAY, via CASH APP to **\$paroots1948a** - (write TSWS and/or Blog in the memo field]

Please forgive the errors. I am racing to get this post out. Pan-African Roots must raise enough money to buy a round- trip ticket for David Montero from the United States to Europe in the next day or two, before the price goes up. or we will have to cancel the planned Book Launches in Portugal, Spain, the United Kingdom (England, Ireland (northern), Scotland, and Wales). If time and resources permit, we will also go to Paris, Germany and Belgium. Thank you in advance for your support.

The Stolen Wealth of Slavery

By David Montero

List of Book Launches Supported by Pan-African Roots Check Them Out

United States

Date: May 4, 2024

Event: The Stolen Wealth From Slavery - 5/4/2024
Broadcast in History 1 week ago
Missing Pages of History

This Week on MPH Radio presents: "The Stolen Wealth From Slavery." The program will be on Saturday, May 4, 2024, at 1:00 PM EST. Our special guest for this topic is David Montero, who is an author, writer & reporter. Join Us! You can call or listen in by dialing 1 (818) 337-0016 or go online at: [blogTalkRadio](#).

Time: 1:00 PM EST

FACEBOOK COMMENTS

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Date: May 14, 2024

Event: Author Discussion, Follow The Money: The Stolen Wealth of Slavery

Author: David Montero

Venue: [Mount Vernon Public Library](#)

Time: 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Admission Free

Date: May 25, 2024

Event: A Tribute to [Walter and Dr. Conrad Worrill](#) and in Celebration of the 66th Anniversary of African Liberation Day

Venue: [Dr. Conrad Worrill Track and Field Center at Gately Park](#)

10201 S Cottage Grove Ave

Chicago, IL 60628

Time: 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Admission Free

Join Our Zoom Meeting

ID: 823-23-747-265

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Date: May 25, 2024

Event: Book Launch and Signing
 Title: The Stolen Wealth of Slavery: A Case for Reparations
 Author: David Montero
 Host: Friends of Track & Field
 Venue: [Dr. Conrad Worrill Track and Field Center at Gately Park](#)
 10201 South Cottage Grove Ave
 Chicago, Illinois 60628
 Time: 1:00pm to 4:00pm
 Admission Free!
 Zoom ID: 823-23-747-265
 Password: vYza4b

Book Launches Planned for Europe
(Details to be announced when confirmed)

May 28 to June 2, 2024

To Be Announced

August 00 to August 00, 2024

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