

**Standing Witness**

**A Symposium Celebrating Pioneers of Color in Santa Clara and the Bay Area**

**Commemorating the 150th Anniversary of the End of the Civil War and Abolishing Slavery**

**Saturday, April 18, 2015 1:30 – 5:30 pm**

**Theater, San Jose State University New Student Union**

**9th and San Fernando Streets**

**San Jose, CA 95112**

**Admission is Free – Students May Earn Extra Credit**

**Featuring:**

* + **Associate Professor Herbert Ruffin II**, Syracuse University, Department of African American Studies and SJSU Alumnus. Author of “Uninvited Neighbors: *African Americans in Silicon Valley 1769-1990”*
  + **Bonnie Montgomery**, historian, Stanford Archeology Center 1886 Newspapers Project

*The Plight of Chinese Laborers in San Jose in the late 1800s*”

* + **Jean Libby**, community historian and author, Allies for Freedom

“*Family and Friends of John Brown in Santa Clara County*”

* + **The Rev. Jerry Drino** – Episcopal priest and coordinator of the Cassey Memorial Project, will present the work of California abolitionists Peter and Anna Cassey in the face of 2500 slaves in the 1850’s.
* **Stan Yogi**, ACLU, will present *Timelines for Wherever There is A Fight, How Runaway Slaves, Suffragists,   
   Immigrants, Strikers and Poets Shaped Civil Liberties in California.*
* **Intro of The Devil in Silicon Valley:** Race and Mexican Americans by Stephen J. Pitti
* **Lovie Spencer, Jr.** will facilitate a *Truth Telling Roundtable Discussion* led by SJSU Students/Millennials

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