

ILLUSTRATING IMPRISONMENT: Sarah Mirk Presents "Guantanamo Voices" Tuesday, January 12, 2021 7:00 PM live stream at youtube.com/peaceandjusticeworks

Portland area author/journalist Sarah Mirk compiled an amazing graphic non-fiction book ("Guantanamo Voices: True Accounts from the World's Most Infamous Prison") exposing the human rights abuses at Guantanamo Bay prison, which the US opened in Cuba exactly four months after 9/11. Mirk will speak on a livestream event Tuesday, January 12 at 7 PM at the Peace and Justice Works (PJW) YouTube page. The presentation, hosted by local media personality Theresa Mitchell, will be followed by an audience Q&A. Guantanamo held close to 800 prisoners, and 40 remain in legal limbo. President Obama promised to close the prison in 2009. Mirk invited a diverse set of 12 artists to illustrate discussions with former prisoners, guards, lawyers and others whose lives have been forever changed by the US' use of an offshore facility to torture and imprison people indefinitely.

Sarah began as a reporter including at the *Portland Mercury*, where she covered political issues including police accountability. She also edited a national feminist magazine and now is a contributing editor at graphic journalism website the Nib. She also works as a digital engagement producer for Reveal at the Center for Investigative Reporting. Sarah is also the author of several books including *You Do You: Figuring Out Your Body, Dating, and Sexuality*.

Instructions for adding to the Q&A period will be posted at the time of the event. The presentation is coordinated by Peace and Justice Works Iraq Affinity Group and cosponsored by Amnesty International Group 48.

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