

BLACK LIVES MATTER, *and* SOME

A TIMELINE AND CONTEXT FOR LOCAL BLM ACTIVISM AND COALITION-BUILDING

1829	<i>David Walker's Appeal: First comprehensive English-language literature against slavery, racism, and barbarism</i>
1892	<i>Southern Horrors: Lynch Law in All its Phases by Ida B. Wells</i>
1925-6	<i>The Sweet Trials in Detroit</i>
1935	<i>Black Reconstruction in America by W.E.B. Du Bois</i>
AUG. 28, 1955	<i>Emmett Till, 14 years old, murdered in Mississippi</i>
FEB. 21, 1965	<i>Assassination of Malcolm X</i>
APR. 4, 1968	<i>Assassination of Martin Luther King, Jr.</i>
MAY 16, 2010	<i>Aiyana Mo'Nay Stanley Jones, 7, killed in her sleep by police during a raid in Detroit</i>
FEB. 26, 2012	<i>Trayvon Martin murdered in Sanford, Florida, by a white man; Black Lives Matter Movement sparks</i>
AUG. 9, 2014	<i>Michael Brown, Jr., murdered by white police officer in Ferguson, Missouri; BLM Movement catches fire</i>
NOV. 9-10, 2014	<i>Aura Rosser murdered in Ann Arbor by white police officer</i>
NOV. 15, 2014	<i>Radical Washtenaw (RAW) holds Vigil Against Police Violence</i>
NOV. 24, 2014	<i>Grand jury fails to indict officer who killed Mike Brown; Black Lives Matter Movement becomes a conflagration</i>
NOV. 25, 2014	<i>RAW holds Funeral for Justice in Ypsilanti; Over 1,000 protesters march through downtown Ann Arbor, birth of Ann Arbor to Ferguson (AA2F)</i>
DEC. 5, 2014	<i>Ann Arbor to Ferguson (AA2F) holds meeting, over 500 attend</i>
DEC. 12, 2014	<i>Black Lives Matter protesters, including EMU students, disrupt shopping at Briarwood Mall</i>
DEC. 15, 2014	<i>AA2F/RAW march and "Pack the City Council"</i>
JAN. 30, 2015	<i>Washtenaw County Prosecutor fails to indict AAPD officer who killed Aura Rosser</i>
JAN. 31, 2015	<i>AA2F/RAW march and civil disobedience protesting non-indictment</i>
MAR. 2, 2015	<i>AA2F/RAW Black members hold guerrilla theater at Ann Arbor City Council meeting demanding justice for Aura Rosser and end to racist policing; birth of Guerrilla Theater Group</i>
MAR. 16, 2015	<i>AA2F/RAW pack the Ann Arbor City Council in silent protest</i>
APR. 2, 2015	<i>AA2F/RAW and others publish People's Retort to the Prosecutor's Report, a retort with teeth rejecting state police and county prosecutor investigations of Aura Rosser's death</i>
APR. 27, 2015	<i>Terrance Kellom shot and killed by ICE agent in Detroit</i>
MAY 1, 2015	<i>AA2F/RAW May Day March for Justice! followed by fundraising concert to benefit children of Aura Rosser</i>
MAY 20, 2015	<i>AA2F/RAW show of force and Open Letter to Ann Arbor Human Rights Commission</i>
MAY 21, 2015	<i>AA2F #SayHerName Silent Black Tape Protest in solidarity with National Day of Action to End State Violence Against Black Women and Girls</i>
JUNE 19, 2015	<i>#StandWithCharleston vigils in A2 (AA2F) and Ypsi (RAW). Protesters in Ypsi wait all night outside jail for detained protester to be released.</i>
JUNE 21, 2015	<i>For National Day of Action to #StandWithCharleston, RAW/AA2F create memorials in Ypsi</i>
JUNE 27, 2015	<i>AA2F Community BBQ, a smash hit in spite of the rain</i>
JULY 3, 2015	<i>RAW sponsors Confederate Flag Burning Weekend</i>
JULY 13, 2015	<i>Black Lives Matter activist Sandra Bland found dead in jail in Waller County, Texas, murder suspected; BLM Movement conflagration inspires strike back with organized fight back</i>
JULY 16, 2015	<i>Michaelangelo and Makiah Jackson killed in Detroit during a high-speed police chase</i>
JULY 18, 2015	<i>RAW launches Protect Black Lives petition campaign in Ypsilanti</i>
JULY 24-26, 2015	<i>RAW/AA2F activists participate in Movement for Black Lives Convening, in Cleveland</i>
AUG. 9, 2015	<i>RAW/AA2F observe one year since the murder of Mike Brown: The Space Between: On the Ground for Michael Brown. <i>You are here!</i></i>