

Washington. The only thing that can stop this genocide is deepening that crisis—what more powerful turn of events than rebellion within the military?

Veterans, military families, those with links inside the military have a role too, to encourage those still in to take that stand, and provide them the tools to do so.

The anti-war organizing by soldiers and veterans within the military, and their leadership in the broader anti-war movement, had become dominant in 1970-71 and was a decisive factor in stopping the US killing spree in Vietnam, Laos and Cambodia. It can again today for Gaza.

I hope Aaron Bushnell is the last of us to do what he did. Moreso, I hope the fire he lit becomes a turning point for those becoming politically conscious within the ranks. If you were moved by him there is only one way to honor him: to say “no”.

Drop your CO packet. Go AWOL. Raise your voice in a way that disrupts the war machine and throws it into chaos. Join us in the streets instead of in despair. I wish Aaron Bushnell would have. But you can for him.

Millions will be in the streets against the Rafah invasion on March 2; find a demonstration near you. Vigils will be held across the country for Aaron Bushnell in the coming days, including one I am helping organize in Portland, OR.

If you are a member of the US military want expert, confidential advice on how to get out, call the GI Rights Hotline 24/7 at 1-877-447-4487

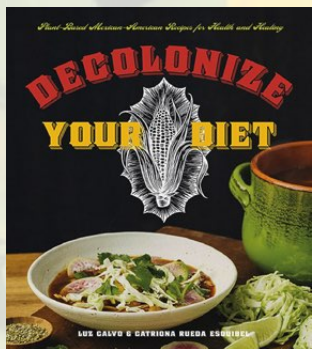
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¡Rest in power, Catriona!

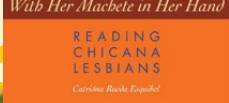


Catriona Rueda Esquibel, scholar in the field of Chicana lesbian literature, associate dean of the College of Ethnic Studies at San Francisco State University, and contributor to the

creation of the department of Race and Resistance Studies, died on February 8 at the age of 58. Luz Calvo, her partner, a professor emeritus of Ethnic Studies at Cal State East Bay confirmed her death saying that Esquibel suffered a hemorrhagic stroke on February 2 at their home in Oakland. After 6 days on life support and in a coma, Luz reassured her that it was time to let go and Catriona died peacefully with Luz constantly at her side. In 2015, Catriona and Luz co-authored “Decolonize Your Diet,” a book with recipes including reflections on modern Mexican and



American food intermingled with ancient Mesoamerican cuisine and culture, and



the idea of food as medicine. The Esperanza Center was privileged to host them in June of 2017 for a booksigning where they were received with a full house. In her book “*With a Machete in Her Hand*,” Esquibel analyzed depictions of Chicana lesbians in literature, following a decade of research. The days following Catriona’s passing were filled with multiple tributes from fellow academics, friends, family and the activist community. Grace Yoo, dean of the College of Ethnic Studies noted that Esquibel helped develop two majors: *Race and Resistance Studies* and *Race, Ethnicity, and Health*. She also helped create minors in *Arab and Muslim Ethnicities & Diasporas Studies*, *Critical Mixed Race Studies*, *Critical Pacific Islands and Oceania Studies*, and *Queer and Trans Ethnic Studies*. Immensely loved and respected by all, Catriona’s place in academia and in the hearts of many is irreplaceable. Catriona considered herself a ‘stitcher’. Her Instagram handle was *munequerx* and she posted her crochet doll creations there. Her dolls were an extension of her activist work and she even donated some to a Palestinian fundraising event among others. An animal lover, Catriona joins her recently deceased cat, Flaco. Luz requests that donations be made to *Floripondio End of Life Planning & Services*, bit.ly/flori-end-of-life

who helped Luz with Catriona’s transition. Our hearts at the Esperanza Center go out to Luz and their family, friends and colleagues. Catriona Rueda Esquibel, siempre presente!

