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BOOK ON WHITE PRIVILEGE BREAKS NEW GROUND!

Today, Award-Winning Author JLove Calderón Releases

“Occupying Privilege” Anthology featuring Over 30 Contributors.

Publishers Weekly Feature Highlights Author/Activist’s Vision and Business Model.

NEW YORK, NY - - Today, **JLove Calderón**, an award winning author and long time anti-racist activist, released *Occupying Privilege: Conversations on Love, Race, and Liberation*. The anthology features over 30 thought-leaders, activists, educators, and artists who offer unique and fresh perspectives on racism, white privilege, and racial justice. Contributors include **Sonia Sanchez, Tim Wise, Talib Kweli, Suheir Hammad, Kevin Powell, Peggy McIntosh, Jeff Chang, Dr. Pedro Noguera, Esther Armah**, and many others, totaling 35 essays and letters. Calderón has identified six non-profit racial justice organizations to be the beneficiaries of the proceeds of the book for the first year of the release (see below). *Occupying Privilege* will be available publicly on Amazon.com beginning today.

Days before the book release, *Publishers Weekly* (the leading trade news magazine for publishers, librarians, booksellers, and literary agents since 1872) featured Calderón, surveyed her career as an author, and said of her life/work: “Calderon’s not your average antiracist activist.”

As an activist and social entrepreneur, Calderón’s focus is social justice, race, and gender. She is also the award winning author of four books, including *That White Girl*, (Atria/Simon and Schuster). Her articles have appeared in *The New York Times, Self Magazine, The Source Magazine*, and many other publications. Here, she sheds light on her motivation for writing *Occupying Privilege* and for her life-long passion for seeking racial justice: “My goal in writing and editing *Occupying Privilege* was to create an accessible and inspirational tool for dialogue. I want everyday folks to dialogue and to act around racial justice issues.”

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Discussing her non-profit partners in *Occupying Privilege*, Calderón explains “I chose to use the book as a tool to raise awareness and to raise money for organizations, ones that are truly making a difference in various communities across the country. I want to honor, acknowledge, and highlight what *is* working today because much of what we hear about focuses on what is NOT working. I see this book as part of my contribution to movement work.”

About JLove Calderón

JLove Calderón is an activist, producer, and social entrepreneur working on issues of social justice, race, and gender. She has authored four award-winning books, including *That White Girl*, (optioned for film). Her articles on hip-hop culture, white privilege, and social justice have appeared in *The New York Times*, *Self Magazine*, *The Source Magazine*, among others.

JLove has received numerous awards, including the Union Square Award for grassroots activism and *Self Magazine's Self Starter of the Year Award*.

Calderón graduated Cum Laude from San Diego State University with a B.A. in Africana Studies and received her M.A. in Education from Long Island University.

Her website is www.jlovecalderon.com and on Twitter, she's at @jlovecalderon

About The Racial Justice Partners (6)

The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond

www.pisab.org
New Orleans, LA

The People's Institute for Survival and Beyond is an organization located in New Orleans, Louisiana that focuses on understanding what racism is, where it comes from, how it functions, why it persists, and how it can be undone. Their workshops emphasize on learning from history, developing leadership, maintaining accountability to communities, creating networks, undoing internalized racial oppression, and understanding the role of organizational gate-keeping as a mechanism for perpetuating racism.

Rebel Diaz Arts Collective

www.rdacbx.org
Bronx, NY

Rebel Diaz Arts Collective is a Hip-Hop community center in the South Bronx, NY that provides a safe space for cultural exchanges through performances, educational workshops, and multi-media training.

The Alliance of White Anti-Racists Everywhere – Los Angeles (AWARE-LA)

www.awarela.org
Los Angeles, CA

AWARE-LA's mission is to work toward the abolition of the white supremacist system and all systems of supremacy through building communities of Radical White people solidarity with people of color in the larger movement for racial, social, economic, and environmental justice.

Groundwork

www.groundworkmadison.wordpress.com

Madison, WI

Groundwork is a white anti-racist collective dismantling white supremacy to achieve racial justice in our communities.

El Puente

www.elpuente.us

Brooklyn, NY

El Puente is Brooklyn, New York's most comprehensive Latino arts and cultural Center. Our mission is to use the arts as a tool for social change, engaging artists and activists in the creation and facilitation of arts projects, and training focused on artistic mastery and community development. We believe that the coming together of many brings forward our power of self-determination. We mold our individual and collective condition, whether at home, in the community or in the world.

Catalyst

www.collectiveliberation.org

(San Francisco, CA)

Catalyst is a center for political education and movement building. We are committed to anti-racist work with mostly white sections of left/radical social movements with the goal of deepening anti-racist commitment in white communities and building multiracial left movements for liberation.

JLove Calderón is available for media interviews. To request an interview, book cover image, or excerpts from the book, contact April R. Silver or Drake R. Holliday of AKILA WORKSONGS at 718.756.8501 or pr@akilaworksongs.com or [@akilaworksongs](https://twitter.com/akilaworksongs) (Twitter).

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