

Feeding the Revolution of Hope

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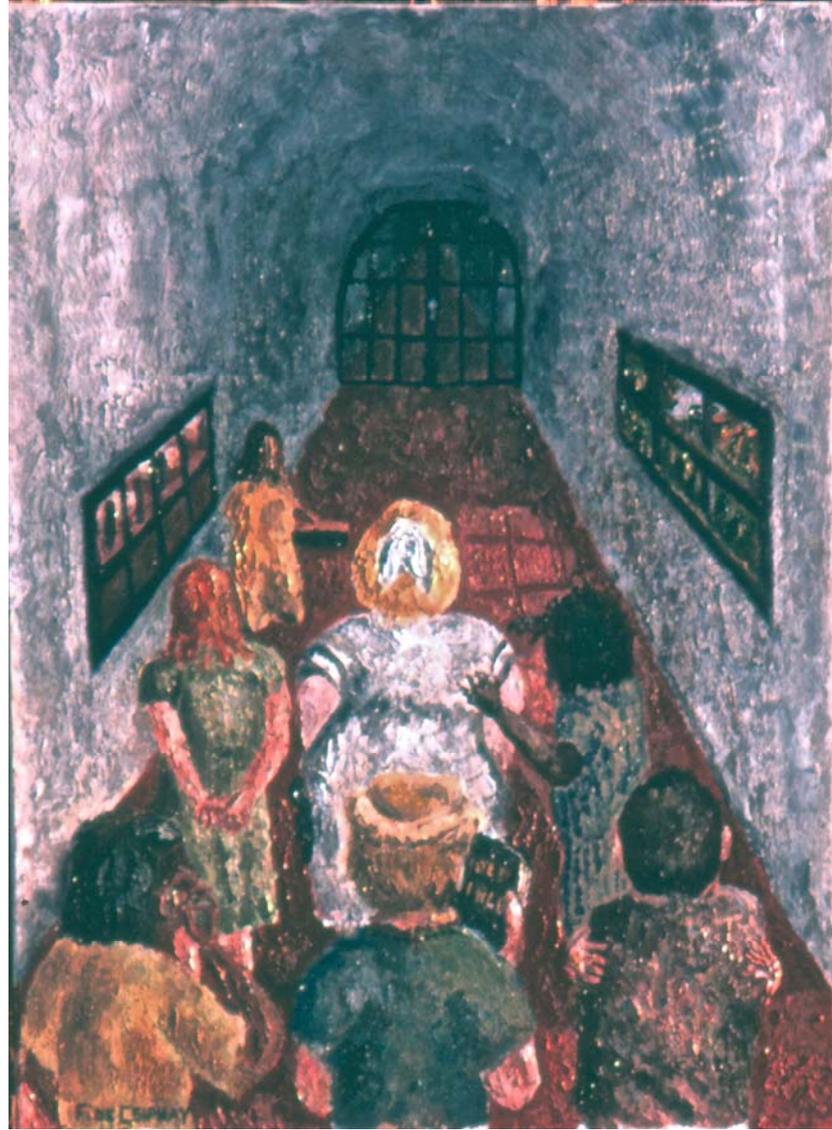
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Zoe Star, 7 weeks



Personal ties



Poor People's Campaign, 1967



"I think it is necessary for us to realize that we have moved from the era of civil rights to the era of human rights...[W]hen we see that there must be a radical redistribution of economic and political power." MLK

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Situating the Impact of Poverty, Disadvantage & Trauma

1. Epidemiological Risk

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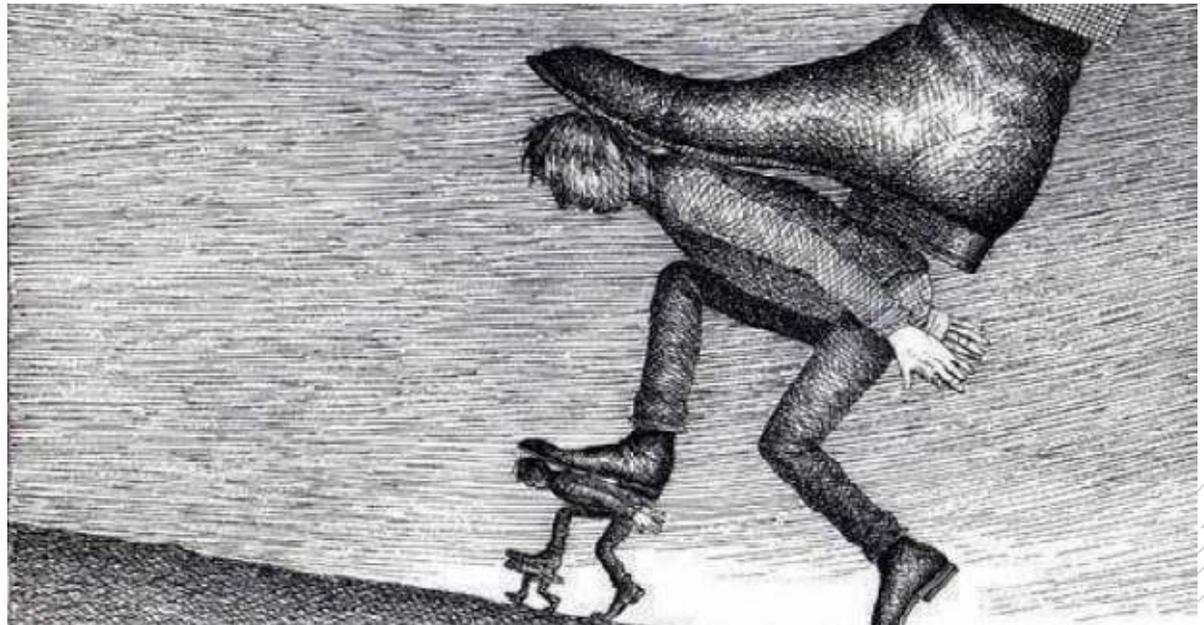
--John McGrath, 2004



2. Access to Care



3. Systems that Replicate Hierarchies of Power



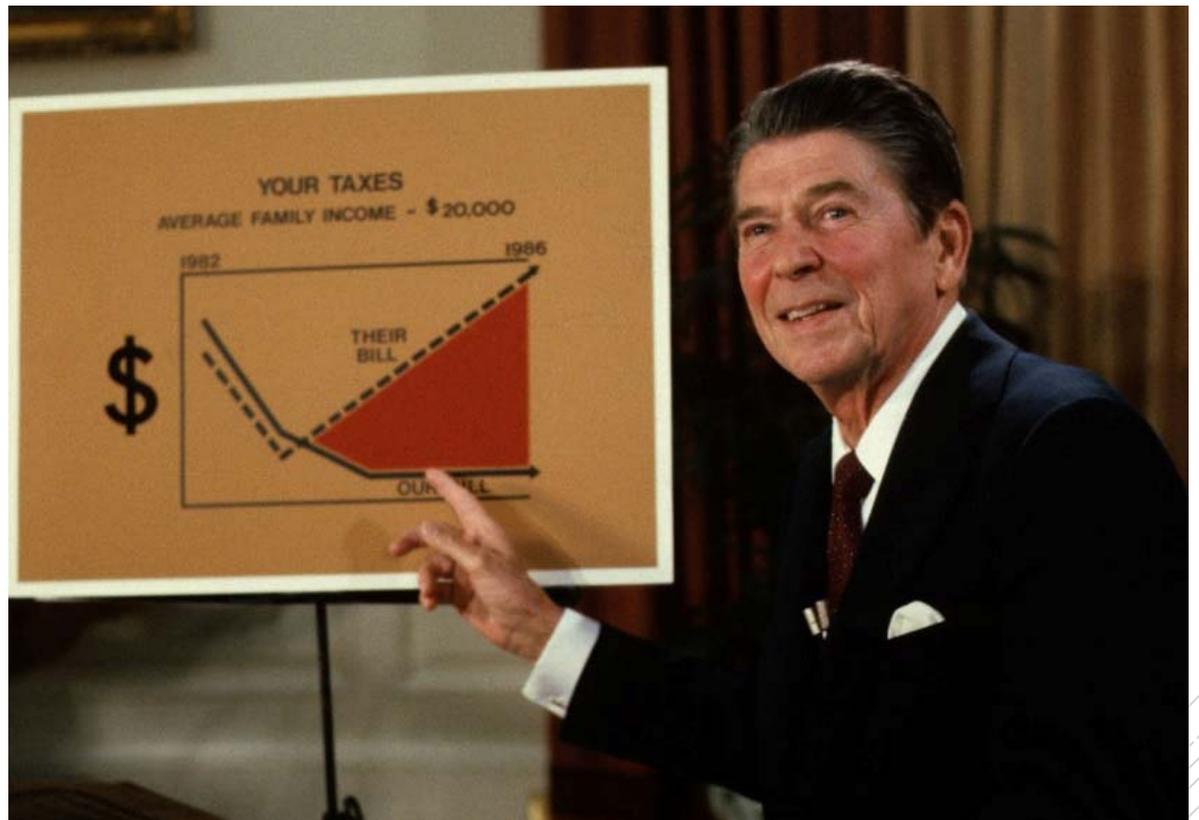
4. Long-Term Disadvantage & Downward Mobility



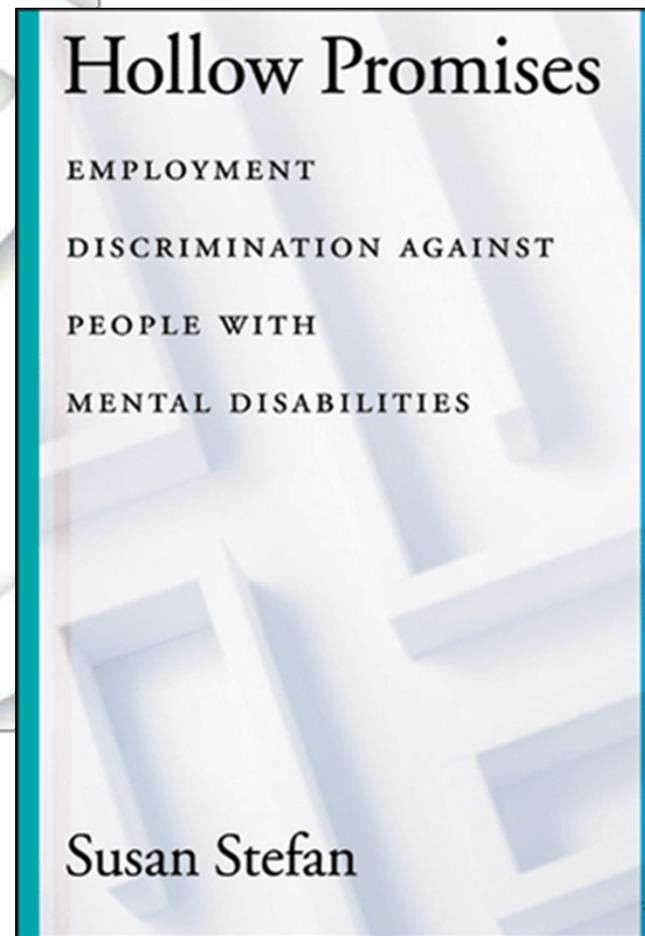
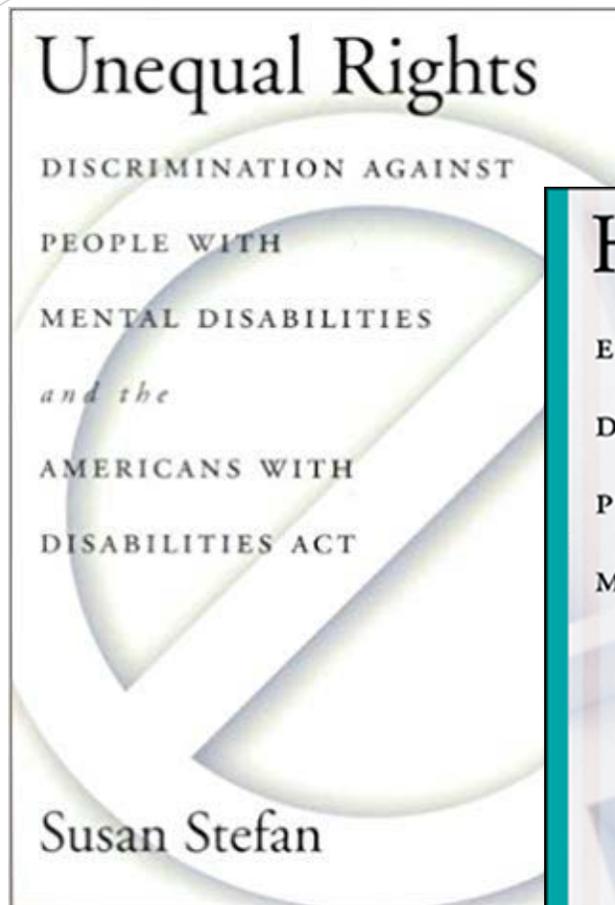


Drivers

2. Welfare 'Reform'



3. The ADA & ADAA



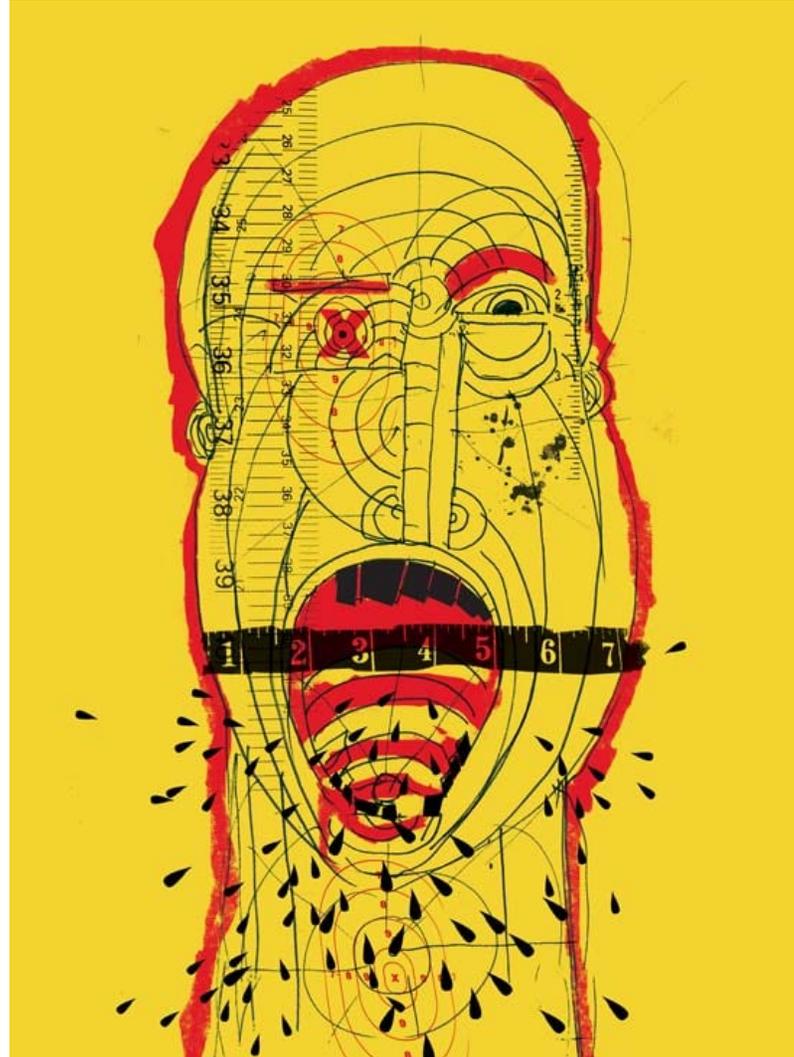
Oversimplistic Medicalization as Alibi

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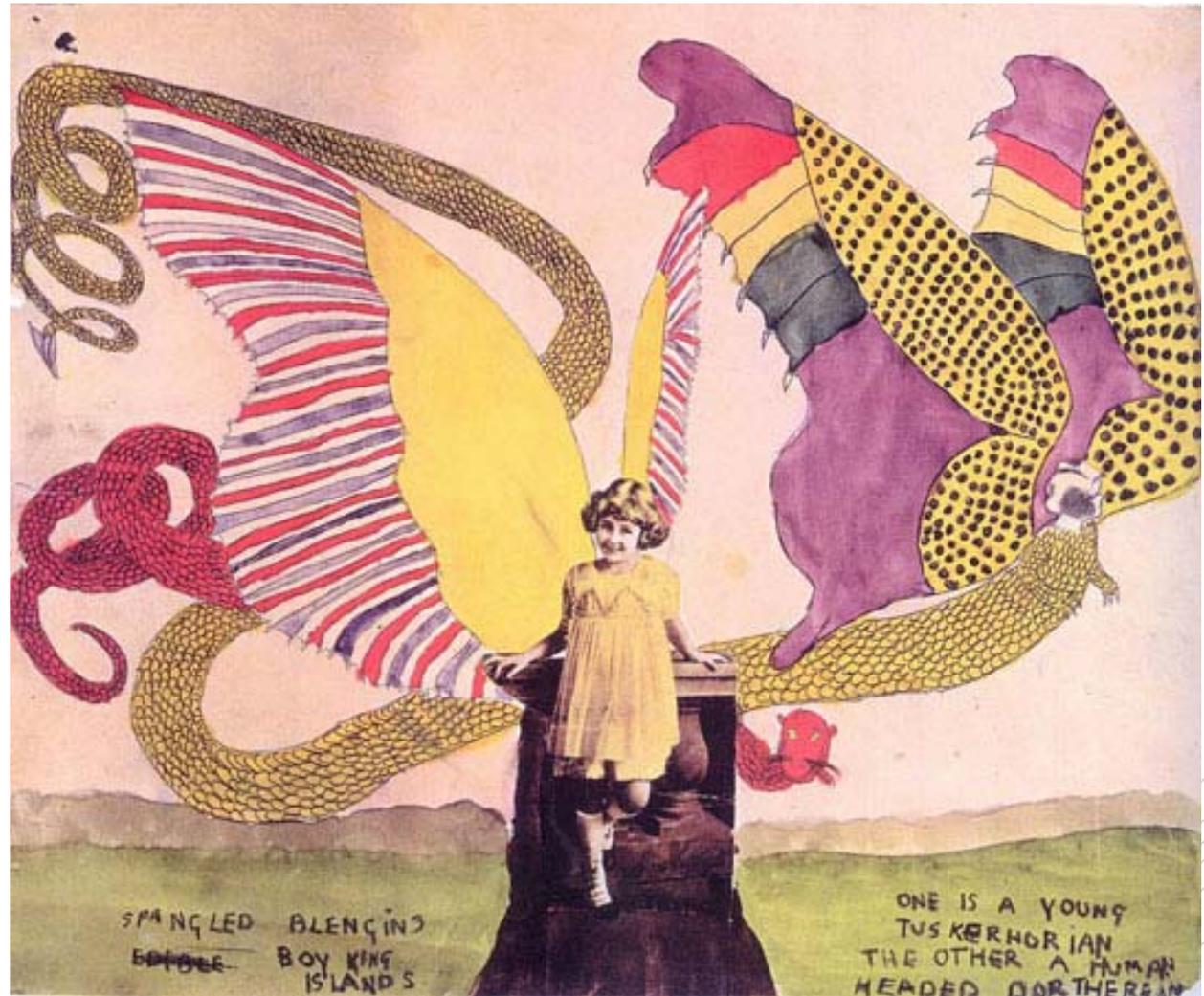
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Paths Forward

1. Acknowledge
Social & Structural
Determinants



2. Restore Meaning
to the Development,
Experience & Impact
of Psychosis



I was on heroin...on dope and heroin... Early years I was in a gang. I got into trouble. I've been in jail. They gave me a choice. Got to the military or face something' else. I went into the military, I went to Vietnam after trainin'. I came back home and I got into trouble.... My mother, she was a heroin addict. I had a problem with her 'cause people wanna take advantage of her. That's were most of my problems start.

I started stickin' up, stealin' to start supplyin' my mother's heroin so she wouldn't have to go out there on the streets [as a prostitute]. All that's to say I had no chance at life—at childhood or life.

Then I committed a robbery. I went to state bill. Then I got news that my mother had OD'd and died. The administration program warden, security warden, they denied me to go to the funeral 'cause my gang affiliation. Two days later this—call it the chow hall, mess hall. The lieutenant that walked up to me walkin' down the aisle lookin' at me laughin'. He's the one that recommend that I shouldn't go. If he say yes, I would go 'cause he had a lot of the influence. He walked up to me and said "I'm sorry but I couldn't let you go" with a smile on his face.

I ain't see nothin that was so funny. I pick up the plastic knife and stuck it in his neck. ... When the lieutenant was talking to me, my mother was talking to me too. See what I'm saying? [I hear her all the time.] I think if I wouldn't had heard voices, I probably wouldn't have stabbed him. [But] my mother said "He no good, he no good, do something to him." I couldn't take it. I had to pick up and stab him in the neck."

The state pressed charges. They found me not guilty only cause of reasonable insanity. They put me in...the hospital. I stayed out a long time. When I come out. I didn't have nothin.

--African American man, grew up on Chicago's South Side



3. Repoliticize,
Re-structuralize



Q & A /
Discussion

