

**ARCHITECT'S EXHIBIT TO DISCUSS SCIENCE
EXCLUDED FROM NETROOTS NATION**
<http://let-the-architects-in.org/>

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(Providence) Netroots Nation has barred a group of architects and engineers from exhibiting at the Netroots Nation convention that will open on Thursday in Providence.

Organizers of the convention denied an application by Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth (AE911Truth) to set up a table alongside dozens of other exhibitors at the June 7 to June 10th event at the Rhode Island Convention Center.

Netroots expects to attract 2500 attendees to provide a campus for exchanging ideas and learning how to be more effective at influencing the public debate and ultimately affecting change in the public sphere. They describe themselves as "a big political family. We may not agree on everything but common threads connect us Our tent may be broad but we all can agree that America has gone off the rails and it's time to get back on track with policy that is fair and just for everyone."

AE911Truth is a group with over 1,700 verified and vetted architect and engineer petition signers who talk about science, engineering and engineering ethics. They question the official account of the collapse of three skyscrapers at the World Trade Center (WTC) in New York on 9/11. A key issue for AE911Truth is their conclusion that the explanation for the destruction of the WTC twin Towers and Building 7 presented in the multi-volume report by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) omitted facts and distorted the science used to explain the events of that day. Representatives of AE911Truth claim that the reports contain so many errors that they are fraudulent. These reports violate key principles of engineering ethics and scientific principals.

Karen Kolber, Development Director at Netroots Nation said in reply to an application to exhibit, "I'm really sorry to be the bearer of bad news, but we can't have you exhibit at Netroots Nation." When asked for reconsideration, neither Karen nor any others who were contacted provided an explanation for the rejection.

Licensed Professional Engineer Wayne Coste, a member of AE911Truth's presenters team, points out that, "based on previous surveys, nearly half of Netroots attendees would be aware of the information we discuss. The other half is unaware of the basic facts, or mis-informed. Such an information gap underscores the need to inform the activist communities and bloggers that will be nurtured at this convention. We would like to have an opportunity to expose them to basic facts. Fact that have never been discussed, either in the mainstream media or the 'accepted' alternative media."

For example, if one engineer publicly said that a report regarding the safety of a bridge was fraudulent, it would be front-page news. In many technical contexts, just a few dissenting voices will send a report back to the authors to be reworked. In fact, the NIST reports are so discredited that NIST will not defend them on the record in any public forum nor provide underlying analysis supporting their work, claims Coste. With over 1700 architects and engineers saying the reports about the destruction of the WTC are fraudulent, this fact by itself should be widely known and a scientifically sound explanation demanded.

But AE911Truth's concerns are nowhere in the media, including on DailyKos, a major blog that spawned Netroots Nation. For example, the DailyKos has a long established policy of banishing people who write about or support AE911Truth evidence. This policy of silence about the events of 9/11 was established in 2005 before any "official" reports were published. Its policy has not been reversed even though the technical community has given its thumbs-down to the fraudulent reports. Netroots Nation attendees should have the opportunity to hear and discuss the facts that have emerged with technical professionals.

Coste said, "We believe attending this event would provide an opportunity to reach out to members of the activist community so that they can understand the embarrassing contradictions in such a high profile and important report. Silent tolerance of the flawed 9/11 engineering reports is an affront to my sensibilities as an engineer."

To Coste, this means engineering reports describing building collapses in which thousands died must be held to the highest standards of engineering ethics. However, because of the flaws in those reports, evidenced by simple physics, they put the NIST authors in violation of their professional codes of ethics. Coste seeks the opportunity to discuss these flaws, noting that this real-life example provides a dramatic backdrop for ethics taught abstractly in engineering schools.

"The official reports totally ignore the symmetry, speed, and thoroughness of the destruction," Coste says. "NIST was forced by a high school physics instructor to admit that Building 7, a 47-story skyscraper, came down in freefall for more than two seconds, or more than 100 feet. Yet this radical admission did not lead to a change in NIST's conclusion. They concluded that ordinary office fires accounted for the destruction of Building 7, by elongating steel members and pushing one beam off its supports thus setting off a cascade of failures that, based on observations, occurred instantaneously, which began the freefall. Anyone who knows high school physics knows this cannot be true. An object in freefall is not capable of doing work, such as bending heavy steel beams and moving them out of the way, because that would slow the building's descent."

AE911Truth's information will lead bloggers and activists, indeed everyone, to ask really hard questions that start with wondering what is wrong with the mainstream and approved "alternative" media. Netroots attendees should know that there is a key piece of information missing, which if known, would help understand why there is so much disharmony in our world. Misinformation and disinformation may exist, but the science and physics that the architects want to discuss should be called on to eliminate the misinformation.

A website, <http://let-the-architects-in.org/>, has been launched to elaborate on the continuing request for exhibit space at Netroots Nation 50 statement of support

As of Tuesday evening, the website has garnered over 50 comments in favor of letting the architect exhibit in the Netroots Nation exhibition hall and zero against. The credentials of these commenters include the Past President of the Fulbright Association of the United States, nationally recognized

journalists, documentary producers, science teachers, professional engineers, presidents of union locals, firefighters and many others. Here is a partial list:

- Peter Phillips Ph.D. former director of Project Censored, Professor Sonoma State College.
- Danny Schechter, Recipient of the Society of Professional Journalists' 2001 Award for Excellence in Documentary Journalism, past Neiman Fellow in Journalism at Harvard University, and past adjunct professor at the Graduate School of Journalism at Columbia University. Schechter created and executive-produced the series South Africa Now and co-produced Rights & Wrongs: Human Rights Television. From 1999-2010, Schechter was also the executive editor and "blogger-in-chief" at MediaChannel.org.
- Kevin Danaher co-founded Global Exchange; founder and executive co-producer of the Green Festivals and he is executive Director of the Global Citizen Center.
- Dan Hamburg, former congressional representative from northern California. Currently serves on the Board of Supervisors of Mendocino County.
- Dr. David Johnson, Past President, Fulbright Association of the United States.
- Eric Stacey, Filmmaker, Landfall Productions, Inc., Selected Films include: Award-Winning PTSD Awareness Movie 'PURPLE MIND'; A Passion for Sustainability and The Waldorf Promise.
- Dr. Graeme MacQueen, Founding Director of the Centre for Peace Studies (McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario) Harvard PhD.
- Abby Martin, Founder of Media Roots, Anchor & Journalist at RT TV.
- C.T.Lawrence Butler, Co-founder of Food Not Bombs, originator of the process of Formal Consensus.
- Meryl Nass, MD, Chairperson, Maine Legislative Commission to Protect the Lives and Health of Members of the Maine National Guard, primary US physician opposing unnecessary inoculation against anthrax with GI's and with children.
- Ed Ciaccio, regular contributor to Dandelion Salad.
- Douglas Sloan, Professor of History and Education Emeritus, Teachers College, Columbia University.
- Mitchel Cohen, Brooklyn Greens/Green Party, Coordinator, No Spray Coalition against toxic pesticides, and Chair, WBAI (99.5 FM in NYC) Local Station Board.
- Robert J. Carton, Ph.D, twice President of the union representing ALL non-management professionals at USEPA, Washington, DC.
- Richard Ochs, past president of the Aberdeen Proving Ground Superfund Citizens Coalition, member of the Depleted Uranium Task force of the Military Toxics Project and a member of the Chemical Weapons Working Group. Shop Steward in IUMSWA Local 24 in Baltimore.
- Doug Bogen has a M.S. in Science Education from Cornell, and a peace activist, environmental advocate and progressive organizer, president Seacoast Antipollution League, NH.
- Timothy Eastman PHD physics, longtime progressive.

- Halley Anderson, Financial Secretary–Carpenters Local 81, Erie, PA; member–Women In Black, Meadville, PA.
- John D. Wyndham (PhD in Physics, Cambridge University, England), longtime progressive.
- Ralph Hess, retired judge.
- Gerhard Bedding, a science writer and teacher.
- Jim Fuge, Four Corners Peace and Justice, Durango Colorado.
- Lynn Bradbury, longtime progressive.
- Daniel LaLiberte, longtime progressive.
- Fred Burks, U.S. State Department language interpreter 1986 – 2004.
- Ben Sarnoski, involved with Occupy Wall Street, and Occupy Hartford.
- Herb Moyer, Exeter, NH, high school science teacher for almost three decades.
- Charles Ewing Smith, Film Producer.
- Tim Price, Occupy Upper Valley.
- John Cobb PhD, co-organizer of Progressive Christians Uniting.
- James F Holwell, longtime progressive.
- Ken Jenkins, longtime progressive.
- William R. Woodward, psychologist and peace activist professor of psychology.
- Barry K. Miller, California Registered Mechanical Engineer #M27447, longtime progressive.
- Herbert J. Hoffman, Ph.D, 2008 Independent Candidate, U.S. Senate (Maine), Vice President, Veterans for Peace Maine, Chapter 001.
- Erik Lawyer, firefighter, union member, founder of firefighters for 911truth.

The work of Architects & Engineers for 9/11 Truth is dedicated to the victims, families and all those throughout the world affected by the tragic events of September 11, 2001. The group is a non-partisan association of architects, engineers, and affiliates whose mission is to research, compile, and disseminate scientific evidence relative to the destruction of the three World Trade Center skyscrapers, calling for a truly open and independent investigation and supporting others in the pursuit of justice.