

**BLUE METROPOLIS FESTIVAL - DREAMS & PEACE FORUM
FESTIVAL METROPOLIS BLEU – FORUM RÊVES & PAIX**

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1. What are, in your view, the utopian ideas of the moment that may become the reality of tomorrow?

I think a world without racism, police brutality, and exploitation is possible. I'm not sure how we get there. Still, I believe that the global activism that we're witnessing and engaging with in our immediate and online communities contributes to getting there.

2. If we were to introduce but a single important, even radical change to our societies, what would it be?

There are too many possibilities! I think that we can (and perhaps must) begin by reimagining a world without police and prisons. I also think changing our relationships to money, work, ideas of value, and big 'C' capitalism is also possible. Everything else, every other change—social, interpersonal, environmental—can stem from that.

3. Where do you find peace in your own life?

I find peace in solitude, as well as in cultivating caring and nourishing relationships. I also find peace in my craft; when I have the resources—time, material, energy—to pour into any given project, I find peace, playfulness, joy, rest, and pleasure in the creative flow.

4. Reading: What book changed the way you look at one aspect or another of reality? Please provide the name of author, title, publisher, and a brief explanation of your choice.

Epistemologies of African Conflicts: Violence, Evolutionism, and the War in Sierra Leone by Zubairu Wai (Palgrave Macmillan, Dec. 5, 2012) helped me learn that knowledge isn't neutral and that dominant powers (historical, systemic, structural) inform what we think we know about what we think we know. This learning has been helpful in my craft, in my interpersonal relationships, and in my politics.