

I'm a sociology professor at South Puget Sound Community College in Olympia , WA . I'm the former president of our faculty union (AFT Local #4603) and advise a student activist organization, BRICK. My main academic focus is on international sociology, and I am a long-time critic of the Iraq war and a skeptic of "free trade" agreements that put corporate profits ahead of the needs of workers and the environment. I received a BA in political science from the University of Oklahoma , a Master's in Sociology from the University of Oklahoma and have additional graduate work at UW.

I've worked with Paul Richmond in his capacity as an activist, an attorney, and an educator. I first met Paul when he worked to bring attention to police mistreatment of lawful demonstrators after the 1999 WTO protests in Seattle . In this, Mr. Richmond worked to bring about solutions that acknowledged the rights of peaceful protestors and sought to hold police accountable for illegal and unconstitutional actions. In this sense, the courts have now largely vindicated his claims.

I've also seen Mr. Richmond work as a civil and human rights attorney and have invited him as a guest speaker to speak to my criminology and sociology classes and the campus more broadly. His presentations are always well-prepared and well-received.

Most notably, Paul Richmond stands out to me as a Constitutionalist. At a time when the fabric of our democratic society is threatened by warrantless wiretapping, an illegal war in Iraq , the use of torture, the suppression of scientific speech, and unprecedented shifts in power to the executive branch, we need individuals like Mr. Richmond in government to champion our Constitution and fight for liberty and equality.

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