

PROGRAMMER BIOGRAPHY

Christopher Currie has been a volunteer programmer at CFRC Radio since 1999. He was the station's Spoken Word Coordinator in 2007–08 and its Music Programming Manager in 2008–09. Now working in a volunteer capacity as News Coordinator, he is a regular contributor to the program "Alternative Frequency."

PROGRAM DETAILS

Christopher Currie interviewed Adam Shapiro, a founder of the International Solidarity Movement and a veteran pro-Palestinian activist, on February 25, 2010. Shapiro was the keynote speaker for Israeli Apartheid Week 2010 at Queen's University, speaking on the theme of "Transnational Popular Resistance for Palestine." The interview was a wide-ranging, 25-minute discussion that addressed Shapiro's own work and the more general principles behind Israeli Apartheid Week. The attached sound file includes the first part of the interview.

Given the controversy around the term "Israeli Apartheid Week" (and the likelihood that some listeners would be unfamiliar with it), Christopher began the interview by asking Adam about disputes over terminology and the divergent approaches toward the word "apartheid" in Israel and North America. Later parts of the interview focused on strategies of resistance, the role of the state, and a consideration of boycott campaigns in relation to Israel and Sudan.

The interview was broadcast on "Alternative Frequency," CFRC's flagship news program. "Alternative Frequency" has been a part of CFRC's schedule since 2007, and its mandate is to address issues and perspectives that are ignored by commercial and public media (local and national). The program is hosted by the Alternative Frequency news collective.