

JAMES BOGGS: STUDENT OF DETROIT

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My talk focuses on the thought and practice of a beloved Detroit-based autoworker, activist, and writer named James Boggs, known to his friends and comrades as “Jimmy.” Born and raised in Marion Junction, Alabama, Boggs moved to Detroit as a young man. After marrying in 1953, he and Grace Lee Boggs went on to become visionary organizers who involved themselves in just about every social movement in the twentieth century United States, working alongside Robert F. Williams, Malcolm X, and Vincent Harding, among others. With decades of experience building transformative movements in Detroit, Boggs has a great deal to teach us about *what it means to be a philosopher of the city*. While there are countless lessons that could be gleaned from his life, my plan is to tease out three of the most relevant for today. As these lessons make plain, the city “is not out there just waiting for us with jobs and a bright future. It is waiting for us to design and create new different ways to make our livings and to live together.”

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