

## MOMENTUM SPEAKERS

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### **PIPER ANDERSON**

Piper Anderson is the National Program Director of Blackout Arts Collective (BAC). BAC is a national organization founded in 1997 to use the arts and culture as a tool for social change within communities of color. Piper is also a performance artist who tours her work nationally and a published author whose work has been featured in a number of publications and books including *How to Get Stupid White Men Out of Office* and *Growing Up Girl*.

### **BARBARA ARNWINE**

A graduate of Scripps College in Claremont, California, Ms. Arnwine received her law degree from Duke University School of Law. She has become renowned for her work on passage of the landmark Civil Rights Act of 1991. Throughout the 1991 campaign, the technical assistance of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights was critical to passage of the Act. In 2004, Ms. Arnwine was a prominent leader of the nonpartisan Election Protection Coalition and helped to organize 8,000 lawyers throughout the nation to staff the 1-866 OUR VOTE National Hotline, serve as poll monitors and mobile field attorneys in over 28 states. The Lawyers' Committee has recently published A Report by the National Commission on the Voting Rights Act covering the work of the Voting Rights Act from 1982-2005. The Commission conducted regional hearings throughout the nation to assess continuing obstacles to the exercise of the political franchise.

### **DEEPAK BHARGAVA**

Deepak Bhargava is the Executive Director of Center for Community Change. He first joined the Center for Community Change as its first Director of Public Policy in 1994, and has engaged in extensive policy analysis and advocacy on a range of issues including budget, housing, welfare, workforce development, and health issues. He has developed national grassroots coalitions on issues of public housing and transportation, resulting in significant federal policy changes. Deepak also directs the National Campaign for Jobs and Income Support, a collaboration of 200 grassroots organizations and networks with affiliates in 40 states focused on changing the national debate on issues of poverty and economic inequality. The National Campaign also has a significant focus on immigration issues.

### **STEPHEN BRADBERRY**

Stephen Bradberry is head organizer of the New Orleans office of ACORN, the nation's largest grassroots community based organization for low- and moderate-income families. Bradberry's work focuses on organizing around the everyday problems affecting low-income communities in New Orleans including raising wages, preventing lead poisoning, giving parents a say in schools, preventing predatory lending and increasing voter participation. Bradberry led ACORN in uniting a coalition of community organizations, faith based institutions, and academia around one of our nation's only successful livable wage campaigns. When Hurricane Katrina devastated the Gulf Coast, Bradberry was on the ground organizing, reaching out to ACORN members scattered across the country to assure that their voices were heard in the rebuilding effort. In November of 2005 Stephen Bradberry was presented the Robert F. Kennedy Award for Human Rights, the only American Individual in its 22 year history to ever receive the honor.

## **MARY ANN BURRIS**

Mary Ann was born in Texas and is the daughter of grandparents from four different parts of the world. She is the Director and Founder of TICAH, the Trust for Indigenous Culture and Health, based in Nairobi, Kenya. TICAH works to strengthen our understanding of the positive links between cultural belief, practice, knowledge and the attainment of health. Mary Ann has lived and worked in Asia and East Africa for most of the past twenty years. She holds a BA in literature and philosophy, an MA in Asian Studies and a Ph.D. in Development Studies. Mary studied traditional Chinese medicine in Xian, China and today works closely with traditional healers and elders from all reaches of the globe. From 1990-2003, Mary Ann worked for the Ford Foundation where she managed grant programs in Asia and Africa on health, rights, youth, and culture. She is strongly engaged by discussions about the ethics of philanthropy.

## **TRACY BURT**

Tracy Burt is a founding member of the Gulf South Funding Circle (GSFC), a donor circle that came together through Resource Generation beginning in December 2005. GSFC is compelled to respond to the unprecedented opportunity to stand together as progressive donors and stand with those most impacted by government neglect and abandonment in the Gulf South region. Tracy has been involved with Resource Generation for three and a half years and also co-founded the Movement Generation Support Committee, which support young grassroots leaders in the Bay Area. She serves as the Principal for the Burt Family Foundation and as an instructor in the Child Development and Family Studies Department at City College of San Francisco, where she authored the curriculum Making Room in the Circle: LGBT Families in Early Childhood Settings. She lives in San Francisco with an adorable and joyfully willful beagle named Pepper.

## **ALLI CHAGI-STARR**

Alli Chagi-Starr is the Art and Media Director for Reclaim the Future at Ella Baker Center for Human Rights in Oakland. She is the founder of Art in Action Youth Leadership Program, Dancers Without Borders, Another World is Possible Road Shows and the twelve-year-old Radical Performance Fest. Chagi-Starr was the co-founder of Art and Revolution, a national movement of artist-activists. She presents on radio shows, at conferences, and has taught arts activism across the U.S. and Canada since 1991. Her essays appear in *Democratizing the Global Economy*, *Global Uprising*, *Voices from the WTO*, *The Political Edge* and *How to Stop the Next War Now*. She is currently completing a book, *Movements for Mass Movements*.

## **ANTONIO DÍAZ**

Antonio Díaz is the Organizational Director for PODER, People Organizing to Demand Environmental & Economic Rights, a grassroots environmental justice organization based in San Francisco's Mission District. Before moving to the San Francisco Bay Area in 1995, Antonio's previous work in the environmental justice movement included working as a researcher at the Texas Center for Policy Studies where he conducted research on a variety of statewide environmental issues, with a focus on the Texas/Mexico border. Antonio was a founding member and Board Chair of People Organized in Defense of Earth and her Resources (PODER) in Austin, Texas, and served on the Coordinating Council of the Southwest Network for Environmental and Economic Justice from 1990 to 1995. He currently serves on the Advisory Board of CorpWatch (<http://www.corpwatch.org>) in Oakland, CA, the Center for Environmental Health (<http://www.cehca.org>) in Oakland, CA, and the Environmental Support Center (<http://www.envsc.org>) in Washington, D.C.

## **MALLIKA DUTT**

Mallika Dutt is the Founder and Executive Director of Breakthrough: building human rights culture. Breakthrough is an international human rights organization that draws upon media and popular culture to promote values of dignity, equality and justice. It works through affiliate offices in India and the US. Mallika has been a human right advocate for over two decades. She has a Program Officer for Human Rights with the Ford Foundation's New Delhi office, served as Associate Director of the Center for Women's Global Leadership and directed the Norman Foundation. Mallika is the author of several articles on human rights and the recipient of several awards. She founded Sakhi for South Asian Women to address domestic violence in NYC while she was at NYU Law School. Mallika's current passion is the building of an interconnected human rights movement in the US.

## **PHAEDRA ELLIS-LAMKINS**

Phaedra Ellis-Lamkins is the Executive Director of Working Partnerships USA, a public policy advocacy organization, and the Executive Officer of the South Bay AFL-CIO Labor Council, representing over 110,000 union members. Under her leadership, the nation's first county-based universal children's health insurance program has expanded its coverage to over 100,000 children and is the subject of statewide legislation, and the San José living wage ordinance now covers rental car drivers at San José International Airport. She has also led numerous campaigns to win progressive majorities on local, regional and statewide political bodies. A Senior Fellow of American Leadership Forum, Ellis-Lamkins serves on the board of the New World Foundation, the Progressive Technology Project, the Women's Fund of Silicon Valley and the AFL-CIO Central Labor Council Advisory Committee. She was recently identified by *City Flight Magazine* as one of the 10 most influential African-Americans in the Bay Area for 2005.

## **PHOEBE ENG**

Phoebe Eng has worked for over a decade with senior management and leadership teams to develop programs and networks that amplify the voices of people of color and women in our nation's cities, companies, and communities. She has worked with several Fortune 100's, including Procter & Gamble, IBM, and JP Morgan Chase, foundations, public agencies, universities and civic associations such as the National League of Cities. From 2002 to 2004, Eng also directed The Social Change Communications Project, a foundation-sponsored research initiative exploring the role of strategic communications in social justice advocacy.

## **KIRSTIN FALK**

As New Progressive Coalition's executive director, Kirstin Falk focuses her own talents as a thought leader, problem solver and difference-maker to build the political capital of the emerging left. She has developed NPC from concept to reality, and now leads the entrepreneurial team in building a network to wire progressive politics. Kirstin has more than ten years of experience and expertise in building relationships. Her background includes the New Democratic Network, EMILY's List and Planned Parenthood Mar Monte. She also spent four years in the private sector, working in portfolio management. Kirstin is a graduate of The Rockwood Leadership Program, The Art of Leadership and is a member of the Social Venture Network.

## **ALLISON FINE**

Allison Fine is a writer and philanthropist. Her new book, *Momentum: Igniting Social Change in the Connected Age*, explores the intersection of passionate activism and the digital age. It will be published by Wiley & Sons in September 2006. Allison works from the Hudson Valley community of Irvington, New York. She is also the founder of Innovation Network, Inc., a national project that has been providing consulting, training, and Web-based tools for nonprofits and funders since 1992 and served as the CEO of the E-Volve Foundation in 2004-2005.

## DAVID FOSTER

David Foster was the Director of United Steelworkers (USW), District #11, a 13 state region from 1990-2006. He currently directs the Strategic Alliance between the USW and the Sierra Club. District #11 has a diverse membership of 43,000, comprised of iron ore and other mineral miners, steel, aluminum, tire, oil and gas workers, as well as health care employees. His responsibilities included serving on the union's International Executive Board and negotiating with many of the country's largest steel, iron ore and aluminum companies. He chaired the USW's International Executive Board Task Force on the Environment. In 2004, he was awarded the Jane Lehman Bagley Award from the Tides Foundation for his work building labor/environmental coalitions in the United States. He also teaches classes on unions and globalization at the University of Minnesota in the Twin Cities and on advocacy and political leadership in Duluth. He has a BA from Reed College in Portland, OR.

## OMAR FREILLA

Omar Freilla has been named one of "The New School of Activists Most Likely to change New York City" by *City Limits* magazine. Raised in the South Bronx, he has gained international recognition as an outspoken environmental justice activist. He is the founder and director of Green Worker Cooperatives, a new organization dedicated to incubating worker-owned and environmentally friendly businesses in the South Bronx. He is currently developing a worker-owned store for salvaged building materials and is advocating for a recycling industrial park in the South Bronx, both aimed at creating a new generation of "green collar" jobs and reducing waste. Omar is the recipient of both the Open Society Institute's NYC Community Fellowship and the Union Square Award for grassroots activists. He is also a board member of the U.S. Federation of Worker Cooperatives, a national federation uniting worker-owned businesses throughout the United States.

## MARLENE FRIED

Marlene Gerber Fried is Professor of Philosophy at Hampshire College and Director of the Civil Liberties and Public Policy Program, a program for reproductive rights education and activism. She is also visiting scholar at the Harvard Center for Population and Development Studies. Ms. Fried was founding president and continues on the board of the National Network of Abortion Funds and the Abortion Rights Fund of Western Massachusetts, is on the board of the Women's Global Network for Reproductive Rights and the advisory board of Merger Watch. She edited, *From Abortion Rights to Reproductive Freedom: Transforming A Movement*, co-authored with Jael Silliman, Loretta Ross and Elena Gutiérrez, *Undivided Rights: Women of Color Organize for Reproductive Justice*, November, 2004 (winner of an Outstanding Book Award by the Gustavus Myers Center for the Study of Bigotry and Human Rights), and co-authored the chapter on abortion in the 2005 edition of *Our Bodies Ourselves*.

## MICHEL GELOBTER

Michel Gelobter is the Executive Director of Redefining Progress (RP), an activist think-tank dedicated to shifting the economy and public policy towards sustainability. His prior experience includes being a professor at U.C. Berkeley, Rutgers and Columbia University; co-founding the Community-University Consortium for Regional Environmental Justice (CUCREJ) as well as several grassroots environmental justice networks; a Congressional Black Caucus Fellowship with the U.S. House of Representatives' Energy and Commerce Committee; and being the Director of Environmental Quality for the City of New York. He presently serves on the boards of the Natural Resources Defense Council; CERES; Center on Race, Poverty and the Environment; the Budget and Fiscal Policy Education Steering Committee; the Telluride Association; the Environmental Leadership Program Advisory Committee; Next Generation and Redefining Progress.

## **ERIC GOROVITZ**

Eric Gorovitz is Director of the Alliance for Justice's West Coast Office, in Oakland, CA, where he oversees the administration of the Alliance for Justice's programs in the western States. A lawyer with a background in public health, Eric also conducts trainings through the Nonprofit Advocacy Project. Before joining the Alliance for Justice, Eric spent over 10 years in the gun violence prevention movement. His work has included legislative drafting, lobbying, media advocacy, public education, research and litigation. (J.D., Georgetown University, 1994; MPH, Johns Hopkins University, 1994; BA, Cornell University, 1988).

## **JEAN HARDISTY**

Jean Hardisty is the Founder and President Emerita of Political Research Associates (PRA), a Boston-based research center that analyzes right wing, authoritarian, and anti-democratic trends and publishes educational materials for the general public. A political scientist with a Ph.D. from Northwestern University, she left academia after eight years of teaching and researching conservative political thought to establish PRA in response to the emergence of the New Right in 1981. After 23 years, she retired from PRA in 2004 and is now a Senior Scholar at the Wellesley Centers for Research on Women at Wellesley College. Dr. Hardisty is a widely published author and has been an activist for social justice issues, especially women's rights and civil rights, for over thirty years. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Center for Community Change, the Highlander Education and Research Center, and the Women's Community Cancer Project. Her book, *Mobilizing Resentment: Conservative Resurgence from the John Birch Society to the Promise Keepers*, was published by Beacon Press in October 1999 and is now available in paperback.

## **SILVIA HENRIQUEZ**

Silvia Henriquez is the Executive Director of the National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health (NLIRH). In just three years, Silvia has positioned NLIRH as one of the leading organizations working to advance the reproductive health and rights of Latinas. She has increased national visibility through the March for Women's Lives, the National Latina Summit, developed national organizing and advocacy programs as well as tripled the funding base for the organization. Prior to her leadership position at NLIRH, Silvia has worked with various reproductive rights organizations. She was the National Campus Coordinator at the Feminist Majority Foundation, the Outreach Director at the National Abortion Federation and a Policy Analyst with the Latino Issues Forum.

## **ALAN JENKINS**

Alan Jenkins, Executive Director, comes to The Opportunity Agenda from the Ford Foundation, where he served as Director of Human Rights, Deputy Director for Human Rights and International Cooperation, and Program Officer for Racial Justice. As a unit Director at Ford, Jenkins managed over \$50 million in grantmaking annually in the United States and eleven overseas regions. Previously, Jenkins was Assistant to the Solicitor General at the U.S. Department of Justice, where he represented the United States government in constitutional and other litigation before the U.S. Supreme Court. Prior to that, he was Associate Counsel to the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc., where he defended the rights of low-income communities suffering from exploitation and discrimination. His other positions have included Assistant Adjunct Professor of Law at Brooklyn Law School, Law Clerk to Supreme Court Justice Harry A. Blackmun, Law Clerk to U.S. District Court Judge Robert L. Carter, and Coordinator of the Access to Justice Project of the American Civil Liberties Union. Jenkins serves on the Board of Trustees of the Center for Community Change and the Legal Action Center, and is a Co-Chair of the American Constitution Society's Project on the Constitution in the Twenty-First Century. He holds a J.D. from Harvard Law School, a Masters degree in Media Studies from New School University, and a Bachelors in Psychology and Social Relations from Harvard University.

## **GREG JOBIN-LEEDS**

Greg Jobin-Leeds: educator, inclusive organizer, social entrepreneur, progressive philanthropist, political activist, investor, mountaineer, and father. Passionate about racial justice and dedicated to concrete movement building progress, Greg is Co-founder of the Schott Foundation for Public Education, Co-Founder of Access Strategies Fund, and Co-founder of the League of Education Voters. Schott has help secure major legislative victories for our most vulnerable children. Access has helped overturn gerrymandering and increased voter turn-out to breakthrough levels in disenfranchised communities. Greg is an expert in translating progressive values and sophisticated analysis, into effective carefully thought out funding strategies. Greg has a very clear and explicit position on race in American politics and is a volunteer and supporter of community and national institutions. Under Jobin-Leeds' leadership, the organizations he has created have carried out statewide legislative and voter opinion studies, voter-mobilization, litigation, donor collaboratives, leadership development, and media campaigns. He is deeply dedicated to increasing the fairness of political systems and policy-making institutions. His work makes it possible for all of people to have an opportunity to achieve policy-making positions.

## **VAN JONES**

Van Jones, 37, is the founder and executive director of the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights (EBC). Headquartered in Oakland, California, EBC is helping to lead the national fight for alternatives to the U.S. incarceration industry. Born in rural west Tennessee, Van completed his undergraduate degree in 1990 at the University of Tennessee at Martin. In 1993, he graduated from the Yale Law School. A pioneering human rights activist, Van is known as a steadfast opponent of police brutality and mass incarceration. He has worked with a variety of well-known organizations and initiatives in the social justice and environmental arenas. In recent years, Van has expanded his work to incorporate insights from ecology, spirituality and social entrepreneurship. He is now working to create environmentally friendly, green-collar jobs for formerly incarcerated persons. He believes the path to peaceful streets and healthy communities is through green-collar jobs, not jails. In the meantime, Van has recently earned two important, new titles: happy husband and proud father (of a two-year-old son).

## **HAROLD KATZMAIR**

Harald Katzmaier, PhD was born in Austria and is the founder and CEO of FAS.research LLC, an international research and consulting company based in San Francisco and Vienna. Harald and his team at FAS.research ([www.fas-research.com](http://www.fas-research.com)) specialize in applying complexity theory and social network analysis to provide solutions for the fields of marketing, sales, communication, public affairs, campaigning, market analytics and business development. Harald and his team consult a highly diverse set of clients ranging from Fortune 500 companies to NGO's and NPO's from the progressive movement. Harald holds a degree in Sociology and Philosophy (University Vienna, Austria) and is Lecturer at various Universities in Austria (Vienna University of Economics, University of Klagenfurt, University of Krems).

## **MARTIN KEARNS**

Marty Kearns, Co-Founder and Executive Director of Green Media Tool shed (GMT), leads the nonprofit organization dedicated to helping the environmental movement communicate more effectively by offering a professional suite of communication tools, trainings and services. Kearns is at the forefront of network-centric advocacy and theory. He has developed several papers on Advocacy in the Age of Connectivity and blogs focusing on network-centric advocacy at [www.network-centricadvocacy.net](http://www.network-centricadvocacy.net) and projects based on the theory [www.mediavolunteer.org](http://www.mediavolunteer.org) as well as the new Netcentric Campaign division of GMT.

## **DAISY KHAN**

Daisy Khan is the Executive Director of ASMA Society (American Society for Muslim Advancement), a non-profit religious and educational organization dedicated to building bridges between the American public and American Muslims through culture, arts, academia and current affairs. As wife of Imam Feisal Ms.Khan mentors young Muslims on the challenges of cultural assimilation in America and integrating Islam with modernity. She has created groundbreaking interfaith programs such as The Cordoba Bread Fest and a theatrical production titled Same Difference: She is currently working on two cutting edge programs: Muslim Leaders of Tomorrow which seeks to empower emerging Muslim leaders in North America and Europe; Muslim Women Leader's Forum, an annual global forum where Muslim women convene to develop strategies for the advancement of their rights. Ms. Khan serves on panels and lectures and has been featured in the PBS TV documentary Muhammad: Legacy of a Prophet, the National Geographic Documentary Inside Mecca, and a Hallmark Channel program titled Listening to Islam. Ms. Khan has been quoted by print publications including *Time Magazine*, *Newsweek*, and *Newsday*. Born in Kashmir, India and educated in the U.S., Ms. Khan acquired a BFA degree in Interior Architecture and was until recently the Director of Project Management for a fortune 500 company when she decided to dedicate herself full time to ASMA Society.

## **KALPANA KRISHNAMURTHY**

Kalpana Krishnamurthy is a Field Director and the RACE Program Director at Western States Center. From 2002-2005, she was the director of the Third Wave Foundation, which works nationally to support and strengthen the next generation of young women activists. Prior to Third Wave, Kalpana organized around reproductive health and justice and young women's empowerment. She also worked as a youth organizer in Madison, WI. Kalpana grew up in Oregon and graduated from the University of Oregon.

## **ANN LEONARD**

Ann Leonard, GAIA's U.S.-based Co-Coordinator, has worked on waste and pollution for more than 15 years. Prior to founding GAIA, Ann worked with Essential Information and Greenpeace International's Toxics Campaign, based in Washington, D.C. and New Delhi, India. She has also served on the Boards of Clean Production Action, the Grassroots Recycling Network, the Asia-Pacific Environmental Exchange, the Basel Action Network, the Environmental Health Fund, and Global Greengrants India, as well as the Steering Committee of Health Care Without Harm. Ann has traveled to 30+ countries and brings extensive experience to GAIA.

## **ALICIA MALDENADO**

Alicia is Chicana and a native New Mexican. She grew up and still lives in the South Valley, a semi-rural community in Albuquerque. Alicia graduated from the University of New Mexico in 1998 with a double major in Broadcast Journalism and Spanish. A professional photographer and a community organizer, Alicia coordinates Soltari's visual, print and audio programs, and serves as a campaign manager and/or direct mail coordinator for Soltari's electoral and nonpartisan campaigns. Alicia has worked on political and issue campaigns since 1997. She is a partner in Soltari Inc.

## **BRADLEY MCCALLUM AND JACQUELINE TARRY**

Artists Bradley McCallum & Jacqueline Tarry began their collaboration in 1998 with Witness: Perspectives on Police Violence. The husband-and-wife team work nationally and travel globally to engage with subject matter and images of pressing, and at times controversial, civic concerns for their large-scale projects. They are committed to creating compelling public art that addresses issues of race and social justice. In their work, McCallum & Tarry have developed the concept of performative sculpture, reflecting the complexity of changing social issues both over time and from site to site. McCallum & Tarry's work has been featured at the Neuberger Museum Biennial in Purchase, New York, and a solo exhibition of their most recent project Endurance has shown at Conner Contemporary Art in Washington, DC, City Space Gallery in Seattle, Washington and most recently at Marvelli Gallery in New York City. The couple lives and works in Brooklyn, New York.

## **GUS NEWPORT**

Gus Newport is presently Director of programs in New Orleans for the Vanguard Foundation. He is also a Senior Fellow at the Urban Strategies Council. Gus was the General Manager for Radio Station KPFA, Director of The Dudley Street Neighborhood Initiative, Senior Fellow at U.Mass. Boston, faculty at Yale, U.C Santa Cruz and Portland State University. Preceding this he served two terms as the Mayor of Berkeley, California. He is on the Board of Overseers of the Graduate Program in Community Economic Development at Southern New Hampshire University. He has served on several national Policy committees, UN Committees and he was the Vice President from the U.S. to the World Peace Council.

## **GIHAN PERERA**

Gihan Perera is Co-Founder and Executive Director of the Miami Workers Center, a strategy and action center, whose purpose is to build the collective strength of low-income people of color and their communities for power and self-determination in Miami-Dade County. The Center initiates and supports grassroots organizations led by the people most affected by the issues of poverty, racism, gender and sexual oppression. Mr. Perera sits on the Advisory Committee of the Philanthropic Initiative for Racial Equity, the Board of Directors of the local chapter of the ACLU, and the Board of the Miami Light Project, a local cultural organization. Gihan's prior experience includes positions as lead organizer for Unite for Dignity in Miami, lead organizer for ACTWU / UNITE in textile factories in North and South Carolina, and recruitment director and national trainer for the AFL-CIO's Organizing Institute. He holds a B.A. from the University of California, Berkeley.

## **GIBRAN RIVERA**

Gibrán Rivera was born and raised in San Germán, Puerto Rico, until the age of 12 when his family moved to Western Massachusetts. As an undergraduate he became a recognized leader in the Latino student movement. He studied Latin American Politics in Quito, Ecuador, was awarded the Archbishop Oscar Romero Scholarship, the Woodrow Wilson Fellowship, and recognized as a Most Distinguished Scholar of the College. Gibrán served as co-director of Voto Latino, a project to increase civic participation in Boston's Latino Community and Director of Community Relations for La Alianza Hispana, where he was charged with implementation of the agency's Community Investment Initiative, an ambitious effort to better engage a traditional service provider with civic efforts throughout the community. He served for two years as Executive Director of Iniciativa, the Massachusetts Education Initiative for Latino Students, Inc., before joining a long time friend to start BelFrites, Inc., a business in the for-profit sector. Gibrán is a graduate of Boston College, BA and the Fletcher School of Diplomacy at Tufts, MA. He has co-authored a report for electoral reform in the City of Boston and a policy paper on new models to increase urban voter participation.

## **DOROTHY ROBERTS**

Dorothy Roberts is the Kirkland & Ellis Professor at Northwestern University School of Law, with joint appointments in the Departments of African American Studies and Sociology, and as a faculty fellow of the Institute for Policy Research. She has written and lectured extensively on the interplay of gender, race, and class in legal issues concerning reproduction, bioethics, and child welfare. She is the author of the award-winning *Killing the Black Body: Race, Reproduction, and the Meaning of Liberty* (1997) and *Shattered Bonds: The Color of Child Welfare* (2002). Professor Roberts has been a visiting professor at the University of Pennsylvania and Stanford, a fellow at Harvard University's Program in Ethics and the Professions, and a Fulbright scholar at the Centre for Gender and Development Studies in Trinidad-Tobago. She serves as a member of the board of directors of the Black Women's Health Imperative and the National Coalition for Child Protection Reform.

## **REV. ALEXIA SALVATIERRA**

Rev. Alexia Salvatierra is the Executive Director of CLUE (Clergy and Laity United for Economic Justice), an organization of religious leaders and congregations throughout Los Angeles county who come together to respond to the crisis of working poverty by joining low-wage workers in their struggle for a living wage, health insurance, fair working conditions and a voice in the decisions that affect them. Rev. Salvatierra is also the co-chair of a new statewide alliance of interfaith worker justice groups, CLUE California. CLUE California is currently organizing new chapters in Orange County and the Inland Empire. Rev. Salvatierra is an ordained Pastor in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, with over 20 years of experience in interfaith and community ministry, community organizing and legislative advocacy. She has directed organizations focused on helping the homeless, migrant farmworkers and inner city youth, in addition to providing consulting services in the areas of program/resource development, strategic planning and evaluation. In addition, she has worked on projects in the Philippines, Central and South America, and Northeast Africa.

## **EVELINE SHEN**

Eveline Shen is a first generation Chinese American and has been with ACRJ for eight years. Over the last 16 years, she has organized extensively with low-income communities of color around issues of social and environmental justice. She has served as the director of multiple countywide projects developing strategies of community organizing, popular education, community-based participatory research, and policy/advocacy. In the last eight years, Eveline has focused her work in the Asian Pacific Islander communities and has written articles, manuals and training curriculum on popular education and community organizing. She holds a Masters in Public Health from UC Berkeley in Community Health Education.

## **PAUL SONN**

Paul Sonn co-directs the economic justice work of the Brennan Center for Justice; a policy and advocacy institute affiliated with NYU School of Law. With a staff of lawyers and social scientists, the Brennan Center provides legal, research and policy assistance to grassroots coalitions and state and local lawmakers working to expand access to good jobs for low-income families. Prior to joining the Brennan Center in 1999, Paul worked as a civil rights lawyer at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund. He is a 1992 graduate of Yale Law School.

## **CHET TCHOZEWSKI**

Chet Tchozewski is the founder and Executive Director of the Global Greengrants Fund — an international environmental foundation that makes small grants to grassroots environmental groups in developing nations around the globe. Since 1993 Greengrants has made in excess of 3000 grants, in over 100 countries, totaling about \$10 million. Chet has helped to pioneer international re-granting as a simple and effective means for private U.S. foundations, companies and individual donors to support the growth of community-based civil society organizations in developing economies and emerging democracies.

## **MAYA WILEY**

Maya Wiley is the founding Director of the Center for Social Inclusion. CSI is a national applied research and advocacy organization which partners with communities of color and national allies to dismantle structural racism. Ms. Wiley received her J.D. from Columbia University School of Law in 1989. As a litigator, she worked for the American Civil Liberties Union, the NAACP Legal Defense Fund, and United States Attorney's Office for the Southern District of NY. Ms. Wiley served as an advisor on race and poverty to the Director of US Programs at the Open Society Institute and an advisory to the Open Society Foundation — South Africa on its criminal justice initiative. She is the Vice Chair of the Tides Network Board and serves on the Advisory Board of Families United for Racial and Economic Equity. She is a contributing author to the National Urban League's 2006 State of Black.