

## WHAT'S GOING ON

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Dear << Test First Name >>,

Over the past month we've seen an unprecedented number of attacks on progressive values across the country, from targeting reproductive rights and the rights of voters to profiling and violence against young men of color, the need to invest in young progressive leaders couldn't be greater than it is right now. The YP4 team has been hard at work to ensure that not only are we providing opportunities for our Fellows to be at the forefront of this movement, but that we also provide advanced leadership opportunities to build a pipeline of progressive leaders across the country.

That is why we're excited to share with you [some of the](#)



This month's featured Fellow is **Amanda Matos**, a 2011-2012 YP4 Fellow at Columbia. This spring we had a chance to catch up with Amanda and asked her to tell us more about her Blueprint WomanHOOD!

[\[Click here to read our interview with Amanda.\]](#)

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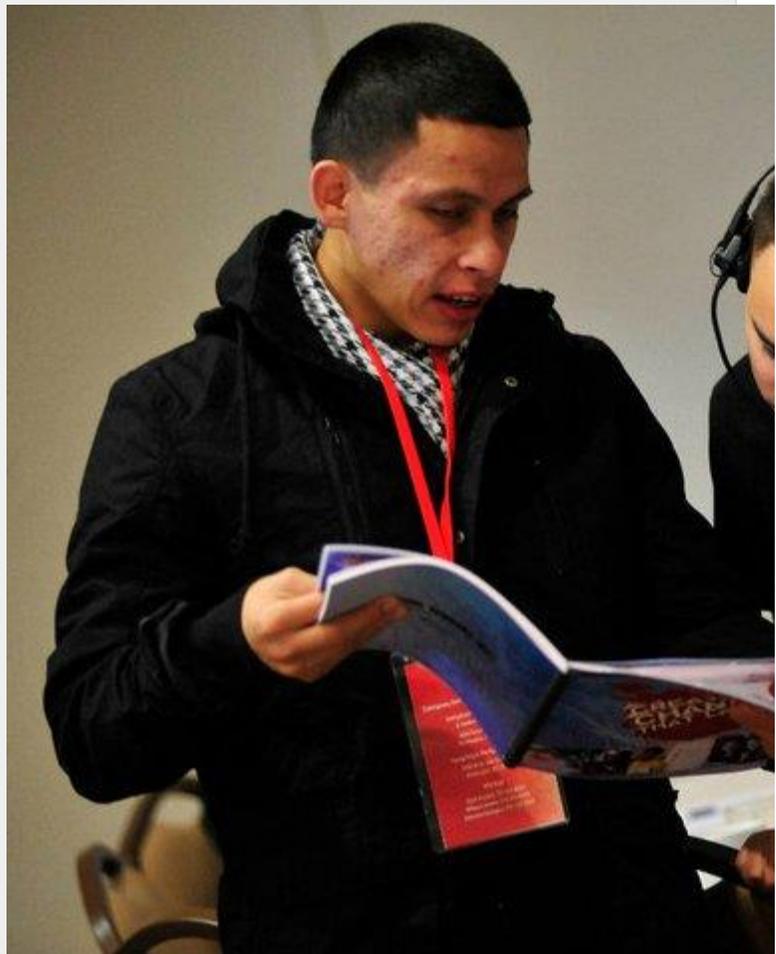
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[Blueprints of the 2011-2012 Fellowship class](#). Right now more than 80 fellows are implementing their Blueprints for Social Justice. Our Fellows are organizing around issues ranging from voting rights and get out the vote efforts to environmental justice, health care, reproductive choice, human rights and equal rights ([view a selection of 2012 Blueprints here](#)). We're excited to announce that we have provided more than \$9,000 in support to Fellows working towards a progressive future.

In a few months, the 2011-2012 Fellowship class will come to a close and we're looking for alumni to help conduct exit interviews. YP4 prides itself on evolving each year to meet the needs of our Fellows and alumni. To continue this critical evaluation process this year we will be conducting exit interviews with our Fellowship class. If you can volunteer time in April and May [please contact Paloma](#).

We are well into the selection



**We're building for the future... now.**

If you would like to help guarantee that none of our Fellows miss out on the opportunity to participate in the Fellowship Program this year, [click here to make a generous donation](#). Your contribution will help cover the cost of transporting, feeding, and housing over 150 fellows as they travel to National Summit from nearly 100 campuses across the country.

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process for the 2012-2013 Fellowship Class. A special thank you to all the partners and alumni who have helped us review over 475 applications and conduct over 300 phone interviews. We will announce the new Fellowship class in next month's newsletter. In preparation for welcoming our new class we are looking for alumni to write welcome e-mails and letters. If you are interested in sending a welcome note to our incoming class please [contact Paloma](#).

We are also excited to announce our [2012-2013 Alumni Board](#). Our Alumni Board supports the work of the Fellowship Program and Advanced Leadership and Alumni Program extensively. Next month, the 2012-2013 Board will convene for the first time to help set goals, develop plans, and evaluate the successes of our programs. With the help of last year's board we revealed exciting new opportunities for our alumni including the Senior Fellowship, alumni profiles, and local

[\[Join the conversation\]](#) at the YP4 blog - also check out our sister blogs at [PFAW Blog](#) and [Right Wing Watch!](#)

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We have a new series of webinars in our Progressive Academy Online:

**April 2nd, 2012 | 5:00-6:00pm ET | [Marketing Your Best Self: Resume and Cover Letter Tips](#)**

**April 16th, 2012 | 5:00-6:00pm ET | [How to Ace a Job Interview](#)**

**April 30th, 2012 | 5:00-6:00pm ET | [Negotiating Salary and Benefits in an Economic Recession](#)**

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**NEED A JOB?**

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**Young People For, [Advanced Leadership and Alumni Program Manager, DC](#)**

Responsibilities for this position include collaborating with the Director of Young People For to set annual, quarterly, and monthly department goals and work plans to ensure that goals

networks. Read more about upcoming opportunities in our upcoming Alumni Digest and in the [Alumni in Action section](#) below!

Finally, we are proud to announce that William Dennis has been promoted to the position of **Fellowship Coordinator** at YP4! In his new role, William will be responsible for the planning and implementation of the Fellowship recruitment and selection process, and will support program planning, program development and piloting new strategies to engage Fellows. Please take a moment to [congratulate William today!](#)

All the best,



Director  
Young People For

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and deliverables are met; manage program components of all advanced leadership trainings designed for Fellows who have completed the first year Fellowship program including the Alumni Board, Career Center, Leadership Academy, Progressive Academy Online, and networking events. The Program Manager is responsible for building and sustaining local, state, regional and national partner relationships to support YP4 Fellows and alumni in their communities and within their issue areas of interest.

**Amnesty International USA, [Policy and Advocacy Associate](#), DC**

The Policy and Advocacy Associate for Women's Human Rights assists the Women's Policy and Advocacy Director in furthering AIUSA's work on women's human rights with advocacy, strategy development and event planning. Under direction of the Women's Policy and Advocacy Director, the Associate will be responsible for advancing the women's human rights priorities of AIUSA. This brief entails the development, planning, and execution of advocacy initiatives contributing to AIUSA's women's human rights goals.

**Boston College, [Assistant or Associate Director of Capital Giving](#), MA**

Reporting into the Associate Vice President of Capital Giving, this position is responsible for the direct cultivation, solicitation, and stewardship of individuals capable of making gifts of \$100,000 and up. Specific responsibilities include: managing a portfolio of approximately 175-225 individuals (regional assignments depend on prospect pool and may include distant regions such as the Western Region, the Midwest or the Southeast) and meeting specific goals for qualification, cultivation, solicitation, and stewardship of prospects; devising strategies for the engagement and comprehensive solicitation of prospects; working with other staff members to maximize fund-raising productivity; providing staff support for volunteer committees as assigned; and developing productive working relationships with key volunteers.

**Campaign For America's Future, [2012 Conference Assistant](#),**



## THE YP4 FELLOWSHIP

The Fellowship team is hard at work reviewing and approving Blueprints for Social Justice.

We received **over 80 proposals** from this year's class and are working hard to provide feedback to each one. [Check out some of the work of this year's Fellows online!](#) If you submitted a Blueprint proposal and would still like to apply for funding from YP4, great news! We still have some funding available and would love to read your budget proposal. If you'd like to be considered for Blueprint funding, please submit a Budget Proposal (email to [zdryden@pfaw.org](mailto:zdryden@pfaw.org)) and [Fundraising Plan](#) no later than **April 3, 2012**. Let us know if you have any questions or concerns about this process.

We are also happy to announce that we are taking [applications for Conference and Training Support!](#) That's right, YP4 wants to pay for you to access conferences and trainings that

DC

The Campaign for America's Future (CAF) and the Institute for America's Future (IAF) seek a Conference Assistant who is a well-organized team player with a commitment to and interest in progressive issues. The Conference Assistant will gain hands-on experience with various aspects of conference planning including speaker and attendee outreach, advance, logistics and event promotion.

### **Catholics For Choice, [Communications Associate, DC](#)**

As a member of the communications staff, work with the director and other senior staff to promote CFC and our mission interests in all media. The associate will implement a strong proactive media program that is both efficient and responsive to the needs of the media and CFC, positioning the organization as the definitive authority on information about reproductive health and rights and Catholicism, and the leading resource for interested public, media, academics, activists and other organizations that support CFC's mission.

### **Center for Reproductive Rights, [Program Associate U.S. Legal Program, NY](#)**

The program associate is responsible for the day to day administration of the U.S. Legal Program and provides administrative support to the Director of the program. Qualifications: Bachelor's degree. Candidates must have strong writing, proofreading and editing skills. Fluency in word processing, Outlook, and use of email; internet research capability; attention to detail; ability to work collaboratively and under pressure; commitment to reproductive rights are required. Experience with budgeting a plus. Work or volunteer experience in reproductive rights and/or women's human rights issues is preferred.

### **Generational Alliance, [Program Associate, DC](#)**

The Generational Alliance is a collaboration of 20 national youth organizations building collective power for underrepresented & low-income communities. We're working together to win real victories on policy priorities based on the Youth Agenda for our communities. Specifically, we are strengthening a movement

will support your activism on campus and in the community. Participants in this program will act as representatives of YP4 at the event(s) they attend, and will be expected to conduct outreach on behalf of the program. Please submit this form no later than 1 month prior to your conference/training to be considered for this opportunity. If you have any questions please [contact William](#).

Lastly, we're wrapping up the selection process for the 2012-2013 Fellowship class. Our team is looking forward to welcoming this year's class at four regional trainings across the country this summer: in Madison, Wisconsin (June 14-17), Los Angeles, California (July 12-15), Raleigh, North Carolina (July 26-29), and Newark, New Jersey (August 9-12). We hope to see you at one of our trainings. If you'd like to get involved in the planning process or spend some time with the new class, please [contact William](#).

among several fields of progressive youth and student engagement—electoral, community organizing, culture/communications, policy, and leadership development—by building the capacity of organizations and leaders and encouraging relationships, resources, agendas, and projects that bridge organizational boundaries. The Program Associate supports core components of the daily program and operations work of the GA.

**Moving To End Sexual Assault, [Client Services Coordinator, CO](#)**

The Client Services Coordinator will provide case management services and coordination of services to survivors of sexual assault. The Client Services Coordinator will assist the Program Manager in the administration and staffing of the hotline. This person will also provide other direct clinical services and engage in outreach activities as necessary.

**Leadership for Educational Equality, [Regional Directors, multiple](#)**

The Regional Director will collaborate with our Field Engagement Team and regional Teach For America staff to work Indianapolis and Twin Cities LEE members to connect them to each other, to regional and national partners and resources, and to opportunities within the larger education advocacy landscape. As such, the Regional Director will build a regional LEE membership base that is informed, active, and well-networked in the broader education advocacy landscape of the region; this will maximize the leadership and impact of LEE members within the public sphere. This person will work with individual LEE members to inspire and support their interest in civic engagement, accelerate their public leadership and raise their sights to pursue the highest positions of influence and impact. Moreover, the Regional Director will be the face of LEE among regional members, Teach For America regional staff, and among regional partners and funders supporting this work.

**New York Communities For Change, [Field Director Low Wage Worker Campaign, NY](#)**

The Coalition Field Director Position will be responsible for



Young People For is undergoing some important and exciting changes in our Advanced Leadership & Alumni department. Including [hiring an Advanced Leadership & Alumni Program Manager](#). These changes will create access to additional leadership development opportunities for our alumni and fellows and support them as they continue their work in their communities. Our advanced leadership work focuses on creating access to individual and professional development opportunities & campaign leadership development. While we will still continue to feature opportunities to engage in the newsletter, next month we will launch our first Alumni Digest - meant to connect alumni to upcoming opportunities for engagement with the organization.

Among those opportunities we are thrilled to announce the

helping to coordinate and drive field campaigns with a large coalition of State & Citywide community organizations. The position will be focused around key issues such as adequate and equitable funding for education, Housing, corporate tax and budget accountability. The Community Field Director will report to the Executive Director and coordinate with community organizations and key allies on implementing strategy and driving on the ground work all across the state.

**People For the American Way/People For the American Way Foundation, [Development Database Manager, DC](#)**

The Development Database Manager has overall responsibility for the day-to-day operation of PFAW/F's online and activist database. The database manager assures that the system performs optimally, and that information maintained in the system is accurate, up-to-date, and highly reliable. With the Director of Development Operations, the database manager serves as a "customer service" leader to development programs in major gifts, events, and online giving, as well as to other PFAW departments.

**PFLAG, [Corporate and Foundation Giving Coordinator, DC](#)**

The Development Coordinator works with the Director of Development and other staff to assist in ensuring overall success of the Development Department with an emphasis on researching, cultivating, maintaining and strengthening PFLAG's corporate and foundation partnerships.

**Planned Parenthood Federation of America, [Paid Interns, DC](#)**

The Public Policy division seeks an intern to help further the goals of the organization by providing programmatic, administrative and research support to the Organizing and Electoral Campaign team. The ideal candidate will be a high energy, natural organizer, who learns quickly, can think on his or her feet and work with a wide variety of people from different backgrounds. The intern will have the opportunity to develop leadership and organizing skills while gaining firsthand knowledge of electoral work and exposure to how national campaigns are built and operationalized.

return of our Senior Fellowship & Career Coaching. YP4 understands that the change we create is long-term. That's why the Senior Fellowship gives alumni access to resources to continue working on their Blueprint for Social Justice or to start a new Blueprint in their community. Don't miss your change to [apply for a Senior Fellowship \(hurry - there are limited spots available!\) apply today!](#) If you have questions please feel free to contact [Paloma Ibanez](#).

We also know that in order to create lasting change our alumni and Fellows need continued access to resources like career coaching. With youth unemployment the lowest it's been in 60 years, we want to ensure that our alumni are able to secure jobs in the progressive movement. That's why we're offering a limited amount of one-on-one coaching sessions to our Fellows and alumni.

Whether you need advice on writing your resume, finding

**Rainforest Action Network, [Online Organizer](#), CA**

The online campaigner will work closely with RAN's communication and campaign teams. They will be responsible for developing and implementing digital campaign strategies to pressure environmentally negligent corporations. They will create and manage online communications to RAN supporters via email, social media, web and emerging digital channels. This position aims to further RAN's mission and legacy of using cutting edge creative online and offline organizing to challenge abuses of power and to advance environmental and social justice.

**Rebuild the Dream, [Grants Manager](#), CA or virtual**

We're looking for a full time Grants Manager to join our rock star development team. We're on track to raise several million dollars this year from foundations, major donors, and events, and we need an organized, passionate, and deadline-driven Grants Manager to help us reach our goal. The right candidate will be a strong writer and communicator, with at least three years of foundations management experience and a track record of juggling several complex projects at once. Prior development experience is required, and advocacy, political, or nonprofit experience is preferred.

**Roosevelt Institute Campus Network, [Deputy Field Director](#), NY**

The Roosevelt Institute Campus Network seeks a deliberate, creative Deputy Field Director to develop, manage and advance its grassroots efforts to create progressive change. The Campus Network develops student-generated policy solutions for local, state, and national challenges. The Deputy Field Director will be responsible for helping the Field Director increase the Campus Network's depth, through the expansion of membership at existing chapters, and its breadth, through the establishment of new, diverse chapters in target areas nationwide. The Deputy Field Director will develop new media strategy, assist in designing and leading campaigns around ideas, and otherwise maximize the Network's ability engage, empower, and promote the next generation of American leaders to create progressive

your first job out of college, or if you need advice on how to approach changing career fields, the [YP4 Career Center](#) has teamed with our progressive partner, Alyssa Best, to help alumni find those answers. YP4 is offering a limited number of one-on-one coaching sessions to our Fellows and alumni, [apply now](#) while there is still space!

We are also happy to announce a new career webinar series in our [Progressive Academy Online](#). Join YP4 and partner Alyssa Best for three evenings to enhance your professional toolkit. The series begins with [Marketing Your Best Self: Resume and Cover Letter Tips](#) on Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> from 5:00-6:00pm ET. The second installment, [How to Ace a Job Interview](#), will be on **Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:00pm ET. The last webinar in the series is [Negotiating Salary and Benefits in an Economic Recession](#), on April 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:00pm ET.**

We are very excited to

change.

**SEIU, [Senior Communications Specialist](#), multiple**

To develop and implement communications plans for various campaigns including organizing, political action, bargaining, and other activities. May help lead local union communications staff and communications specialists in developing and coordinating public relations, media relations and general communications support for campaigns and other union projects. Provides high-level strategy recommendations.

**ServeNext, [Organizers](#), multiple**

ServeNext is now accepting applications nationwide for full-time ServeNext Organizers to work 6 months from June to December.

We are looking for passionate and relentless leaders who are willing to do whatever it takes to unite their local service communities to advocate and win support for national service programs like AmeriCorps.

**Sierra Club, [The Best Internship On Earth](#), multiple**

This summer, get out of the office and into the great outdoors! Make your friends jealous by spending June, July, and August hiking, biking, rafting, climbing, exploring, and chilling! The Outdoor Youth Ambassador will travel around the country with the Sierra Club's Mission Outdoors programs, and video blog those experiences for the Sierra Club and The North Face!

**Smart Meme, [Training Program Coordinator](#), CA**

Our new Training Program Coordinator will need to be a skilled trainer, facilitator and strategist who is also experienced with strategic communications. We need someone seasoned in the dynamics of organizing and movement strategy, who also understands the power of framing and stories. We're looking for a narrative thinker who is great at creating effective messages, pithy slogans, and killer memes. In short we need an experienced, high capacity, well-rounded, social change superstar to lead our national Training Program.

*We're always looking for new jobs! Please [send us](#) local job*

welcome the new 2012-2013 Alumni Board members: Jamira Burley 2011 Fellow, Mike Gallin 2009 Fellow, Diego Janacua Cortez 2010 Fellow, Lilly Padía 2008 Fellow, Nijeul X. Porter 2009 Fellow, Ryane Ashli Ridenour 2010 Fellow, Genesis Robinson 2011 Fellow, Arianna Schindle 2007 Fellow, Ezra Temko 2006 Fellow, Marisa Turesky 2010 Fellow, Poy Winichakul 2010 Fellow, and Mike Woodward 2007 Fellow. These individuals are alumni of all our programs, the YP4 Fellowship, Leadership Academy, Front Line Leaders Academy, and a member from the Young Elected Officials Network. [You can meet this exceptional group here.](#)

#### **Fellow & Alumni Updates:**

Brave and proud **2011 Fellow, Yaxal Sobrevilla**, came out with 7 of her undocumented peers at the March 10 kickoff of the Coming Out of the Shadows. [Watch the video](#)(Yaxal starts at min 5:30).

**Adejire Bademosi, 2010 Fellow**, is continuing to work on

*boards, listservs, and job descriptions!*



#### **Recent Articles**

[5 Fun Ways To Make New Friends After College](#), Jessica Lawlor

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her Blueprint, learn about her new initiatives [The Innovation and Enterprise Leadership Institute](#) to make change NOW.

[Read](#) **2011 Fellow, Celia**

**Burke's** blog post on Environmental Justice, We Are Power Shift.

**Felipe Matos, 2008 Fellow, 2011 Iara D. Peng Awardee, and 2012 Blueprint Trainer,** was [featured on Huffington Post](#) about his work on the DREAM Act & Presente Action's NO SOMOS RUBIOS campaign in Florida.

**2011 Fellow Amanda Matos** was recognized as "[Junior of the Week](#)" at Columbia University.

**Katie Kramer, 2007 Fellow,** is teaming up to transform Canine Inspired Change program into a nonprofit so that they are able to reach and assist more lives with animal therapy. [Read about Katie's work.](#)

Congratulations are in order to **Kat Kouot, 2011-2012,** whose

[Using A Resume Builder To Save Money,](#)  
[cosmos@bluebottle.com](mailto:cosmos@bluebottle.com)

work with USC Nisei Diploma Project recently resulted in honorary baccalaureate and master's degrees being awarded to the Nisei/Japanese-American students who were forcefully removed from their education and interned during World War II! [Read more here.](#)

**Leanne Trujillo, 2011-2012,** just was accepted to Grad school at [Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service](#) at NYU!

Congratulations are in order to **2011 Fellow Manny Rin** who will be joining the CALPIRG staff as a Campus Organizer!

Congrats to **2011 Fellow Catherine Oakfor** who was invited to write for the Huffington Post and [whose Blueprint was featured in the local newspaper!](#)

Congrats **2011 Fellow Mayra Hidalgo** who was invited to blog for Huffington Post Latino Voices!

Check out what **2010 alumnus**

**& 2012 Blueprint Trainer  
Rajiv Narayan** has to say  
about [access to education in  
California!](#)

Congrats to **Falon  
Shackelford, 2011-2012**, on  
[another successful event  
promoting Environmental  
Justice and the green  
economy!](#)

Congratulations are in order to  
**2011 Fellow Casey Clowes**  
who was awarded a Salt River  
Alumnae Panhellenic  
Association scholarship!

[Check out 2011 Fellow  
Christian Alfaro's](#) Blueprint in  
Action!

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you're doing!

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## EVENTS & TRAININGS

As a leadership development  
program we understand the

importance of attending conferences and skills trainings to better hone your leadership skills. We are excited to [announce that we have conference funding available to our Fellows and Alumni.](#)

Funding is limited and available on a first come, first serve basis. Because funding is limited we put together a toolkit on [fundraising for conferences last year](#), which might be helpful for you if you're trying to get somewhere. Let us know if you need any other support!

[National Young Feminist Leadership Conference](#)  
**Crystal City, VA| March 31-  
April 1**

Sponsored by the Feminist Majority Foundation, the 2012 National Young Feminist Leadership Conference will focus on the impact young women have when it comes to domestic and global issues. On March 31th and April 1st, hundreds of students will come together at the Hilton Crystal City for an amazing weekend of activist training and learning.

We will dive into issues like abortion access, reproductive health and rights, youth voting rights and mobilization, global women's rights, sexual assault, LGBTQ+ rights, and MUCH MORE.

[Youth Leadership Symposium](#)

**Greenlining Institute| Los Angeles, CA| April 20**

Running concurrently with the morning panels, this symposium will provide participating students with a crash course in how to take action on the issues they care about the most. This minds-on, hands-on program will explore topics like art and activism, power mapping, online organizing, non-traditional fundraising, power and privilege in organizing settings, and coalition building. Participants will walk away with the knowledge and skills necessary to catalyze change on their campus, within their communities, and beyond. [To register click here.](#)

[From Abortion Rights to Social Justice: Building the Movement](#)

[for Reproductive Freedom](#)]

**Civil Liberties and Public  
Policy Institute at Hampshire  
College| Amherst, MA| April  
13-15**

CLPP's annual conference connects activists from across the U.S. and internationally to build a stronger movement for reproductive justice and social change. Through plenaries, workshops, panels, and trainings, we encourage intergenerational dialogue, support youth leadership, and help build the connections and analysis necessary for cross-movement collaborations.

More than 150 speakers and 75 conference workshops will highlight successful examples of activism and discuss how struggles for reproductive and sexual rights are intricately linked to movements for economic, social, and environmental justice. Topics of [workshops](#) and strategic action sessions include abortion access in the U.S. and internationally, climate justice, anti-foreclosure activism, media making and storytelling, the

politics of population control, and organizing around the 2012 elections. CLPP has limited funding to provide travel and hotel stipends. While CLPP cannot offer stipends to everyone who applies, they will do our best to bring as many people as possible from as many communities as possible. For travel scholarships [click here](#).

**2012 Professional Development Institute| National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity| Washington DC**

The National Alliance for Partnerships in Equity (NAPE) is a consortium of state and local agencies, corporations, and national organizations committed to the advancement of equity and diversity in classrooms and workplaces.

[Annual Convention| National Council on Educating Black Children| Kansas City, MO|](#)

**April 26-29**

This Annual Convention showcases the best and proven programs throughout the

country that are increasing African American male achievement and development; introduces effective programs that increase advocacy and building of the “Public Will” to improve quality of life and increase opportunities to learn for all children, especially African American males; engages policy discussions that increase capacity to access financial support of NCEBC’s initiatives and programs, particularly those that directly impact African American males; and provides materials and strategies to break down barriers that deny African American children (males in particular) access to the resources necessary for high academic performance.

[The Reproductive Justice Leadership Institute](#)**|Choice USA| Long Beach, CA| April 27-29**

The Reproductive Justice Leadership Institute is a weekend-long intensive workshop introducing activists (ages 17-25) from all over California to the reproductive

justice movement and basic organizing skills. Designed for young people who are new to the movement, the Reproductive Justice Leadership Institute helps build lasting connections among young leaders. Travel and hotel expenses are covered to ensure that this event is accessible for all our leaders. The application for the California Reproductive Justice Leadership Institute is open at: <http://bit.ly/CARjli12> To nominate a young leader to participate, go to: <http://bit.ly/rjli12nomination>

[Brooklyn Food Conference](#)

**Brooklyn Food Coalition**  
**Brooklyn Tech Highschool**  
**Brooklyn, NY | May 12**

The Brooklyn Food Conference is a conference dedicated to the vision of a just and sustainable food system in Brooklyn. The Coalition is fundamentally committed to building an inclusive, multi-racial, multi-cultural alliance of residents and community-based groups from all parts of Brooklyn, reflecting the

borough's rich diversity.

[29th Annual National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials](#)

**Orlando, FL|June 21-23**

The NALEO Annual Conference is different from any other professional development gathering for elected officials. It presents a unique opportunity for them to meet with their colleagues at all levels of government, from local school boards to the President's Cabinet. With such a concentration of political discourse, the conference is known as "The Latino Political Convention," a venue for the meaningful exchange of ideas and solutions to today's most pressing policy issues.

[Annual Convening](#) | **Young Elected Officials Network**  
**Washington, DC| June 21-24**

The premiere event of the YEO Network, the annual National Convening, will be held in Washington, DC on June 21-24, 2012. The YEO National Convening is the largest gathering of young elected

leaders in the country. With an amazing speaker line up last year and the continued growth of this amazing group, the 2012 Convening promises to be bigger and better than ever.

[National Convention](#) | **League of United Latin American Citizens| Orlando, FL| June 25-30**

The League of United Latin American Citizens invites you to participate in the 83rd Annual LULAC National Convention & Exposition in Orlando, Florida from June 25 through June 30, 2012. As the premier Hispanic convention, the LULAC National Convention draws over 20,000 participants each year including the top leaders from government, business, and the Hispanic community.

[Annual Convention](#)| **NAACP| Houston, TX| July 7-12**

[Annual Conference](#)| **National Council of La Raza| Las Vegas, NV| July 7-10, 2012**

The NCLR Annual Conference has consistently been the gathering location for Latino

leaders, influencers, business leaders, elected officials, and community organizers in the country, and provides the ultimate opportunity to learn about current issues in education, health, workforce development, youth leadership, nonprofit management, policy updates, and other topics that impact not only Latinos but all American communities.

[The International AIDS Conference](#) | **Washington, DC**  
**July 22-27th**

The International AIDS Conference is the premier gathering for those working in the field of HIV, as well as policy makers, persons living with HIV and other individuals committed to ending the pandemic. It is a chance to assess where we are, evaluate recent scientific developments and lessons learnt, and collectively chart a course forward.

**FELLOWSHIP OPPORTU**

[New Leaders Fall Fellowship](#)

**Center for Progressive  
Leaders| Washington DC|**

Deadline April 9th

The Center for Progressive Leadership's DC New Leaders Fellowship is a six-month part-time leadership and professional development program that provides young progressives who are working for social change with the opportunity to strengthen their leadership skills and deepen their networks in the progressive movement. Fellows will participate in training, coaching, project-based work, and community building.

If you know a young leader who is committed to and working for progressive political change and has demonstrated leadership experience, please [nominate them](#) or encourage them to apply today.

Applications are due Monday, April 9th. CPL maintains a strong focus on diversity and encourages people of color, women and people who identify as LGBTQ, among many others, to apply.

## **Empire State Fellows**

**Program| New York|** Deadline

June 1

The Empire State Fellows Program is a full-time leadership training program that will prepare the next generation of talented professionals for careers as New York State policy-makers. The first class of Empire State Fellows will serve from September 2012 to September 2014. While taking part in the work of government, Empire Fellows will participate in educational and professional development programs that will prepare them to confront the increasingly complex policy challenges facing New York State.

## **Seed Grants**

Are you working to start a community action project or program? Do you need money to put your ideas into action? If you answered, "YES!", you are eligible to apply for a [Do Something Seed Grant](#). Do Something gives out a \$500 Do Something Seed Grant every week to help young people just like YOU!

Do Something Seed Grants are targeted towards project ideas and programs that are just getting started. These grants can be used to jump-start your program or to realize your ideas for the first time.

If you are looking for funding to help take your project to the next level, check out the [Do Something Growth Grants!](#)

[CHANGE Fellowship](#) | **Oxfam America**

CHANGE is Oxfam America's national student leadership program for rising sophomores and juniors. Each year 50 students are selected from the US and around the world. The year-long program requires that accepted applicants attend a week-long training in the summer. CHANGE Leaders commit to join or form an Oxfam Club and implement an Oxfam campaign on campus during the 2012-13 academic year. [Apply today!](#)

[Brower Youth Awards](#) | **Earth Island Institute's New Leaders Initiative | Award**

Earth Island Institute established the Brower Youth Awards to honor founder and legendary activist David R. Brower. The Brower Youth Awards recognizes six young people in North America annually for their outstanding activism and achievements in the fields of environmental and environmental justice advocacy. The winners of the award receive a \$3,000 cash prize, a trip to California for the award ceremony and wilderness camping trip, and ongoing access to resources and opportunities to further their work at Earth Island Institute. Young activist leaders ages 13-22 living in North America are eligible to apply.

#### [ProInspire](#) | **Fellowship**

##### **Program**

ProInspire's flagship program, the ProInspire Fellowship, recruits top business professionals with 2-5 years of business experience who want to use their skills for social impact and to invest in a growing community of ProInspire fellows. Fellows

spend one year working in an analytical or strategic role at a nonprofit organization. After the Fellowship, Fellows engage with our community of alumni to continue investing in the sector.

This highly competitive program offers targeted positions with leading nonprofits, monthly trainings with a cohort of peers, a coach, and a network to support career growth. [For more information](#) or to apply, [click here](#).

**Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund| April 1, 2012 Deadline**

Are you organizing for progressive social change? Leading student movements on your campus or in your community? If so, read on. The Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund has applications available for student activists who are building progressive movements for social change and will be enrolled in school during the 2012-13 academic year. Our website provides answers to questions about the Fund, the application process,

and the students we support. If you know of students working for peace and justice, or if you have a list of activist contacts, please send this announcement along and refer potential applicants to the Fund's website: [www.davisputter.org](http://www.davisputter.org).

Since 1961 the Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund has provided need-based grants to students who are involved in building movements for social and economic justice and are able to do academic work at the college level. Grantees are both graduates and undergraduates enrolled in accredited schools for the period covered by their grant. Although citizenship is not a consideration, applicants must be participating in activities in the US and plan to enroll in an accredited program in the US in order to qualify. The maximum grant is \$10,000 and may be considerably smaller depending on the applicant's circumstances and the funding available. All the funds come from individual donors and

there are 25-30 grants awarded each year. Grants are for one year although students may re-apply for subsequent years.

Applications and the supporting documents -- transcripts, a personal statement, two letters of recommendation, a photograph, financial aid reports -- must be postmarked by April 1, 2012. Those selected to receive a grant will be notified in July.

### **Boren Fellowships**

Boren Fellowships provide up to \$30,000 to U.S. graduate students to add an important international and language component to their graduate education through specialization in area study, language study, or increased language proficiency. Boren Fellowships support study and research in areas of the world that are critical to U.S. interests, including Africa, Asia, Central & Eastern Europe, Eurasia, Latin America, and the Middle East. The countries of Western Europe, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand are

excluded. For a complete list of countries, [click here](#).

Boren Fellows represent a variety of academic and professional disciplines, but all are interested in studying less commonly taught languages, including but not limited to Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Russian and Swahili. For a complete list of languages, [click here](#). Boren Fellowships are funded by the National Security Education Program (NSEP), which focuses on geographic areas, languages, and fields of study deemed critical to U.S. national security. Applicants should identify how their projects, as well as their future academic and career goals, will contribute to U.S. national security, broadly defined. NSEP draws on a broad definition of national security, recognizing that the scope of national security has expanded to include not only the traditional concerns of protecting and promoting American well-being, but also the challenges of global society, including

sustainable development, environmental degradation, global disease and hunger, population growth and migration, and economic

### **Asia Pacific Leadership Program Fellowship**

The APLP is a nine-month program (mid-August to mid-May) that begins with a four-and-a-half-month period spent living and working within a diverse international community at the East-West Center in Honolulu (August to December). During this period, activities include workshops, discussion seminars, outdoor challenges, lectures, simulations, field exercises, independent work, and online activities. Joining the program each year are over 50 world-class guests who deliver specific areas of program content and provide mentorship.

In the program's second phase (January to May), participants activate and further develop the first term's learning by engaging in a range of flexible, customized activities. These

activities include: continuing or new employment, graduate coursework at the University of Hawai'i, applied leadership projects, or extended field studies in Asia or the Pacific. In all cases, the program continues through online and/or face-to-face meetings. A capstone reunion is held at graduation in Honolulu in May.

### **Root-Tilden-Kern Public Interest Scholarships**

The 40 participants selected each year have strong leadership experience or exhibit high leadership potential. All participants have at least a bachelor's degree and most have a master's degree. APLP participants come from virtually all Asia Pacific countries and a tremendous range of professional backgrounds (for example, science, business, development, politics, government, civil society, medicine, religious orders, art, finance, academia, and research). The age of participants ranges from mid-20s to mid-40s, with an average age of 32. Peer

learning between participants and alumni is a centerpiece of program design.

The RTK is a scholarship program for law students who are committed to pursuing public interest work after graduation. Each year, the program selects 20 Scholars on the basis of commitment to public service work, leadership potential, and academic excellence. In return for a ten-year commitment to public service, Scholars receive full tuition for all three years of law school, as well as an orientation, mentoring, and networking opportunities.

The RTK has a broad definition of public interest work. Graduates have gone on to a range of careers, including civil rights, community development, criminal justice, government and politics (at the federal, state, and local levels), international human rights, direct legal services, public policy, and social entrepreneurship.

[Action Alliance](#) | **Campus Progress | Grant Program and Partnership**

**Opportunities**

Through the Action Alliance program Campus Progress promotes progressive ideas and actions that create more just and equitable communities through the strategic development of youth-led local and state wide organizations and campaigns. These campaigns cover a wide range of issue areas from protecting immigrant rights to creating LGBTQ resource centers. The Action Alliances consist of small grants and/or help in planning and executing a campaign. You can receive support for your campaign by applying for one or both of the following:

- [Organizing Grants](#): You will receive a grant of up to \$1,500 a year to help with websites, flyers or whatever else you might need to make your campaign a success. Organizing Grant applications are

accepted year round.

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