

Thank you Allen!

Allen Silverstone, PhD has served on our board of trustees for close to 40 years, joining in 1974 following his own student activism days, working with SNCC and for peace in Vietnam. He is a single payer healthcare advocate and a professor and researcher of Microbiology and Immunology at Upstate Medical Center, SUNY, and has been a great resource especially in interviewing and evaluating applicants focused on public health issues. As Allen leaves the board, we want to express our deep gratitude for his years of commitment to student activism, movements for peace and justice and to the Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund.

Online Giving Update




For the past several years, online gifts to Davis-Putter were made through a non-profit organization called Network for Good who processed the gifts and “granted” the donations to us. As of May of this year we are using a new online donation process which allows you, our donors to make donations that are directly deposited to us. The tax receipt you receive is from the Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund.

The online form on our website looks a bit different, but you are still able to make a donation in honor or memory of a loved one and you can still set up a monthly, quarterly or annual recurring donation. Recurring gifts are a convenient way to provide sustaining support for our grantees. We feel good about these changes and we hope you will too.

Make your donation online or setup a monthly or quarterly recurring contribution at www.davisputter.org



3 ways to take collective action and support the Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund...

-  **Donate today!** There is no endowment and we seek no corporate support; your gift determines how much we can award.
-  **Spread the word!** Host a house party, ask your friends to give, connect us to others who would want to support student activism.
-  **Include the Fund in your will or set up a trust!** Your planned gift creates a legacy for the future of student activism - contact us for more information on Planned Giving.

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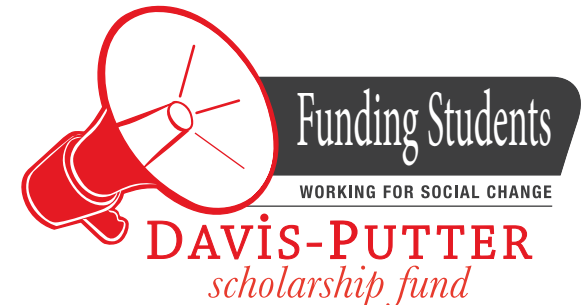
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The Marilyn Buck Award – Myra Solliday

As a teenager in Texas, Marilyn Buck fought for civil rights and in 1973 was accused and convicted of buying two boxes of handgun ammunition for the BLA, receiving a ten-year sentence. While on furlough she failed to return and received sentences totaling 80 years following her capture and conviction. With grants from the Fund in 2003 and 2004, she finished a degree from New College of San Francisco. After a rare cancer was discovered, she received early release in July, 2010 and died on August 3, 2010. Marilyn not only supported the Fund with regular donations and supportive notes from her jail cell, but with a generous bequest following her death. To honor her memory and legacy, **The Marilyn Buck Award** will be given to an incarcerated or formerly incarcerated activist working for justice. **Myra Solliday** is the first recipient of the Marilyn Buck Award. Learning of the award, she said, “This is such an honor - I actually knew Marilyn. We were at Shawnee (Unit of Marianna Prison) at the same time and she was an inspiration to all of us.” Myra entered the prison system in 1990 at the age of 32, hoping for rehabilitation and finding abuse, rape and harassment by prison guards. Her experiences have motivated her to work with community organizations for prison reform and protections from these abuses. She works to educate prisoners on their rights, and plans to work with attorneys on post-conviction issues and continue challenging internal prison abuse and neglect, while completing a Legal/Paralegal certification.



2013/14 Jessie Lloyd O'Connor Scholar – Elisa Ocegueda

Each year the Fund selects a grantee who honors the legacy of commitment to peace and justice modeled by Jessie Lloyd O'Connor, a labor journalist, organizer and an early and beloved member of our Board, who with her husband Harvey, opened heart and home to activists seeking respite. Our Jessie Lloyd O'Connor Scholar this year is **Elisa Ocegueda**. Elisa has learned through Acción Zapatista the significant relationship between research, action and dignity and believes in the power of popular education and the generation of community based knowledge. She co-founded the Ella Baker Women's Center for Leadership in Community Activism, Queer Qumbia; a collective of bilingual community based organizers and has participated in guerilla theatre actions with People of Color Action Theater. She has been involved with the Student Farmworker Action Network and created Ateneo, a women's collective recognizing the central role of women in struggles for justice and the Advanced Seminar on Women, Power, and Autonomy in recognition of women's contributions in global struggles. Her academic research is focused on the experiences of LGBTQ farm workers at the US-Mexico border, producing digital stories bringing awareness and generating advocacy for a highly invisible community. Elisa is in the field research phase of her Cultural Studies Ph.D. program at UC Davis.



Welcome Clarissa, Gina and Diana

We are honored to welcome three new trustees to our board. **Clarissa Rojas** is an Assistant Professor of Women's, Gender and Sexuality Studies and Chicano/Latino Studies at Cal State, Long Beach, co-founded INCITE: Women of Color Against Violence and is an internationally published poet who trusts the creative spirit. Her scholarly and activist work explores the interrelatedness of the myriad manifestations of violence and the possibilities for the transformation. She is committed to mentoring radical students on campus and in her own organizing and is excited to support student activism as a DPSF trustee. **Gina Velasco** is an Assistant Professor of Women's and Gender Studies at Keene State College in New Hampshire and with the support of a Davis-Putter grant in 2007 completed her Ph.D. in the History of Consciousness program at UC, Santa Cruz. Her research and teaching explore how gender and queer sexuality inform notions of nation, diaspora, and transnational belonging in a contemporary context of globalization. She says, “I strongly believe in the need to support student activists in simultaneously pursuing academic work and political activism.” **Diana Pei Wu** is the Organizing Director with the Asian Pacific American Network of Oregon (APANO), and a consultant and volunteer on creative resistance and strategic communications and holds a PhD in Society and Environment from the University of California, Berkeley. A 2003 grantee, Diana says, “The Davis-Putter Scholarship made a huge difference financially, and simultaneously gave me a psychological and emotional boost... I'd like to continue to give back.”



Davis-Putter grantees share a spirit of collective liberation in their work for peace and justice!

Although organizing in varied movements, our grantees work to connect struggles, believing that multi-issue organizing is the way to make real and lasting change. They keep central the work of challenging institutionalized systems of violence and oppression and see their own liberation tied to peace and justice for all.

Kellee Coleman co-founded *Mamas of Color Rising*, a collective of poor and working mothers challenging racism and economic injustice, serves on the national board of INCITE! and is beginning a BA in Global Studies at St Edward's University in Austin, TX. **Pascal Emmer** fosters movements for prison abolition and trans justice while organizing with the Academic Workers for a Democratic Union and conducting interviews for his doctoral work in Sociology at UC Santa Cruz on the role of meta-generational organizing and affinity in radical LGBTQI movement. **Kai Green** is a filmmaker, poet, teacher and scholar, dedicated to prison abolition through art and scholarship, creating pedagogy in community spaces around Black Queer LA histories, the basis for his dissertation toward a PhD in American Studies and Ethnicity at University of Southern California.

Karen Hanna organizes Filipino youth in campaigns supporting exploited restaurant and domestic workers, peace in the Middle East and sponsored know your rights workshops, while researching the history of Filipino Progressive/Anti-Imperialist Movement in the US toward an MA/PhD in Feminist Studies at UC, Santa Barbara. **Mayra Hildago Salazar** co-coordinated the 2010 Trail of Dreams (Miami to DC for immigrant justice), cofounded the Lakeland Immigration Legal Clinic and the Alabama Coalition for Justice fighting anti-immigrant legislation while seeking a BA in Public Policy at Sarah Lawrence College. **Shaza Hussein** builds support for institutional divestment from oppressive energy consumption, implements renewable energy projects on campus and works with the Southern Energy Network promoting environmental and human rights, while seeking a BS/BA in Environmental Policy and Chemistry at the University of South Florida.

Adam Kuranishi creates opportunities for strategic discussions on racism, immigration raids, public health, food deserts and gentrification in the Pilsen neighborhood of Chicago, while coordinating campaigns to halt the detention and deportation of immigrants, and is now seeking an MA in Curriculum and Teaching Columbia Teachers College. **Annie Le** leads campus campaigns related to workers' rights, food systems, public health, dirty energy industries and the "medical industrial complex," focusing on the distribution and nature of negative health effects resulting from institutional power while pursuing an MPH at the UCLA Fielding School of Public Health. **Ayeesha Mahmooda** organizes with DRUM, Desis Rising Up and Moving, a grassroots group building power for economic, worker, immigrant and education rights in low income South Asian immigrant communities, while pursuing a Masters in Public Administration at Baruch College.

Rickke Mananzala, a national leader in LGBTQ, racial and economic justice movements, trains grassroots leaders in multi-issue organizing strategies and convened the first ever LGBT and HIV/imprisonment meeting to shape national policy while completing a BA/MPA in Political Science and Public Policy at Columbia University. **Lulú Martínez** co-founded the Immigrant Youth Justice League and as one of the *DREAM 9*, was detained and then put in solitary for educating detainees about their rights, and returns to the University of Illinois, Chicago continuing work on a BA in Women and Gender Studies. **Ileana Méndez-Peñate** co-created *Regeneración*, providing care and movement building programs for children of working parents, in particular those organizing with Domestic Workers United and works as co-coordinator of Streetwise and Safe, training LGBTQ youth to organize and build community while pursuing an LMSW degree at Hunter College.

Bruce Micheals is committed to making education accessible and achievable for all prisoners, co-founding a College Education Committee in prison, publishing a

College in Prison guide and letter-writing to decision-makers, while pursuing a BA in Sociology and Psychology through Adams State College. **Angel Mills** is a member of the Oglala Lakota Nation and a fellow with the Native Youth Leadership Alliance, working in coalition with Native leaders to end poverty and support efforts of self-determination through mental health, youth activism and filmmaking while seeking an AFA in New Media Arts at the Institute of American Indian Arts. **Miguel Angel Montalva Barba** develops coalition between immigrant and LGBTQ communities and creates safe spaces for "undocuqueers," through dialogue and storytelling rooted in critical pedagogy and race theory, while pursuing a PhD in Sociology at Northeastern University, where he will research how identity formation among LGBTQ undocumented youth is influenced by ethnic media.

Steven Parkhurst, as a juvenile lifer, is a spokesperson with the Campaign for Youth Justice, creates and distributes "Con*Mic," a set of graphic pamphlets focusing on prisoner justice, racism and anti-violence, and plans to start a business that employs formerly incarcerated people following his parole and completion of an MBA. **Marissa Piña** co-founded Communities Against the Prison Industrial Complex (CAPIC) focusing on breaking the school to prison pipeline, de-militarizing schools and bridging struggles of mass incarceration with a growing immigrant detention complex, while completing a BA in Philosophy at California State Fullerton. **Tamanna Rahman** coordinated an LGBTQ Immigrant project with the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, organized with UNITE HERE! and is committed to a collective healthcare model that is accessible and relevant in immigrant communities, while completing an MSN at Yale University.

Berenice Rodriguez co-founded Student Dreamers and Allies while in high school, became involved with the Georgia Undocumented Youth Alliance following passage of an anti-immigrant bill, worked with South Georgia Farm Workers and now is beginning a BA in Public Policy at Syracuse University. **Irene Rojas-Carroll** founded a Gay-Straight Alliance in high school, interned with the GSA Network and co-chairs the Queer Alliance, encompassing 18 campus groups, encouraging coalition building and solidarity and coordinating discussions on race, privilege and intersections of oppression while pursuing a BA in Africana Studies at Brown University. **Diana Salazar** created a popular education course on farm workers in Oregon and co-founded Students Against Imperialism on campus, while completing a thesis on the impact of U.S. imperialism on indigenous women toward a BA/BS in Ethnic Studies/Planning, Public Policy and Management at the University of Oregon.

Sarahi Uribe organized domestic workers and day laborers with the National Day Laborers Organizing Network (NDLON), first as a grassroots organizer and then as the national campaign coordinator, challenging the "Secure Communities" deportation program, and now attends NYU School of Law. **Carolina Valdez** co-founded the People's Education Movement (PEM), a multi-ethnic, decolonial organization of educators addressing all forms of oppression and connecting pedagogy, personal healing and community action in Black/Brown communities, while a second year doctoral student in Education and Urban Schooling at UCLA. **Angelica Velasquillo** worked to stop her brother's deportation in 2011 and has since organized with the North Carolina DREAM Team and others halting detention center expansion and working with "unaccompanied minors," while seeking an MA in Social Service Administration at the University of Chicago.

Reyna Wences, a co-founder of the Immigrant Youth Justice League, has organized around the country, most recently leading a blockade action during a presidential visit in Chicago, and at the Not One More Convergence in Arizona led protests to End the Streamline deportation program while seeking a degree at the University of Illinois, Chicago in Women and Gender Studies. **Mateo Williamson** works with No More Deaths and Kino Border Initiative documenting deportation stories especially of sexual and gender minorities seeking asylum and organizes to end to the practice of reparative therapy, while studying Spanish at the University of Arizona.

Read more about our grantees on the website at www.davisputter.org

Grant applications are available on our website in January and must be postmarked by April 1.



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