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50 years and still on the journey

- Fullerton and Rural Development from Antioch College. She has worked as an organizer with the United Farmworkers and assisted in building countless networks of farmworker women, including Mujeres Mexicanas and Lideres Campesinas and is now collecting their oral histories.

Davis-Putter grantees entered the new millennium, inspired by WTO protests in Seattle and a commitment to the creation of a mass movement, intersecting issues of class, race, gender and sexual orientation. Building on decades of student activism, campus organizing flourished with newly formed Students United Against Sweatshops campaigns and revived National Lawyers Guild and SDS chapters. As wars escalated, so did anti-war coalitions as well as solidarity campaigns with the people of Palestine, Colombia and the Philippines. Students were challenging the institutionalized racism of the Prison Industrial Complex, creating strategies to stop police brutality and organizing against gentrification. Immigrant students came out as undocumented and Unraid, working for passage of the DREAM Act and the movement to save public education expanded.

Understanding what connects all of these movements is essential and Davis-Putter has had a longtime commitment to funding activist scholars who become activist professors, writing our histories, teaching theories and encouraging students to make change.

One grantee on this path is **Tiffany-Lethabo King** who worked with the Black Radical Congress in Philadelphia to build support for another Davis-Putter grantee, Munaia Abu-Jamal. She was granted in 2006 and 2007, to study at the University of Toronto, was a contributor to the INCITE! reader, *The Revolution Will Not Be Funded: Beyond the Non-Profit Industrial Complex* and is completing a PhD in American Studies at the University of Maryland where she researches Black women's activism and feminism, transnational feminism and state theory.

Davis-Putter grantees have been at the forefront of virtually every major progressive social movement. They are artists, scholars, people's lawyers, political prisoners and organizers on the frontlines. Student driven movements have been at the center of social change and our grantees have been integral to this work for peace and justice.

This year, we celebrate and say thank you to Marian Davis' family and friends, the trustees and supporters like you who have kept this very unique fund vibrant for all these years. Who could have imagined that 50 years, 856 grantees and 1252 grants later, the Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund would still be going strong? With your help, we can stay on the journey and continue funding student activists for the next 50 years.

For a complete listing of all Davis-Putter grantees, trustees and sponsors and to read more about the history of the Fund, go to www.davisputter.org.

the SNCC Freedom Singers, and was arrested 29 times, writing many of his 500 freedom songs while in jail. Matt's songs have been featured in many films and prize winning documentaries including *Eyes On The Prize* and *The Road To Mississippi: Freedom On My Mind*.

Memorial scholarship funds, especially those without large endowments, tend to last no more than 5 years, so it was not surprising that in 1966, the trustees discussed the availability of other funding sources for Civil Rights workers and considered disbanding. Ever forward thinking, they decided to continue, "to support new emergencies, for example, students actively opposing the Vietnam War". They would continue on with the goal of finding and awarding scholarships to those students leading movements for social change especially those who were politically repressed and needing financial support to continue their academic work.

Throughout the 70's student activism exploded with protests to end the Vietnam war. "Hell no, we won't go", rang from college campuses and the Fund awarded scholarships to anti-war activists, war resisters, women's rights and anti-nuclear activists like **Anton Wagner** who organized Vietnam War resisters in Canada and received a grant in 1971. Anton has edited 10 books on Canadian theatre and drama and has produced and directed a dozen documentaries including *In Exile, Latin Queens: Unfinished Stories of Our Lives and Our Hiroshima*. He teaches in the YorkU MFA Program and continues as a peace and anti-nuclear activist, coordinating the Toronto Hiroshima Day Coalition.

The 80's brought much change to student activism and to the Fund. To honor the commitment of time and resources brought by trustee Norton S. Putter, a civil rights and peace activist, the name of the Fund was officially changed to the Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund in 1986. Many of the activists granted were leaders in divestment campaigns to end South African apartheid, struggles for sovereignty for Puerto Rico and Native Americans, but all committed to resistance of growing US militarization and corporatization. There were also many students who were active in multiple movements concurrently.

One such grantee was **Ruth Gallo** who worked for civil rights, women's rights, union organizing and the peace movement and received a grant in 1986 to study labor law at Rutgers. She has been a staff attorney for Writers Guild of America, East (WGAE), worked for the New York Nurses Association and has returned to WGAE, currently serving as their assistant executive director.

The Fund remained vibrant into the 90's, hiring its first staff person, Jan Phillips, who had been a grantee in 1971 and a trustee since 1976. Reflective of a strong commitment to workers' rights, many students involved with union organizing and those in solidarity with working peoples' struggles around the world were funded. One of those students was **Mily Treviño-Sauceda**, a farmworker since childhood, received support from 1994-1999 to complete degrees in Chicano Studies at Cal State

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In 1961, veterans of the student sit-in movement boarded buses with hopes of desegregating the south, putting their lives on the line, building an ever growing student movement, and that same year, a one of a kind scholarship fund was created. The first meeting of the Marian Davis Scholarship Fund was convened on August 26, 1961 at the Davis home in Sandwich, MA. Horace B. (Hockey) Davis along with his children, Chan, Terry and Quentin (Mina and Barbara would also become trustees) came together to create a fund in memory of their wife and mother, who was a fierce activist and beloved teacher. They were joined by friends who helped raise money and award the first grants to **Glenford Mitchell**, a civil rights activist and Columbia University student and **Connie Bradford** a student at Sophie Newcomb College and a leader in the Congress of Racial Equality (CORE). The Davis' as well as other founders of the Fund had been persecuted by attacks under McCarthyism, so it was natural that the next grantee would be **Ed Yellin**, an engineering student at the University of Illinois whose National Science Foundation grant was revoked when they learned he had been a steelworker, labor organizer and Communist Party member. Ed finished his degree and became a Professor of Physiology and Biophysics.

In the early years, the Fund supported scores of activists involved with Southern Conference Education Fund (SCEF), Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party and the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC).

One of those students was **Matthew Jones**, a grantee in 1967 who died just this year. Matt was a leader of the Nashville Student Movement, sang with

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- ▶ Give a generous donation – there is no endowment, your contributions determine how much we can award.
- ▶ Invite your friends to support the Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund.
- ▶ Connect the student activists in your life to the Fund—applications are available on the website and must be postmarked by April 1.
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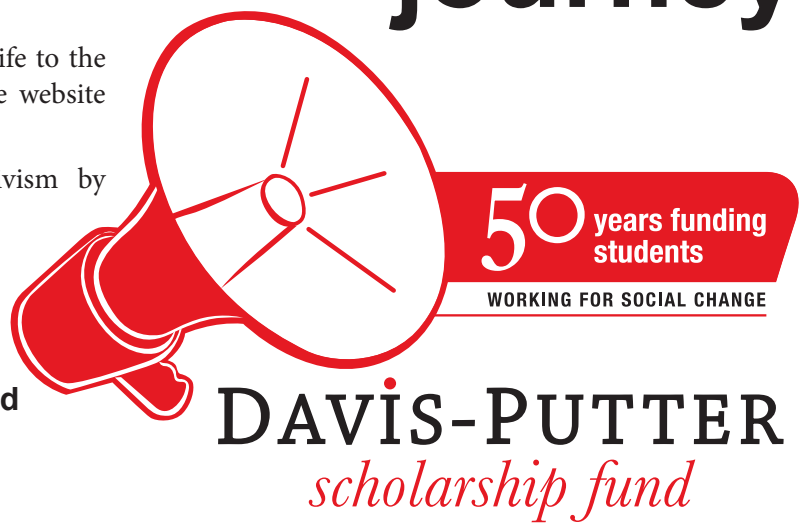
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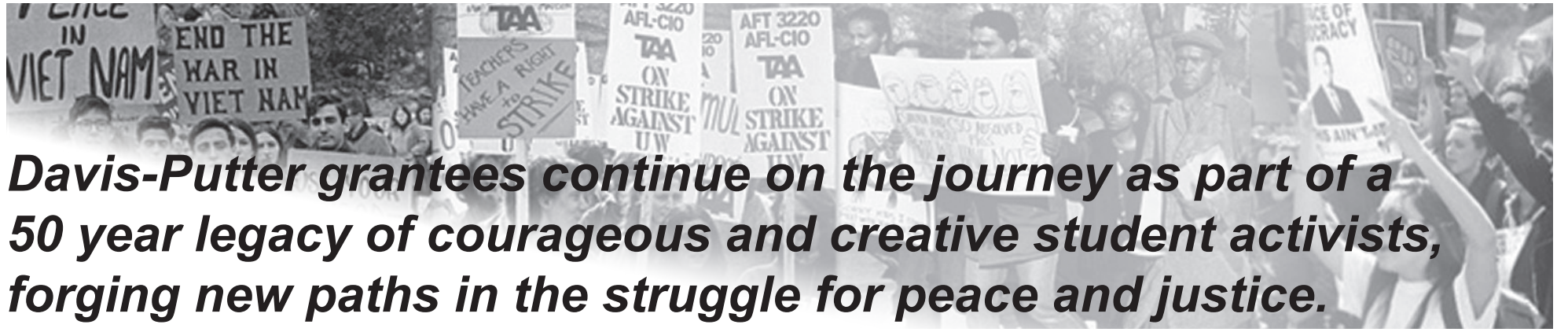
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Davis-Putter grantees continue on the journey as part of a 50 year legacy of courageous and creative student activists, forging new paths in the struggle for peace and justice.

Ryah Aqel, a leader in the Arab-American activist network, builds coalition and organizes Palestinian solidarity through rallies, demonstrations, educational forums and film festivals while working on a Masters in Near Eastern Studies at NYU. **Ashraf Ashqar** builds movements for justice in Palestine through strategic non-violence, conflict resolution and policy advocacy and organizes with the Vermont Worker Center's healthcare campaign while completing a leadership degree at the School for International Training. **Mariana Bruno** co-founded the South Central Farm Community Center in LA to make affordable organic produce available, organize against police brutality and develop an independent media outlet while working toward a History and Chicano@ Studies degree at UCLA.

Martine Caverl has organized for workers rights, reproductive and health justice, against the prison industrial complex and military recruitment, founded Rising in Solidarity with Ayiti, organizing support for Haiti's struggle for sovereignty, and is attending Johns Hopkins School of Nursing. **Sonja Diaz** led campaigns in solidarity with striking AFSCME workers and for educational equity at UCLA and now studies at UC Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law, where she organized the Berkeley Law October 2010 walkout delegation for educational equity in California. **Shereen D'Souza** supported land reform and water access campaigns in Costa Rican farming communities, led food access and urban agriculture movements in the Bay area and plans to work on national food justice policy after completing a Masters of Environmental Science Degree at Yale.

Brooke Eliazar-Macke organized actions in support of the Morning After Pill Coalition of the National Women's Liberation, has advocated for national healthcare and now at CUNY School of Law, is involved with the National Lawyers Guild and Women in Prison project. **Remeike Forbes** organized against cuts in campus service worker pay and jobs, co-founded the Harvard Anti-War Coalition and is studying graphic design at the Rhode Island Institute of Art with plans to use his art to organize and educate workers. **Melissa Gilbarg** challenges disparities in housing, health and education based on race and economic status and recruits and develops grassroots leaders to build effective campaigns that create systemic economic change while completing an MSW at Boston University.

Christina Heatherton has organized for tenancy and civil rights and against police brutality, displacement and gentrification, co-editing, *Downtown Blues: A Skid Row Reader*, featuring the voices and experiences of residents alongside prominent scholars, while completing a PhD in American Studies and Ethnicity at University of Southern California. **Rodolfo Hernandez Corchado** organizes immigrant day laborers and promotes solidarity and autonomous education among undocumented

migrant workers, while writing an oral history on class formation and Mexican contemporary immigration to the US toward completion of a PhD in Anthropology at CUNY. **Adrian Lowe** has worked for 20 years in movements for LGBTQ civil rights, economic justice, prison abolition and public health and plans to work in civil rights and criminal law focusing on the needs of underrepresented transgender people after completing law school at Temple.

Rickke Mananzala has spent the last decade building coalitions to advance public policy in the LGBTQ, racial and economic justice movements and is completing a BA and MA in Urban Studies and Public Policy at NYU with plans to work with grassroots groups on multi-issue organizing. **David Morales** co-founded a counter-recruitment coalition as a high school junior, restricting the Jr ROTC program and eliminating marksmanship training in the entire San Diego Unified School District, and has become active in anti-racist and student access movements while enrolled in the Latin American Studies program at UC San Diego. **Felipe Matos** will complete a BA this year at St. Thomas University, while working to end deportations, promote the DREAM Act and to push back racial profiling perpetrated in programs such as Secure Communities and 287g which gives local law enforcement increased power to carry out federal immigration law.

Ezinne Nwankwo organized efforts to defeat a proposed building project that would construct homes on a radioactive site in her community and plans to continue working on the environmental impact on

other communities after completing a master's in Public Health at University of Michigan. **Luke Patterson** has worked against police brutality and war, for affirmative action, freedom for Mumia and justice for Oscar Grant, and co-founded Social Workers for Anti-Oppression and Equality at Columbia University where he is working toward an MSSW. **Christian Peruyero** has led protests of budget cuts and tuition hikes to make CUNY a liberated space for oppressed nationalities while continuing solidarity efforts for Puerto Rican independence and will complete a BA in Puerto Rican Studies at Lehman College/CUNY this year.

Carlos Roa works to stop deportations of students and pass the DREAM Act, was a "Trail of Dreams" organizer and participant and currently works with Presente.org maintaining its social media organizing, while seeking an Associate's Degree in Architecture at Miami Dade College. **Matt Smucker** created Beyond the Choir.com to mobilize those not already involved in progressive movements, organizes with the Bradley Manning Network and has been Occupying Wall Street, while completing a BA in Social Movement Theory at Goddard College. **Tania Unzueta** co-founded the Immigrant Youth Justice League to stop student deportations, created the "Undocumented and Unafraid" campaign and continues building immigrant rights, LGBT and labor movements in Chicago where she is working on an MA in Latin American & Latino Studies at the University of Illinois.

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The 2011-12 Jessie Lloyd O'Connor Scholar



Each year the Fund selects a grantee who exemplifies the lifelong commitment to peace and justice modeled by Jessie Lloyd O'Connor, a labor journalist, organizer and an early member of our Board. Our Jessie Lloyd O'Connor Scholar this year is **Maricela Aquilar**. Concerned about how her undocumented status would impact college admission, Maricela contacted Voces de la Fronteras where she learned to organize actions and mobilize students to work for in-state tuition in Wisconsin, which they won in 2009. She led student efforts in Wisconsin protests last spring, organizing buses daily to go to Madison and coordinated a student walk out, marching to the University and taking over the concourse while she led a teach-in on the new budget. She said that was the most inspiring movement moment so far and gives her hope that people from labor, immigrant communities, teachers and students coming together can create the future of Wisconsin. She currently organizes with United We DREAM, has co-developed a College Organizers Program with Voces and has recently become their board chair. She is studying Political Science and English at Marquette University with a goal to create and sustain a strong foundation for immigrant youth movements, a goal modeled by Jessie's lifelong support of student activism.