

Welcome and Thank you!

Welcome to our board **Karen Bueonavista Hanna, PhD**, a 2013/14, 14/15 grantee and Filipinx and Disability Justice organizer, who is an Assistant Professor of Gender, Sexuality, and Intersectionality Studies at Connecticut College. We are excited to have you on board!

Deep appreciation to **Marshall Green, PhD** who is stepping down after years of service to our board. We wish you all the best on your continued journey for peace, justice and healing!

About the Fund

The Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund was created in 1961 as a memorial to Marian Davis, a teacher and advocate for peace, racial justice and the rights of working people. Founded by her husband, Horace B. Davis, along with family and friends, the Fund honors Marian and her family's long history of standing up to McCarthyism. Norton Putter was a civil rights activist who brought needed resources and new energy to the Fund in 1987.

Our grantees, now totaling 1085, have been at the forefront of virtually every major progressive social movement as artists, scholars, people's lawyers and frontline organizers and have been integral to the work for peace and justice with the same commitment and passion modeled by Marian, Horace and Norton.

DPSF grantees welcome radical dissent, organizing others to join them!



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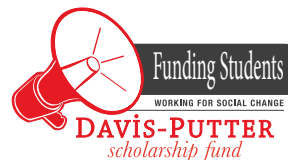
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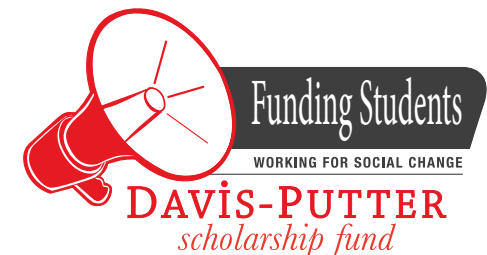
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Davis-Putter grantees welcome dissent

As we work, with your support to cultivate and sustain a community of movement organizers, our grantees are mobilizing and moving to strategic action that has the power to undermine US empire. Characterized by an analysis of opposition to capitalism, racism/white supremacy, hetero-patriarchy and environmental exploitation, they have a long-term commitment to movement building and creating a world organized around human needs. Davis-Putter grantees welcome dissent!

DPSF Class of 2022/23

Rooted in the Black Radical Tradition, **Jason Ozaoghena Ajiake**, a Digital Organizer/Strategist and popular education facilitator, uses social media to shape movement narratives while pursuing a bachelor's degree in sociology at Howard University. **Valencia Alvarez** has worked with asylum seekers and detainees in support of liberation and abolition while pursuing a Global Health/Health Policy degree at Washington University in St. Louis with a goal of delinking capital and healthcare. **Nyché "Skavaq Sivulliuqti" Andrew** is Yup'ik and Inupiaq Alaska Native, from Anchorage, Alaska, seeking a BA in Political Science at Yale University where she organizes with the Native and Indigenous Student Association.

Xian Brooks is a public health professional and community-based birth doula (The Dandy Doula!), enrolled as a master's nursing student at the University of Louisville to be a certified nurse midwife. **Zyahna Bryant** organized the Black Youth Action Committee, a grassroots coalition of youth leading direct actions and building organizing infrastructure in Charlottesville,

while completing a BA in Sociology and Political Science at University of Virginia. **Johnny Buck** is an enrolled citizen of the Yakama Nation working to strengthen his community through design and technologies while pursuing a graduate certificate in American Indian and Indigenous Studies and a Master of Science in Human-Centered Design and Engineering at the University of Washington, Seattle.

Nubé Cruz is a 2 spirit, Yaqui and Oaxaquene pursuing a Fine Arts and American Indian Studies degree at UCLA while integrating their art in direct actions and organizing transnationally around land justice and indigenous sovereignty. **Arabella Colombier** is a Racial and Social Justice Fellow at Columbia Law School dedicated to supporting Indigenous-led climate/environmental justice movements and challenging the criminalization, repression, harassment and surveillance of land defenders and water protectors resisting extractive projects. **Erandy Flores-Bucio** is a displaced indigenous (P'urhépecha) activist in Auburn, WA, grounded in Zapatista ideology, organizing for immigrant rights and racial justice while majoring in Ethnic, Gender, and Labor Studies at UW Tacoma.

Irene Franco Rubio is an activist, writer, and community organizer of Guatemalan and Mexican descent, rooted in community movements for justice and abolitionist spaces while majoring in Sociology, Race, Ethnicity and Politics at the University of Southern California. **Jessica Francois** is a radical queer feminist from Boston, MA currently residing in Brooklyn, NY, where she co-created Public Assistants seeking to counter systemic inequity while obtaining her Master's in Public Health at Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. A medical student in Public Health, Educational Studies, Sociology, and Postcolonial

Studies at the University of Illinois College of Medicine-Chicago, **Vikrant Garg** co-founded the Chicago Health Coalition 4 Black Lives and organized medical students as street medics during the 2020 uprisings.

Aline Gue has organized with TakeRoot Justice on sustainable infrastructure and unionization and the Black Legal Observer Collective which trains and mobilizes Black legal workers to support Black-led NYC actions while attending NYU Wagner School of Public Service. **Lenora R. Knowles** works to bring about community control of land and housing, realize collective healing, and build grassroots community power in East Baltimore, while seeking a PhD in the Harriet Tubman Department of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at the University of Maryland. **Danny Murillo** is a co-founder of the Underground Scholars Initiative, organized with the California Prison Hunger Strike Solidarity Coalition and is currently a graduate student at California State University examining the intersection of education and solitary confinement at Pelican Bay State Prison.

Angelica Rodriguez is a second-year student at Berkeley Law and the proud daughter of Mexican immigrant farmworkers, organizing grassroots efforts such as sanctuary city policy, police accountability, and access to clean drinking water. **Cassie Rubio**, pictured at far left on front page photo with youth from The Feminist Front, is a writer, educator and organizer using filmmaking to bridge art and activism, while

beginning their MFA in Television Writing at Stony Brook University in New York.

Femi Shittu is currently a candidate for an MSW at Fayetteville State University who began grassroots organizing during the birth of the Black Lives Matter movement, focusing on Black queer feminisms as a way to shape praxis and build power.

Meridian Stiller is a grassroots organizer with Starbucks Workers United in Richmond, Virginia, who successfully led their store through the unionization process and is entering Clark University in Worcester, MA with a major in Geography and Political Science. Following hate attacks based in racism, sexism, homophobia, sexual violence, **Madison Tiaffay** created a video and consent workshops at her high school and is now attending Emory University to study Political Science. **Crystal Vance Guerra** is a community activist in Southside Chicago who has co-founded collectives dedicated to direct action training, immigration justice, and has worked against environmental racism and US imperialism in Honduras, while completing a Masters and PhD in History at the University of Chicago.

Cassandra Villanueva is a social, racial and economic justice organizer having worked with United Farm Workers, the National Student Boycott, and the unionization campaign at the University of New Mexico, while seeking a Sociology and Teaching degree at Eastern New Mexico University. **Rafik Nader Wahbi** is a public health abolitionist focusing on the harms and violence of the US carceral system and drug policy, while seeking a PhD at the UCLA School of Public Health.

Marilyn Buck Award

Marilyn Buck was a political prisoner and poet who worked in solidarity with Black Liberation struggles to end white supremacy. She received grants from the Fund in 2003 and 2004, and died of a rare cancer in 2010. Marilyn supported the Fund with regular donations and supportive notes from her jail cell, and with a generous bequest following her death. To honor her memory and legacy, **The Marilyn Buck Award** is given to an incarcerated or formerly incarcerated activist working for justice. **Phil Hartsfield** is our awardee this year. Incarcerated as a teenager, Phil who is now 38 has spent much of his adult life focused on trying to change the system both inside and out. He interned with the Northwestern Law School's Children and Family Justice Center and organizes with Parole Illinois working for a comprehensive parole system in Illinois. He has been a "jailhouse lawyer" doing paralegal work in support of fellow inmates and created templates for fellow inmates to use as they apply for early release. He published multiple op eds, articles and poems for a documentary, and is currently co-editing "Building Bridges and Crossing Borders: From Incarceration to the Front Lines of Justice." He earned a BA and is completing a Masters in Criminal Justice and hopes to use his decades of experience in the prison system to fight for real change whether on the inside or outside.



Read more about our 2022/23 grantees at www.davisputter.org



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Rest in Power!

We remember and celebrate the lives and work of two of our founders, C. Quentin Davis and H. Chandler Davis who both died this year. Horace Bancroft and Marian Rubins Davis raised their children to dedicate themselves to radical politics and Quentin (the youngest) and Chan (the eldest) contributed in their own unique ways.



Quentin was a community housing and health care activist deeply rooted in anti-capitalist, anti-imperialist action and solidarity. In her youth she was a member of the DuBois Club and Students for a Democratic Society.

Chan, a Harvard graduate, science fiction author and mathematics instructor at University of Michigan was blacklisted and served six months in the Danbury federal penitentiary for refusing to cooperate with the House Un-American Activities Committee. Following his release, he and his wife, Natalie Zemon, moved to Canada seeking political refuge at the University of Toronto. Chan was an ardent activist against the US war in Vietnam and in recent years, was on the front lines in defense of Palestinian rights.



Quentin and Chan served as founders and lifelong trustees/sponsors of The Fund and are survived by two sisters, Mina and Terry, both of whom were also founders and longtime trustees. Chan is survived by his comrade in arms and wife of 76 years, Natalie Zemon Davis, children Aaron, Hannah, Simone and their families. Quentin is survived by her children Sarah and Oliver and their families.

Chan recruited fellow mathematicians, Ed Dubinsky as a trustee and Richard Lewontin as a sponsor to support the Fund. Both Ed and Richard died this year and we want to name them here, as well as past trustee Joan Ecklein, a leader of the Massachusetts Peace Action who hosted the Fund's annual granting meeting in Boston for many years. We also mourn the death of Jeff Perry, a 1979-80, 80-81 grantee, union organizer and public intellectual dedicated to ending white supremacy and uplifting Harlem Radical, Hubert Harrison.

To paraphrase Davarian Baldwin who served on our board with Chan and Quentin, "this is a call for us all to redouble our efforts to embrace the urgency of the present for [their] legacy and for everyone". We honor their memory and extend deepest appreciation for their commitment to Davis-Putter and to student activism. We hope that the work of our current class and future grantees will continue to honor their memory and legacy as we carry on!

(Full obituaries for Chan and Quentin can be found on our website www.davisputter.org. Thanks to Alan Wald, the H. Chandler Davis Collegiate Professor at the University of Michigan for providing for his wonderful tribute to Chan published by Jacobin which is also linked on our site.)

"You must welcome dissent not in a whisper when alone, but publicly so potential dissenters can hear you..." H. Chandler Davis, From an Exile, 1959

Jessie Lloyd O'Connor Scholar

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 **Chichi Castillo**, an independent filmmaker, visual artist, and musician based in the San Francisco Bay Area. Her



narrative and documentary film work focuses on themes ranging from sex worker advocacy, anti-carceral politics, and queer histories/futures. Following a lineage of anti-racist, feminist, and queer resistance movements, Chichi's filmmaking practice is collaborative and anti-capitalist, seeking to redistribute skills and access amongst her creative communities of queer people, BIPOC, and sex workers. Chichi believes that social change is a multi-generational struggle and a consistent move away from the systems upholding white supremacy, patriarchy, and racial capitalism. She believes that moving towards liberation happens on all levels, from personal healing of intergenerational trauma, interpersonal harm reduction/repair, and transforming/challenging/rejecting the oppressive systems we live under. Chichi is currently attending San Francisco State University's MFA in Cinema program, where she is excited to deepen her creative practice and further explore what resistance and social change through cinema can look like.

Go to www.davisputter.org between January 1 and April 1 to apply for a scholarship