

The 2012-13 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 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 **Rachel Miller**.



Rachel Miller

Most recently working with Direct Action for Rights and Equality, and prior to that as the executive director of Rhode Island Jobs With Justice, Rachel's roots are in labor organizing and coalition building. She coordinated the first ever JWJ student labor preconference in 1998 and was a founding member of United Students Against Sweatshops. She was a Global Justice community organizer for the DC Central Labor Council, national organizer for Pride at Work and the LGBTQ caucus of the AFL/CIO. She plans to complete a Biology degree at Rhode Island College, followed by a Physical Therapy degree, bringing her passion for justice to healthcare, specifically addressing the needs of workers suffering from their labor. Like Jessie, Rachel knows sustainable movements require care for body, mind and spirit in the ongoing struggle for justice!

Welcome, Luke!

This year we are excited to welcome **Luke Aidger Patterson**, a 2011/12 Davis-Putter grantee to our Board of Trustees. Luke is a community organizer, educator, and multidisciplinary artist, currently working as the Coalition Coordinator for Peoples' Justice for Community Control & Police Accountability. Receiving a Davis-Putter Scholarship was both a proud and humbling experience for him. He says, "Being recognized in such a way really helped make me confident in the legitimacy and necessity of our work, and allowed the space and time to balance organizing, school and everyday survival. Joining the Board feels like an opportunity to both give others a chance to feel that same support in their work, and to draw the vital connections between the different movements we are all helping to bring forward. As a younger member of the Board, I'm also inspired by the intergenerational bridges Davis-Putter is helping to forge between veteran and emerging warriors for social justice, and hope to contribute to and grow that in a meaningful way."



Building visionary movements for change

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Tyler Thompson founded Colors of Pride to explore the intersections of race and sexuality, and organizes for racial and trans justice on campus, while studying Neuroscience and Psychology at the University of Cincinnati, with the goal of bringing trans equity to medicine. **Maya Wind** is an Israeli Refusnik who along with 9 other high school students, served 3 months in prison after refusing to enlist, and now leads Students for Justice in Palestine at Columbia University where she is completing a BA in Political Science and Women and Gender Studies. **Jane Mee Wong** is a leader in the Decolonize Labor Workers' caucus of Occupy Seattle, and is completing a Nursing degree at Seattle Central Community College in preparation for organizing nursing home employees and challenging inequities in the healthcare system.

Read more about our grantees at www.davisputter.org.

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



Tyler Thompson



Maya Wind



Jane Mee Wong

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- 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. With your help we can create mass movement of support!
- Include the Fund in your will or set up a trust! Your planned gift helps guarantee the sustainability of Davis-Putter and creates a legacy for the future of student activism - contact us for more information.

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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. Organized by her husband, Horace B. Davis, the Fund honors this dedicated teacher 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 Board in 1987. Since the Fund's inception, nearly 1300 scholarships have been awarded to student activists 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 led movements have been at the center of social change and our grantees have been integral to the work for peace and justice with the same commitment and passion modeled by Marian, Horace and Norton.

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Davis-Putter grantees are building visionary movements for change

Our grantees are creating sustainable movements for peace and justice, working courageously to re-imagine our economic and social structures and to abolish all forms of oppression. They are developing the next vibrant generation of revolutionary leaders so this vision can become our collective future.

Ainee Athar came to the US from Pakistan for medical treatment and now, facing deportation, works with the Texas DREAM Alliance and the Coalition for Immigrant Rights while seeking a BA in Activist Anthropology at the University of Texas. **Alicia Bell** co-founded the Bigger than Hip Hop cultural organizing project, the Troy Davis Response Collective and The New Jim Crow Student Anti-Racist Coordinating Committee organizing for economic and racial equity while completing an MA in Educational Leadership at New York University. **Matthew Birkhold** is an activist scholar who has worked on housing struggles, anti-police brutality campaigns and is committed to building visionary movements for new systems and developing a new generation of leaders while completing a PhD in Sociology at Binghamton University.



Ainee Athar

Mary Bowman is committed to a radical re-visioning the US healthcare and correctional systems, founding Nurses for Reproductive Justice and organizing to end 24 hour solitary confinement at the Tamms C-Max prison, while completing a



Alicia Bell



Matthew Birkhold



Mary Bowman



Sandra Castro Solis



Kareem Cotton



Brooke Eliazar-Macke

Masters in Nursing at University of Illinois, Chicago. **Sandra Castro Solis** is a founding member of the Puente Movement in Arizona challenging the rampant racial profiling, criminalization and deportation of immigrants in Arizona, Alabama, Mississippi and Georgia and is beginning a Masters program in Human Rights at Columbia University. **Kareem Cotton** works to reverse the high rates of incarceration of economically and socially challenged communities, promotes educational opportunities for prisoners with the Inside-Out Prison Exchange Program, while studying Organizational Management at California State University, Dominguez Hills.

Brooke Eliazar-Macke is a prison abolitionist, working to end mass incarceration with the National Lawyers Guild, defending victims of domestic violence and advocating for reproductive rights for women in prison while completing her final year at CUNY School of Law. **Pascal Emmer** is a founder of the Hearts on a Wire LGBTQ prison outreach project working with Critical Resistance and Decarcerate Philadelphia movements, while pursuing a PhD in Sociology at UC Santa Cruz, conducting oral history research with veteran ACT-Up activists. **Saundra Ferrell** serves as a jailhouse lawyer and works in partnership with the New Leaf Alliance to challenge injustices against women in prison including physical abuse, rape and racial prejudice while seeking a BA in Criminal Justice through Ashworth College.

Lucia Leandro Gimeno organizes at the intersections of race, LGBTQ, economic and immigration justice, initially with the Audre Lorde



Pascal Emmer



Saundra Ferrell



Lucia Leandro Gimeno

Project, followed by co-founding FIERCE, a queer youth leadership organization and now works to radicalize the Columbia School of Social Work while pursuing an MSSW. **Martin Macias** is committed to freeing colonized communities with Via Campesina, a food justice group and with Chicago Fair Trade Jobs, working to create a cohesive vision for popular movements while completing a masters in Urban Planning from the University of Illinois, Chicago. **Rickke Mananzala** leads base-building and campaign training for grassroots organizations in New York City struggling with strategic decisions around multi-issue organizing and writes for Organizing Upgrade, an online social justice think/act tank for organizers while studying Political Science and Public Policy at Columbia University.

Lulú Martinez co-founded the Immigrant Youth Justice League working to pass the DREAM Act and fight back anti-immigrant laws, and has organized with Southerners on New Ground, connecting LBGTQ and immigrant justice while studying at Harold Washington University. **Jamie Meade** works from inside the prison system to create educational and community involvement opportunities for all prisoners and advocates for judicial and prison reform while completing his final six classes for a BA in Criminal Justice from Adams State College. **Ariana Ochoa Camacho** explores experiences of marginalized Colombian migrants through her work with Domestic Workers United and in her dissertation research, “Racial Longings, Migrant Belongings” completing a PhD in American Studies at New York University.

Thomas Owens grew up in the coalfields of Pennsylvania where he mobilizes communities against mountaintop removal and for climate justice and after completion of a Masters of Environmental



Martin Macias



Rickke Mananzala



Lulú Martinez

Management at Yale plans to work for community led clean energy development in Appalachia. **Carlos Perea** works to build an anti-imperialist youth resistance movement in Santa Ana creating coalitions around issues of police brutality, access to education and school to prison pipeline while completing a BA in Political Science at University of California Fullerton. **Alexandra Smith** leads ongoing efforts to fight mass incarceration through “Jail Action”, a coalition against expansion of solitary confinement and prisoner abuse in the NYC jail system and works to incorporate an anti-racist perspective into the curriculum while attending CUNY School of Law.

Noemi Teppang co-founded a chapter of the Filipino youth organization, Anakbayan, challenging imperialism and capitalism, organizing against police abuse and deportations and focusing on community support as well as long term progressive institutional change while pursuing an MSSW at San Jose State. **John Thompson** co-founded the Write to Win Collective supporting trans folks in prison and challenging the Prison Industrial Complex while focusing his MSSW studies at University of Southern California on an abolitionist social work model, using direct service in organizing for racial and economic justice.



Jamie Meade

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