Biographies of U.S. Programs Board Members

Deepak Bhargava

Deepak Bhargava is Executive Director of the Center for Community Change, a national nonprofit organization whose mission is to develop the power and capacity of low-income people, especially low-income people of color, to change the policies and institutions that affect their lives.

During his tenure as Executive Director, Mr. Bhargava has sharpened the Center's focus on grassroots community organizing as the central strategy for social justice and on public policy change as the key lever to improve poor people's lives. He conceived and led the Center's work on immigration reform, which has resulted in the creation of the Fair Immigration Reform Movement (FIRM), a leading grassroots network pressing for changes in the country's immigration laws. He has spearheaded the creation of innovative new projects like Generation Change, a program that recruits, trains and places the next generation of community organizers, and the Community Voting Project, which brings large numbers of low-income voters into the electoral process. Mr. Bhargava has also overseen a dramatic internal transformation of the organization over the past years, resulting in a younger, more diverse board and staff, a new physical home at 1536 U Street, and greater focus of the organization's work on strengthening and aligning community organizations towards policy change.

Mr. Bhargava has provided intellectual leadership on a variety of issues including the future of the progressive movement in the United States, poverty, racial justice, immigration reform, community organizing, and economic justice. He has written on these issues for a range of publications including the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *The Nation*, and *The American Prospect*. His groundbreaking article, co-authored with Jean Hardisty, *Wrong About the Right*, influenced how many progressives think about the strategies necessary to achieve lasting social change. Mr. Bhargava has testified before Congress on over 20 occasions.

Prior to his appointment as Executive Director of the Center in 2002, Mr. Bhargava served as the Center's Director of Public Policy. He also directed the National Campaign for Jobs and Income Support, a coalition of grassroots groups established in 2000 to give low-income people a voice in the reauthorization of the federal welfare law and other areas critical to poor people. He has run numerous national campaigns that have resulted in significant improvements in the lives of low-income families.

Mr. Bhargava currently serves on the boards of the Discount Foundation, the League of Education Voters, *The Nation* editorial board, the National Advisory Board for the Open Society Institute, and Democracia Ahora. Born in Bangalore, India, Mr. Bhargava immigrated to the United States when he was a child. He grew up in New York City and graduated summa cum laude from Harvard College. He lives in Washington, D.C., with his partner Harry Hanbury, a documentary filmmaker.

Leon Botstein

Leon Botstein has been president of Bard College since 1975. He is also the Leon Levy Professor of the Arts and Humanities at Bard. He received his B.A. degree with special honors in history from the University of Chicago and M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in European history from Harvard. He serves as chair of the board of the Central European University in Budapest and as board member of the Open Society Institute, New York.

Dr. Botstein has been the music director of the American Symphony Orchestra since 1992 and conducts the ASO's subscription concert series at Lincoln Center. In 2003, he was appointed the music director of the Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, the orchestra of the Israel Broadcast Authority. As an active international conductor, he makes frequent guest appearances with major orchestras around the world, and his recording with the London Symphony Orchestra of Popov's Symphony No. 1, Op. 7 was nominated for a 2006 Grammy Award. Dr. Botstein is also editor of *The Musical Quarterly*. He has published over 100 articles and reviews on music, education, history, and culture. He was editor of *Quasi una Fantasia: Juden und die Musikstadt Wien*, published in 2003 by Wolke Verlag; an English translation, *Jews and the City of Vienna, 1870-1938*, was published in 2004 by Yale University Press. He also edited *The Compleat Brahms*, published in 1999 by Norton. He is author of *Jefferson's Children: Education and the Promise of American Culture*, published in 1997 by Doubleday. His book *Judentum und Modernität: Essays zur Rolle der Juden in der Deutschen und Österreichischen Kultur 1848-1938* was published in 1991 by Böhlau Verlag in Vienna; a Russian translation was published in 2003.

Geoffrey Canada

Since 1990, Geoffrey Canada has been the President and Chief Executive Officer for the Harlem Children's Zone. In a June 2004 cover story in the *New York Times Magazine*, the agency's Zone Project was called "one of the most ambitious social experiments of our time." The Project offers an interlocking network of social service, education and community-building programs to thousands of children and families in a 60-block area of Central Harlem.

Mr. Canada, who grew up in the South Bronx, has dedicated his life to helping children who grew up in conditions similar to those faced by his family to secure both educational and economic opportunities. Prominent among his many efforts are the Harlem Children's Zone's Beacon School, Harlem Peacemakers Program, and Community Pride Initiative. The Beacon School program provides support 12 hours a day, 365 days a year to children and families in Central Harlem.

A third-degree black belt, Mr. Canada is the founder (in 1983) of the Chang Moo Kwan Martial Arts School and is the East Coast Regional Coordinator for the Black Community Crusade for Children. The Chang Moo Kwan Martial Arts School is a nationally recognized model for violence prevention efforts. The Crusade is a nationwide effort to make saving Black children the number one priority in the Black community and is being coordinated by Marian Wright Edelman and the Children's Defense Fund.

Before joining the Harlem Children's Zone, he served as Director of the Robert White School, a private day school for troubled inner city youth in Boston. Upon returning to New York City in 1983, Mr. Canada became the Program Director for Truancy Prevention Program.

Mr. Canada holds a B.A. from Bowdoin College and a M.A. in Education from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. He has won numerous awards, including: the first Heinz Award in 1994, the McGraw Prize for Education, the Jefferson Award for Public Service, the Robin Hood Foundation's Heroes of the Year Award, *Child Magazine*'s "Children's Champion" award, the Spirit of the City Award from the Cathedral of St. Johns the Divine, Bowdoin College's Common Good Award and New York University's Brennan Legacy Award. He has also received Honorary Degrees from Harvard University, Williams College, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, the Bank Street College of Education, and Lombard Theological Seminary. Mr. Canada has written two books: *Fist Stick Knife Gun: A Personal History of Violence in America*, published in 1995 by Beacon Press, and *Reaching Up for Manhood: Transforming the Lives of Boys in America*, published in 1998 by Beacon Press.

Joan Dunlop

Joan Dunlop was born and educated in England and has lived and worked in the United States since 1960. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Open Society Institute in the United States and on the sub-board of the Network Women's Program of the Open Society Institute, as well as on the boards of the International Women's Health Coalition, the Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation in Great Barrington, Massachusetts, and the Foundation for Community Health in the North West Corner of Connecticut.

From 1984 to 1998, Ms. Dunlop was President of the International Women's Health Coalition (IWHC), an international organization based in New York City that earned a reputation as an authoritative voice for women's perspectives on population policy. In leading IWHC, she shaped its role as a catalyst, advocate and technical agency both in the international community and in policy development in New York, Washington, D.C., and Geneva. IWHC led the efforts that made women's reproductive and sexual health and rights a central tenet of the United Nations Conference on Population and Development in Cairo in 1994 and the Women's Conference in Beijing in 1995.

Her background includes work for the Budget Director of New York City under Mayor John Lindsay, and several stints in nonprofit organizations and foundations including The Ford Foundation, The Fund for the City of New York, The Commonwealth Fund and the Rockefeller Brothers Fund where she was a Distinguished Fellow from 1998-2001.

In the 1970s, she was on the personal staff of John D. Rockefeller III, working on international population issues including women's reproductive rights and sex education. In the early 1980s, she was executive assistant to Dr. Vartan Gregorian, President of the New York Public Library.

Mallika Dutt

Mallika Dutt is the founder and executive director of Breakthrough (with offices in India and the United States), an international human rights organization that uses media and popular culture to promote values of dignity, equality and justice. Until December 2000, Ms. Dutt was the Program Officer for the Human Rights and Social Justice Program at the Ford Foundation's New Delhi office. She also served as the Associate Director of the Center for Women's Global Leadership.

Ms. Dutt authored *With Liberty and Justice for All: Women's Human Rights in the United States* (Center for Women's Global Leadership, 1994). She was also the co-author of *Local Action Global Change: Learning About the Human Rights of Women and Girls* (Center for Women's Global Leadership and the United Nations Development Fund for Women, 1999). While studying law at NYU, Ms. Dutt co-founded Sakhi for South Asian Women, combating the violence against women in the New York community. She also worked at the Center for Constitutional Rights and the ACLU Reproductive Freedom Project. Ms. Dutt has served on boards and committees of the Human Rights Watch Women's Rights Project and Asia Watch; Sister Fund; Asian American Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy; Lt. Governor Committee on Public Police Relations; Committee on Sex and Law, Association of the Bar of the City of New York; and the U.S. NGO Coordinating Committee for the UN World Conference Against Racism; and WITNESS.

Ms. Dutt grew up in Kolkata and Mirzapur in India.

Sherrilyn Ifill

Sherrilyn Ifill has been a Professor of Law at the University of Maryland School of Law since 1993. Professor Ifill writes about the importance of judicial diversity and impartiality in judicial decision-making. Her articles about race, judging and judicial selection have led to Professor Ifill's recognition as an expert on these subjects.

Professor Ifill also writes about the history of racial violence and contemporary reconciliation efforts. Her book about truth and reconciliation commissions for lynching, *On the Courthouse Lawn: Confronting the Legacy of Lynching in the 21st Century*, was released by Beacon Books in February 2007. Prior to joining the Maryland faculty, Professor Ifill served as an Assistant Counsel at the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund in New York, where she litigated voting rights cases. Before that, she was a Fellow at the American Civil Liberties Union in New York. During her tenure at Maryland law school, Professor Ifill has continued to litigate and consult on cases on behalf of low-income and minority communities. Professor Ifill serves on the Board of the Open Society Institute in Baltimore and the Enoch Pratt Free Library in Baltimore City. She is co-chair of the Maryland Attorney General's Task Force on Voting Irregularities and the Reporter for the Maryland Judicial Campaign Conduct Committee.

Aryeh Neier

Before joining the Open Society Institute and the Soros Foundations as President in September 1993, Aryeh Neier spent 12 years as Executive Director of Human Rights Watch, of which he was a founder in 1978. Prior to that position, he worked for the American Civil Liberties Union for 15 years, including eight as national Executive Director.

Mr. Neier served as an Adjunct Professor of Law at New York University for more than a dozen years (1978-1991) and has lectured at a number of the country's leading universities and at universities in many other countries. He is a member of the American Academy of Arts & Sciences and the recipient of six honorary doctorates (State University of New York-Binghamton, Hofstra University, Hamilton College, American University, University of Connecticut, and John Jay College of Criminal Justice), the American Bar Association's Gavel Award and the International Bar Association's Rule of Law Award.
The author of six books (*Dossier* (1975), *Crime and Punishment: A Radical Solution* (1976), *Defending My Enemy* (1979), *Only Judgment* (1982), *War Crimes* (1998), and *Taking Liberties* (2003), Mr. Neier has also contributed chapters to more than 35 books.

He has been a frequent contributor to *The New York Review of Books* and has also published in such periodicals as the *New York Times Magazine*, the *New York Times Book Review*, *Foreign Policy*, *Dissent* and a number of law journals. For a dozen years he wrote a column on human rights for *The Nation*. He has contributed more than a 150 op-ed articles to newspapers, including the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, the *Boston Globe*, the *Los Angeles Times*, and the *International Herald Tribune*. Many of his articles have been syndicated internationally.

Mr. Neier was born in Nazi Germany and became a refugee at an early age. An internationally recognized expert on human rights, he has conducted investigations of human rights abuses in more than 40 countries around the world. For more than a quarter of a century, he has been directly engaged in efforts to promote compliance with international humanitarian law (the laws of armed conflict) and in the global debate on accountability and bringing to justice those who have committed crimes against humanity. He played a leading role in the establishment of the international tribunal to prosecute those responsible for war crimes and crimes against humanity in the former Yugoslavia.

Robert Redford

Robert Redford is somewhat of an anomaly in the entertainment industry. Though he has been world-famous for some 30 years, he remains a highly private individual. He is an ardent conservationist and environmentalist, a man who stands for social responsibility and political involvement, and an artist and businessman who is a staunch supporter of uncompromised creative expression. His life-long passion for nature and issues of justice has resulted in Mr. Redford being widely acknowledged as a highly effective and dedicated political and environmental activist.

He is recognized the world over for the roles he has played and the projects he has directed or produced throughout a distinguished stage and film career. His passion remains to make films of substance and social/cultural relevance, as well as to encourage others to express themselves

through the arts. Believing that it is the unexpected and uncommon, which ultimately enlivens the cultural ecology of a society, Mr. Redford has nurtured more than a generation of innovative voices in independent film through his non-profit Sundance Institute and Film Festival. Harvard Business Review observed, “Sundance has become to Hollywood what Silicon Valley has been to the high-tech industry.”

George Soros

George Soros is Chair of Soros Fund Management LLC. He was born in Budapest in 1930. He survived the Nazi occupation and fled communist Hungary in 1947 for England, where he graduated from the London School of Economics. He then settled in the United States, where he accumulated a large fortune through an international investment fund he founded and managed.

Soros has been active as a philanthropist since 1979, when he began providing funds to help Black students attend Cape Town University in apartheid South Africa. He has established a network of philanthropic organizations active in more than 50 countries around the world. These organizations are dedicated to promoting the values of democracy and an open society. The foundation network spends more than $450 million annually. Soros is the author of nine books, including most recently *The Age of Fallibility*. His articles and essays on politics, society, and economics regularly appear in major newspapers and magazines around the world.

Jonathan Soros

Jonathan Soros is President and Deputy Chairman of Soros Fund Management LLC. Prior to joining SFM, Mr. Soros clerked for Judge Stephen F. Williams of the United States Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit and co-founded Fair Trial Initiative (FTI), a North Carolina-based nonprofit organization that seeks to improve the quality of representation available to death penalty defendants. He serves on the board of directors of FTI and of the Open Society Institute. Mr. Soros is a graduate of Harvard Law School and the John F. Kennedy School of Government. He received his B.A. from Wesleyan University in 1992.

Andy Stern

Andy Stern is the former president of the 2.2-million-member Service Employees International Union (SEIU), the largest union of health care, doctors, nurses, janitors, security officers, child care, home care, hospital, and state workers, and the fastest-growing union in North America. As both a labor leader and a leader on major issues confronting American workers, Mr. Stern is a leading voice and a prominent advocate for people who work. Called a "courageous, visionary leader who charted a bold new course for American unionism," Mr. Stern's practical solutions to achieve economic opportunity and justice for all workers have earned the respect of workers, business leaders and policy makers on both sides of the aisle. Under his tenure as president, SEIU bucked the trend and through its signature national and global organizing campaigns SEIU grew by more than 1.2 million workers, turning traditionally underpaid service work into jobs that can help support a family and lift up a community. Mr. Stern began working as a social service worker and member of SEIU Local 668 in 1973. He served as organizing director for

SEIU before his landmark election as president in 1996. After launching a national debate about the fundamental change needed to unite the 9 out of 10 American workers who have no organization at work, Mr. Stern led SEIU out of the AFL-CIO and transformed the national labor landscape by founding the Change to Win labor federation with six other major unions in 2005. Mr. Stern is a board member of the Broad Foundation, the Economic Policy Institute, a lifetime Trustee of the Aspen Institute, the President of the Kaiser Permanente Partnership, and SEIU's National Industry Pension.

Previously as a labor leader, and today in new roles, Mr. Stern is a leading voice on major issues confronting American workers. Having retired from Union service, Mr. Stern continues that work as a Fellow at the Georgetown University Public Policy Institute and as Director of AmericaWorks, a project of the Tides Foundation." Mr. Stern is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, and has two children, Matt and Cassie.

Bryan A. Stevenson

Bryan Stevenson is the Executive Director of the Equal Justice Initiative in Montgomery, Alabama, and also a Professor of Law at the New York University School of Law. His representation of poor people and death row prisoners in the deep South has won him national recognition. He and his staff have been successful in overturning dozens of capital murder cases and death sentences where poor people have been unconstitutionally convicted or sentenced. Mr. Stevenson has been recognized as one of the top public interest lawyers in the country. His efforts to confront bias against the poor and people of color in the criminal justice system have earned him dozens of national awards including the National Public Interest Lawyer of the Year, the ABA Wisdom Award for Public Service, the ACLU National Medal of Liberty, the Reebok Human Rights Award, the Olaf Palme Prize for International Human Rights, and the prestigious MacArthur Foundation Fellowship Award Prize. He is a graduate of Harvard Law School and the Harvard School of Government. He has published articles on race, poverty and the criminal justice system, and manuals on capital litigation and habeas corpus.

Ethan Zuckerman

Ethan Zuckerman is a research fellow at the Berkman Center for Internet and Society at Harvard Law School. His research in the field of information and communication technology for development includes work on telecommunications policy, free and open source software, and citizen media. With Rebecca MacKinnon, he is the cofounder of Global Voices (www.globalvoicesonline.org), an award-winning international community of webloggers and citizen journalists. Prior to his work with Berkman and Global Voices, Mr. Zuckerman founded Geekcorps, a volunteer organization which sent technology experts to work with ICT companies in the developing world. He is the former CTO of Tripod.com, a pioneering web hosting company based in Western Massachusetts, where he lives and works. He serves as advisor to several nonprofit projects that focus on technology and social change. His personal blog, "My Heart's in Accra" is located at http://ethanzuckerman.com/blog.