# Proposed U.S. Programs Board Agendas for 2010-11

May 2010 [Criminal Justice Fund staff meeting with special advisors]

Transparency and Integrity Fund Addressing the Crisis in Journalism

2011 Budget discussion

September 2010 [Equality and Opportunity Fund staff meeting with special

advisors]

Criminal Justice Fund

Integrated drug policy strategy

National Security and Human Rights Campaign evaluation and

future funding strategy 2011 Budget approval

Winter 2011 [Democracy and Power Fund staff meeting with special advisors]

Equality and Opportunity Fund Neighborhood Stabilization Initiative

Spring 2011 [Strategic Opportunities Fund staff meeting with special advisors]

Democracy and Power Fund

Fall 2011 Off-site meeting and site visits?

Strategic Opportunities Fund

**OSI-Baltimore** 

# Possible themes to explore for panel discussions during future Board meetings

- Rise of partisanship and implications for open society
- Rise of radical rhetoric and implications for open society
- Role of faith in open society

# List of U.S. Programs Fund/Campaign Board Advisors

## Updated February 2010

Democracy and Power Fund: Deepak Bhargava, Mallika Dutt, Ethan Zuckerman

Transparency and Integrity Fund: Jonathan Soros, Bryan Stevenson, Ethan Zuckerman

Crisis in Journalism: Aryeh Neier, Jonathan Soros, Bryan Stevenson, Ethan Zuckerman

Criminal Justice Fund: Aryeh Neier, Bryan Stevenson

Drug Policy Reform: Aryeh Neier, Jonathan Soros, Bryan Stevenson

Equality and Opportunity Fund: Geoffrey Canada, Joan Dunlop, Sherrilyn Ifill

Campaign for Black Male Achievement: Geoffrey Canada, Sherrilyn Ifill

Strategic Opportunities Fund: Joan Dunlop, Jonathan Soros

National Security and Human Rights Campaign: Mallika Dutt, Aryeh Neier

OSI-Baltimore: Sherrilyn Ifill and the OSI-Baltimore Board

Seize the Day Initiative: Deepak Bhargava, Jonathan Soros, Bryan Stevenson

Special Fund for Poverty Alleviation: Deepak Bhargava, Geoffrey Canada, Jonathan Soros

Robinhood Fund: Geoffrey Canada, Jennifer Allan Soros

Performing Arts Recovery Initiative: Leon Botstein, Aryeh Neier, Jonathan Soros

### BIOGRAPHIES OF U.S. PROGRAMS BOARD MEMBERS

## Deepak Bhargava

Deepak Bhargava is the Executive Director of the Center for Community Change. For nearly four decades, the Center for Community Change has strengthened the leadership, voice and power of low-income communities nationwide to confront the vital issues of today and build the social movements of tomorrow.

Prior to his appointment as the Executive Director of the Center, Mr. Bhargava served as the Director of Public Policy. He also directed the Center's 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.

Prior to joining the Center, Mr. Bhargava was the Legislative Director at ACORN, where he gained broad experience in community reinvestment and housing finance issues.

Mr. Bhargava has been quoted widely on issues of poverty and social justice and has written on these issues for a range of publications, including *The New York Times*, The *Washington Post* and the *American Prospect*. He serves on the boards of The Applied Research Center, Center for Law and Social Policy, Discount Foundation, League of Education Voters and *The Nation* editorial board.

Born in Mysore, India, Mr Bhargava's family immigrated to the United States when he was a child. He grew up in New York City and graduated summa cum laude from Harvard University.

#### **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, Mr. 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; 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 3rd 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, Mallika 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.

Mallika 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, 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.

Mallika 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.

Mallika 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, entitled "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 twelve 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 fifteen 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 thirty-five 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 oped 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 forty 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.

# **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 about \$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 (OSI). Mr. Soros is a graduate of Harvard Law School and the John F. Kennedy School of Government. He received his B.A. from Weslevan University in 1992.

#### 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 (<a href="www.globalvoicesonline.org">www.globalvoicesonline.org</a>), an award-winning international community of webloggers and citizen journalists. Prior to his work with Berkman and Global Voices, Ethan founded Geekcorps, a volunteer organization which sent technology experts to work with ICT companies in the developing world. He is the former CTO of <a href="mailto:Tripod.com">Tripod.com</a>, 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 <a href="http://ethanzuckerman.com/blog">http://ethanzuckerman.com/blog</a>.