

This bulletin highlights the U.S. Programs' ongoing work, including upcoming events and announcements. For additional information, contact the Administrative Coordinator of the Executive Office of U.S. Programs, Michael Sosa: [msosa@sorosny.org](mailto:msosa@sorosny.org)

### USP Events/Reminders/Deadlines



Refer to the US Programs Calendar in OUTLOOK for a listing of Internal Events including trainings and staff meetings.

#### April 12th Docket Criminal Justice Fund (CJF), Democracy Fund (DF), and Strategic Opportunities Fund (SOF)

April 12th, from 3:30PM-5PM  
CJF, DF, and SOF will meet with Aryeh

#### May 10th Docket Equality and Opportunity Fund (EOF), Transparency Fund (TF), and OTHER (Executive Director and Chairman grants)

April 13th  
EOF, TF, and OTHER submit full docket write-ups to USP Executive Director for review and/or follow-up discussions

May 2nd  
Submit final dockets to Cristina Parnetti for consolidation



### USP Central Updates

Please refer to our [U.S. Programs Central Community Wiki Page](#) on KARL for updates, program information, and docket schedules for the entire year.

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- The next USP-all staff meeting will take place on **Tuesday, April 17th , from 12:15pm–2pm, in 3AB**. The Nonprofit Finance Fund (NFF) will present a “lessons learned” session from the Technical Assistance Initiative (TAI) to Strengthen Field and Grantee Capacity, the 18-month long initiative to build the financial health of 41 USP grantees. This initiative was developed at the request of the USP board as a response to the changed economic environment that grantees were facing.
- Please us join us in welcoming Meghan Beach, SOF’s temporary Program Associate, and Sara Greenberg, temporary NSHR Campaign Manager!

### Program News

The following are convenings, site visits, and conferences U.S. Programs is participating in or sponsoring. Please remember to submit any of the aforementioned to Michael Sosa ([msosa@sorosny.org](mailto:msosa@sorosny.org)) for inclusion in the USP Bulletin and in the US Programs Calendar.

#### Campaign for Black Male Achievement

April 2-6th	Rashid Shabazz will attend the National Coalition on Black Civic Participation Black Youth Vote Conference in Washington, D.C.
April 10th	Shawn Dove will attend a Young Men's Initiative Mentoring Session at City Hall in New York, NY.
April 16-17th	Rashid Shabazz will visit PolicyLink in Oakland, CA.
April 18th	Shawn Dove will speak at the College Board Advocacy & Policy Center and the Institute for Higher Education Policy (IHEP) Pathways to College Network convening at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C.
April 19-20th	Rashid Shabazz will attend the Black Executives Meeting hosted by the Knight Foundation in Miami, FL.
April 20th	Shawn Dove will attend the Black Executives Meeting hosted by the Knight Foundation in Miami, FL.
April 23rd	Shawn Dove will attend the Grantmakers for Education conference in New York, NY.
April 27th	Shawn Dove will attend the Association of Black Foundation Executives conference in Los Angeles, CA.

**Criminal Justice Fund**

April 10-11th Soros Justice Fellows Orientation

**Democracy Fund**

April 10-13th Nora Ranney and Heddy Nam will be on site visits in Austin and Houston, TX.

April 12-15th Bill Vandenberg will be attending the General Service Foundation Board meeting in Denver, CO.

April 24-25th Patricia Jerido will be attending Gamaliel Foundation's Fire of Faith Conference in Chicago, IL.

**Equality and Opportunity Fund**

April 2nd Luna Yasui and Archana Sahgal will speak at Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders in Philanthropy, hosted by the White House. Washington, DC.

April 3rd Archana Sahgal will conduct site visits with grantee partners, in Washington, DC

April 10-11th Luna Yasui, Shruti Garg, and Archana Sahgal will attend a Neighborhood Funders Group Policy Briefing: Workers' Rights & Economic Security, in Washington, D.C.

April 16-17th Archana Sahgal will attend the Four Freedoms Fund Steering Committee meeting in New York, NY.

April 19th Solomon Greene will attend the Greenlining Institute Housing Summit in Los Angeles, CA.

April 20th Luna Yasui will attend The Impact of Paid Sick Days on Jobs: What's the Real Story, at the Princeton Club of New York.

April 23-24th Solomon Greene will attend the Neighborhood Funders Group Board Meeting. Washington, DC.

April 24-27th Archana Sahgal will attend W.K. Kellogg Foundation's America Healing Conference 2012, in New Orleans, LA.



**OSI-Baltimore**

- April 5th OSI-Baltimore will host an event, *What Me a Racist? Unconscious Bias and How it Affects us All*, with Rachel Godsil of the American Values Institute and Alan Jenkins of the Opportunity Agenda.
- April 9th OSI-Baltimore Grants Committee meeting, from 10AM-2PM.
- April 11th OSI-Baltimore Leadership Council meeting, from 8:30AM-10AM
- April 12th Jane Sundius will attend a site visit at Great Kids Farm in Catonsville, Maryland.
- April 12th OSI-Baltimore's Criminal and Juvenile Justice program will host a forum : *The Right to Counsel at Bail Hearings*, the first event in a two-part forum series *The Burden of Bail: Will the right to counsel at bail hearings reduce the jail populations in Maryland?*
- April 12th OSI-Baltimore Governance Committee meeting, 2PM-3:30PM
- April 24th OSI-Baltimore Board meeting, from 12PM-2PM
- April 24-27th Monique Dixon will attend the America Healing Conference sponsored by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation in New Orleans, LA
- April 25th OSI-Baltimore Fellows gathering, 10AM-2PM

**Strategic Opportunities Fund**

- April 12th SOF will host a roundtable session in the New York office (10am to 2pm in conference room 3B) on *Advancing Racial Justice and Economic Equity in Native American Communities*
- April 12th Tim Dorsey will participate in a monthly conference call with funder colleagues related to the Supportive Schools Discipline Initiative, a joint effort of the federal Departments of Education and Justice.

**Strategic Opportunities (Continued)**

- April 24th Tim Dorsey will participate in a webinar on Safe Schools State Policy Research, coordinated by the State Equality Fund (an EOF grantee partner) and the Equality Federation.
- April 25th Tim Dorsey will conduct site visits with SOF grantee partners REACH LA and Cornerstone Theater Company and speak at Native Americans in Philanthropy's annual convening on a panel entitled Education for Sustainable Futures, in Los Angeles, CA.

**Transparency Fund**

- April 12-15th Lori McGlinchey will attend the Logan Symposium at the University of California at Berkeley.
- April 20-21th Lori McGlinchey will attend the International Journalism Symposium.
- April 24th Public Sphere working group will host "A Conversation on Cosmopolitanism" with Anthony Appiah and Elijah Anderson in conference room 3AB at OSI-NY.
- April 27-28th Lori McGlinchey will attend the New America Foundation dinner at the Newseum in Washington, D.C.

**PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Over the past few months, several staff have been inquiring about “basic” courses on philanthropy and grantmaking. Please click on this link <https://karl.soros.org/communities/u.s.-programs-central/files/administrative-resources/training-and-learning-opportunities/list-of-grantmaking-events.pdf/dl/List+of+Grantmaking+events.pdf> to view a few selected courses and workshops that can be useful to staff new to grantmaking and the foundation world, and to more seasoned staff who may want to deepen their knowledge and sharpen their skills (or just want a refresher).





**STAFF ADVISORY GROUP**

The US Programs Staff Advisory Group (SAG) is pleased to announce the names of its newest members. Susan Allen, Victoria Choong, Adam Culbreath, Raquiba LaBrie, and Jamie Wood have joined Hayley Roberts, Michael Franklin and Terrence Pitts as SAG members.

Special thanks to Chrissy Voight, Michael Sosa, Patricia Jerido, Nashay Jones and Laleh Ispahani who will complete their assignment with SAG at the end of April.

You can find a list with the names of all SAG members since 2010 in USP Central: <https://karl.soros.org/communities/u.s.-programs-central/files/other-resources/staff-advisory-group/list-of-all-sag-members.pdf/dl/List+of+all+SAG+members.pdf>

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