

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

USP Events/Reminders/Deadlines



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

Docket Schedule: Important Reminders	
Docket I (April 6th)	Criminal Justice Fund (CJF), Democracy Fund (DF), and Strategic Opportunities Fund (SOF)
March 1st	CJF, DF, and SOF submit draft docket write-ups to program director for review, feedback, and revision.
March 15th	CJF, DF, and SOF submit full docket write-ups to USP ED for review and/or follow-up discussions.
March 28th	CJF, DF, and SOF submit final completed docket to Grantmaking Operations for consolidation.
Docket II (May 10th)	Equality and Opportunity Fund (EOF), Transparency Fund (TF), and OTHER (Executive Director and Chairman grants)
March 15th	EOF, TF, and OTHER submit blurbs of grant recommendations to be considered for docket, to all USP staff.



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 USP-all staff meeting, scheduled for **Tuesday, March 13th, from 12:15pm–2pm, in 3AB**, is cancelled. Please make a note of this. More information on next month's all-staff will be forthcoming.
- Please us join us in welcoming the new CJF Program Associate Sarah Baker! Sarah joined the U.S. Programs team this past Monday, March 5th.

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) for inclusion in the USP Bulletin and in the US Programs Calendar.

Campaign for Black Male Achievement

March 1-3rd	Rashid Shabazz will attend the Black Alliance for Educational Options Annual Symposium, in Washington, D.C.
March 1st	Myisha Patterson-Gatson, along with colleagues from the Schott Foundation and Atlantic Philanthropies, will conduct site visits in New Orleans, LA.
March 5th	CBMA staff will attend the Opportunity Agenda's funders briefing on Rights and Opportunity in the Public Discourse, hosted by the Ford Foundation in New York, NY.
March 11- 13th	CBMA staff will attend the Equality and Opportunity Fund staff retreat at Mohonk Mountain House in NY.
March 15-17th	CBMA staff will attend Rumble Young Man Rumble II, a fatherhood and mentoring convening, sponsored by CBMA and hosted by the Muhammed Ali Center in Louisville, KY.
March 21- 23rd	Myisha Patterson-Gatson will attend the National Youth Employment Coalition Conference in San Diego, CA, where she will be speaking at a plenary session, entitled Creating and Promoting Opportunities for Minority Youth on March 23rd.
March 30th	Shawn Dove will attend a Leadership Training at Hostos Community College in New York, NY.



Criminal Justice Fund

- March 12-14th Luisa Taveras and Andy Ko will attend the Grantmakers for Effective Organizations' (GEO) annual conference in Seattle, WA.
- March 22nd Luisa Taveras will attend the Issues of Immigration in Criminal Justice Conference at John Jay College in NYC .
- March 28th Lenny Noisette will attend the Justice Roundtable Assembly at OSI-DC.
- March 29th Lenny Noisette will attend the Justice Initiative's board meeting at OSI-NY.
- March 29-30th Luisa Taveras will attend the American Bar Association's Criminal Justice Roundtable on Pretrial Detention in Austin, TX.

Democracy Fund

- March 5-6th Bill Vandenberg will attend the Committee on States convening in Chapel Hill, NC.
- March 12th Bill Vandenberg, Nora Ranney, and Heddy Nam will meet with the Center for Community Change, an USP anchor grantee, in Washington, D.C.
- March 22-23rd Patricia Jerido and Nashay Jones will conduct site visits in North Carolina.

National Security and Human Rights

- March 6 Nancy Chang and Emma Greer will attend a panel discussion at the Interfaith Center, entitled, "Privacy and Security in the Digital Age: Location Tracking and Fourth Amendment Concerns" in New York City.

OSI-Baltimore

- March 2nd Diana Morris will serve as a panelist for the “Why Women Give Philanthropically” session at Women of the World Baltimore conference, sponsored by the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, in Baltimore, MD.
- March 8th OSI-Baltimore Leadership Council meeting, between 8:30AM-1PM.
- March 11-14th Jane Sundius will attend the National Leadership Summit on School-Justice Partnerships: Keeping Kids in School and Out of Court and the Education Funder Strategy Group Spring 2012 quarterly meeting, both sponsored by The New York State Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children, in New York, NY.
- March 15th Baltimore Community Fellows Gathering, from 9AM-1PM.
- March 19th OSI-Baltimore Directors’ Retreat

Strategic Opportunities Fund

- March 5th Tim Dorsey will attend a [Funder Briefing on Rights and Opportunity in the Public Discourse](#), hosted by the Ford Foundation in collaboration with The Opportunity Agenda, the Open Society Foundations, and the Four Freedoms Fund of Public Interest Projects, in NY.
- March 11-13th Erlin Ibreck and Tim Dorsey will attend the [National Leadership Summit on School-Justice Partnerships: Keeping Kids in School and Out of Court](#) in New York, NY
- March 12-15th Tim Dorsey will attend the [Grantmakers for Effective Organizations’](#) (GEO) annual conference in Seattle, WA.
- March 22-25th SOF grantee partner Split This Rock will host the third biennial [Split This Rock Poetry Festival](#) from March 22-25, in Washington, DC.
- March 26th Erlin Ibreck will attend the Young Men’s Initiative Advisory Board Roundtable Discussion in New York, NY.
- March 26-28th Tim Dorsey, along with colleagues from the Kresge and Nathan Cummings Foundations, will conduct a joint funder site visit to SOF grantee Tucson Pima Arts Council (TPAC), in Tucson, AZ.
- March 29th Erlin Ibreck will attend an INSEAD reunion lunch at OSI-NY.

Transparency Fund





- March 6-7th Lori McGlinchey will attend the Truthiness in Digital Media Conference at the Berkman Center at Harvard University in Boston, MA.
- March 12-14th Tom Hilbink will attend the Grantmakers for Effective Organizations' (GEO) annual conference in Seattle, WA.
- March 12-16th Laleh Ispahani will attend the Center for Rights and Justice Conference in Istanbul, Turkey.

Grantmaking Operations

- March 12-14th Cristina Parnetti will attend the Grantmakers for Effective Organizations' (GEO) annual conference in Seattle, WA.



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