

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 for April 2011

April 15th	Equality and Opportunity Fund (EOF), Campaign for Black Male Achievement (CBMA), Transparency and Integrity Fund (TIF), National Security and Human Rights (NSHR), and OTHER (SSI and Board and Chairman Special Grants) submit final completed docket to coordinator for consolidation.
April 18th	EOF, CBMA, TIF, NSHR, and OTHER submit final completed dockets to Grantmaking Operation Administrative Coordinator, to submit to Aryeh Neier's office.
April 25th	EOF, CBMA, TIF, NSHR, and OTHER will have docket meetings with Aryeh Neier.



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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

April 1st	CBMA will visit Sony Music to discuss The Anthem Project.
April 9–10th	Shawn Dove will attend the Association of Black Foundation Executives' annual meeting and 40th year anniversary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
April 12–13th	Shawn Dove will attend the Council on Foundations Conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
April 28–29th	Shawn Dove will attend the Coalition of Schools Educating Boys of Color (COSEBOC) conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Criminal Justice

March 30th	Luisa Taveras will meet with Jim Bethke, Director of the Texas Task Force on Indigent Defense, in Austin, Texas.
March 31–April 2nd	Luisa Taveras will attend Detention Watch Network's 9th National Conference in Austin, Texas.
April 8–9th	William Johnston will attend the "Taking on the Challenges Facing Workers with Criminal Records" conference, sponsored by CJF grantees National Employment Law Project and Community Legal Services, in Washington, D.C.,
April 14–15th	CJF Retreat
April 18–19th	Soros Justice Fellowship orientation

Democracy and Power

- April 1st Patricia Jerido will visit the School of Creative Activism for a cultural session in North Carolina.
- April 4–5th Democracy and Power will attend the TEN Coalition Annual Conference in Washington, D.C.
- April 14–17th Bill Vandenberg will attend the Democracy Alliance Convening in Laguna Beach, California.
- April 20th Bill Vandenberg will speak at the Maine Initiative's Advisor's Dinner in Augusta, Maine.
- April 27–29th Bill Vandenberg will attend the General Service Foundation Board meeting in Denver, Colorado.

OSI-Baltimore

- April 11th OSI-Baltimore Grants Committee meeting.
- April 12th Education and Youth Development forum with Playworks.
- April 13th Jane Sundius will serve as a panelist on a webinar for the National Summer Learning Association.
- April 14th Education and Youth Development will host the monthly Student Attendance Collaborative meeting.
- April 14th Jane Sundius will attend the Juvenile Court and School Safety meeting.
- April 26th OSI-Baltimore Board meeting.
- April 27th Baltimore Community Fellows Luncheon.
- April 28th OSI-Baltimore Donor Appreciation event with Deepak Bhargava, Executive Director of the Center for Community Change, from 4:30-6:30 p.m.
- April 29th Leadership Council meeting, from 8:30-10:00 a.m.



Transparency and Integrity

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| April 4th | Laleh Ispahani will attend the NSHR Security and Rights Collaborative Pooled Fund Meeting. |
| April 8–10th | Lori McGlinchey and Laleh Ispahani will attend the Free Press' National Media Reform Conference in Boston, Massachusetts. |
| April 14–17th | Laleh Ispahani will attend the Democracy Alliance Meeting in Laguna Beach, California. |
| April 28th | Laleh Ispahani and Tom Hilbink will attend the Brennan Center Symposium on Accountability After Citizens United. |
| April 29th | Laleh Ispahani and Tom Hilbink will attend a debate on “electoral exceptionalism” at the Brennan Center. |

**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

- USP-all staff meeting will take place on **Tuesday, April 12th, from 12pm–2pm, in 3AB.**
- Minutes from the January and March 2011 Staff Advisory Group (SAG) meetings have been posted to USP Central.
- March dockets have been posted to USP Central.
- The material from the February 23–24, 2010 USP Board Retreat is now available on KARL.

If you have any questions about these or any other matter related to docket schedules and the like, please contact Fei Chin in Grantmaking Operations: fchin@sorosny.org.

TRAININGS

The following are off-site trainings sponsored by [Philanthropy New York](#). Currently Philanthropy New York has close to 300 member organizations, including the Open Society Foundations. Philanthropy New York offers many stimulating and educational programs (140 in 2009!) at no charge, and also publishes an online newsletter for keeping up to date on the local philanthropic community. Since OSF is an organizational member of Philanthropy New York, every OSF staff member is actually automatically an individual Philanthropy New York member at no charge.

To sign up to receive updates about events and trainings organized by Philanthropy New York, please contact OSF librarian Leigh Hallingby (lhallingby@sorosny.org).

[Using Financial Statements Together with IRS Form 990 to Understand Your Potential Grantees](#)
(webcast available) April 28, 8:30am - 11:00am, 79 fifth Avenue, 4th floor, NYC