

US PROGRAMS BULLETIN

February 2011

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 full listing of Internal Events including trainings and staff meetings.


- February 4th Criminal Justice Fund (CJF), Democracy and Power Fund (DPF), Strategic Opportunities Fund (SOF), and Special Fund for Poverty Alleviation (SFPA) submit draft docket write-ups to program director for review and feedback.
- February 8th USP All Staff Meeting. Rm. 3AB: Highlights of plans for 2011.
- February 23rd-24th USP Board Retreat, Wednesday and Thursday, at the New York Academy of Medicine, on Fifth Avenue and 103rd Street, in Manhattan.
- February 28th Equality and Opportunity Fund (EOF), Campaign For Black Male Achievement CBMA), Transparency and Integrity Fund (TIF), and National Security and Human Rights Campaign (NSHR) submit blurbs of grant recommendations to be considered for docket, to all USP staff.



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US Programs-Calendar 

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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 USP Bulletin and US Programs Calendar.

Criminal Justice Fund

- February 23-24th Luisa will be in Austin, Texas, visiting the Texas Criminal Justice Coalition and attending legislative sessions.
- February 25th Luisa will be attending the Defender Initiative Conference in Seattle, Washington.

Equality and Opportunity Fund

- February 3-4th Luna attended Creating Change conference, a national conference hosted annually by the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force (EOF anchor grantee).
- February 4th Solomon attended the NYU Furman Center’s roundtable discussion: Navigating Uncertain Waters: Mortgage Lending in the Wake of the Great Recession. (This is funded by the Neighborhood Stabilization Initiative)
- January 31- February 4th Archana traveled to Texas as part of the State Strategies Initiative (SSI) to gather data on anti-immigrant proposals.
- February 13-14th EOF will be away for its annual team retreat.
- February 22-25th Luna and Archana will be in San Francisco to participate in a Civil Marriage Collaborative meeting.
- February 25th EOF will be hosting a funders briefing for the Center for Community Change (in 3AB).
- February 28- March 4th Raquiba will be away at a Rockwood retreat.

Transparency and Integrity Fund

February 10th Tom will be in Washington, D.C. meeting with grantees.

February 16th Lori and Laleh will be attending Wired for Change conference.

Democracy and Power Fund

February 2-3rd Bill attended the Ballot Strategy Initiative Center Convening.

February 10-11th Bill and Patricia will be in North Carolina with Atlantic Philanthropies.

February 17-18th Patricia will be in New Orleans, Louisiana, at the Air Traffic Control Conference.

February 28- March 2nd Bill will be attending the Committee on States Meeting in Austin, Texas.

OSI-Baltimore

February 22nd The OSI-Baltimore Board will meet from 12:00-2:00 pm.

National Security and Human Rights

February 14th National Security and Human Rights Campaign will be co-sponsoring "Understanding Muslim America," a briefing at the Philanthropy New York.

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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.

Updated [USP staff list](#) → under “About US Programs” → “Team”

Updated [USP staff extensions quick reference](#) → under “About US Programs” → “Team”

[Ann’s 2010 end of the year reflections](#) → under “USP Operations” → “Communications from Executive Director”

[2011 Docket Schedule](#) → under “USP Docket Information”

[Staff Advisory Group minutes](#) from November and December 2010 → under “USP Operations” → “USP Staff Advisory Group”

[2011 docket I blurbs](#) → under “USP Docket Information” → “USP Dockets” → “2011”

Forget to email about an event or a last minute travel, don’t fret: the USP Bulletin will also be on the US Programs Central Community Wiki Page on KARL where it be available for updates. More information will be forthcoming.

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