



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 June 2011

June 6th	Equality and Opportunity Fund (EOF), Transparency and Integrity Fund (TIF), Democracy and Power Fund (D&P), and OTHER submit blurbs of grant recommendations to be considered for docket, to all USP staff.
June 8th	Criminal Justice Fund (CJF) and Strategic Opportunities Fund (SOF) submit full docket write-ups to Diana for review and/or follow-up discussions.
June 17th	CJF and SOF submit final completed docket to coordinator for consolidation.
June 20th	CJF and SOF submit final dockets to Aryeh's office.
June 24th	EOF, TIF, D&P, and OTHER submit draft docket write-ups to program director for review, feedback, and revision.
June 27th	CJF and SOF will have docket meetings with Aryeh Neier from 2:30PM-4:00PM.



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

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| June 8-10th | Hayley Roberts will attend the EPIP Professional Development Fund Gathering in New York, NY. |
| June 13th | Shawn Dove will give a speech at the Children's Defense Fund in Washington, D.C. |
| June 15th | CBMA will host a New York City Youth Funder's group meeting at OSF-NY. |
| June 16th | Rashid Shabazz will attend the Rada Film Group's An American Promise roundtable in New York, NY. |
| June 23-24th | Rashid Shabazz will attend the Alternate Roots conference. |



Criminal Justice Fund

- June 8th Lenny Noisette will meet with the National Legal Aid and Defender Association and attend the Smart on Crime Coalition briefing at the U.S. Capitol, in Washington, D.C.
- June 16th CJF will co-host a meeting at Atlantic Philanthropies with community-based organizations on challenging the NYPD's stop and frisk practices.
- June 21st CJF will co-host a meeting at OSF-NY with policy, legal, and research organizations on challenging the NYPD's stop and frisk practices.
- June 23-24th Lenny Noisette and Luisa Taveras will travel with Kirsten Levingston, of the Ford Foundation, to Harris County, in Houston, TX, to meet with several advocates, system stakeholders, and staff from the Arnold Foundation, to assess the progress of indigent defense reform in Harris County and throughout Texas.
- June 27th Adam Culbreath will attend a presentation/meeting with students and the New England public interest law program administrators at Northeastern Law School, in Boston, MA.

Democracy and Power Fund

- June 12-15th Bill Vandenberg will attend the Funders' Committee for Civic Participation convening in Portland, OR.
- June 16-20th Patricia Jerido will attend the Netroots Nation Conference in Minneapolis, MN.
- June 20-21st Bill Vandenberg will attend the Funders' Collaborative on Youth Organizing Board Meeting in New York, NY.



Equality and Opportunity Fund

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| June 5-6th | Archana Sahgal will attend the Four Freedoms Fund Donor Tour of the Southeast in Nashville, TN |
| June 6-9th | Luna Yasui will attend State Equality Fund and Civil Marriage Collaborative meetings, in Denver, CO. |
| June 12-17th | Raquiba LaBrie will attend the Rockwood Leadership Institute in Estes Park, CO. |
| June 12-15th | Archana Sahgal will attend the Funders' Committee for Civic Participation Spring Convening, in Portland, OR. |
| June 16th | Luna Yasui will hold a meeting at OSF-NY with colleague funders, Atlantic Philanthropies, Practitioners in Philanthropy, Wellspring Advisors, Public Welfare, Third Wave Foundation, about anti-bullying work and the school-to-prison pipeline. |
| June 20-21st | Luna Yasui will attend the Interfaith Worker Justice National Conference, in Chicago, IL. |
| June 21-25th | Solomon Greene will be in a series of meeting in Denver, CO. |



National Security and Human Rights Campaign

- June 16th NSHR will attend a meeting to discuss messaging strategies for countering anti-Muslim bigotry and building positive perceptions on Muslim Americans at the Rockefeller Philanthropy Advisors , in New York City.
- June 17th NSHR will hold a convening of immigration and privacy experts, “The Future is Now: A Cross-Disciplinary Dialogue on Confronting Secure Communities as the First Step in the FBI’s NGI Rollout,” at OSF-NY.

OSI-Baltimore

- June 7th OSI-Baltimore will host “Expanding Learning Beyond the School Year,” the first of its Learning About Learning series.
- June 7-8th Pamela King will attend Grantmaking for Effective Organizations conference.
- June 9th OSI-Baltimore Fellows’ gathering
- June 14th Diana Morris’ monthly radio commentary to air on WYPR 88.1 FM .
- June 15th Maria Archuleta will visit OSI-Baltimore to meet with staff and visit the Baltimore Urban Debate League.
- June 16th Monique Dixon will host a field meeting with OSI-Baltimore Fellows working in the fields of criminal and juvenile justice.
- June 20th OSI-Baltimore Grants Committee meeting
- June 24th Leadership Council meeting
- June 28th OSI-Baltimore Board meeting



Strategic Opportunities Fund

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| June 22–25th | Tim Dorsey and Erlin Ibreck will attend ROOTS Fest 2011 (organized by SOF grantee Alternate ROOTS) in Baltimore, MD. |
| June 23–26th | Tim Dorsey will attend the Allied Media Conference (organized by CBMA/SOF/TIF grantee Allied Media Projects) in Detroit, MI. |
| June 28–30th | Tim Dorsey will attend the National Rural Assembly in St. Paul, MN. |

Transparency and Integrity Fund

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| June 6-7th | Laleh Ispahani and Lori McGlinchey will attend the Personal Democracy Forum in New York City, NY. |
| June 13-15th | Laleh Ispahani and Tom Hilbink will attend the Funder's Committee for Civic Participation (FCCP) Conference in Portland, OR. |
| June 15-16th | Lori McGlinchey will attend the Grantmakers in Film and Electronic Media (GFEM) Board Meeting in New York City, NY. |
| June 16-18th | Laleh Ispahani will attend the American Constitution Society Annual Convention in Washington, D.C . |
| June 16-19th | Tom Hilbink will attend the National Institute on Money in State Politics (NIMSP) Flathead Conference in Montana . |
| June 20-22nd | Lori McGlinchey will attend the Games for Change event at NYU in New York City, NY. |
| June 22-24th | Lori McGlinchey will attend the MIT Knight Foundation Media Conference in Boston, MA. |
| June 23-24th | Laleh Ispahani and Tom Hilbink will attend the Justice at Stake (JAS) Summer Meeting in Washington, D.C. |



 **KARL**
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, June 14th, from 12pm–3pm, in 3AB**. This next staff meeting will be devoted to a workshop about “Linking Money to Mission – Critical Elements in Nonprofit Financial Health,” led by the Nonprofit Finance Fund (NFF). This workshop will engage participants in a discussion about nonprofit finance, including real-life case studies and interactive exercises to help staff develop a stronger understanding of their grantees’ current financial dynamics. It is expected that participants will be able to better understand grantees’ financial planning processes, underlying business models, and the full cost of providing healthy programming. The goal of this workshop is to help participants develop and use financial information to make more informed decisions about grantees. This workshop offers the insight, tools, and guidance needed to budget beyond annual operating results - for financial strength and organizational longevity.
- Minutes from May [SMT meetings](#) have been posted to USP Central.
- The [USP staff extensions list](#) has been updated.
- Please welcome to the US Programs team: Muzna Ansari, Program Associate with the Transparency and Integrity Fund.

If you have any questions or suggestions related to KARL , please contact Fei Chin in Grantmaking Operations: fchin@sorosny.org.

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RESOURCES

The following are online resources available to all OSF employees. Please take the time to review them for any information or questions you may have about the world of philanthropy.

[Chronicle of Philanthropy](#)

Probably the most important periodical in the philanthropy field. Published biweekly, Chronicle of Philanthropy's website is accessible via the OSF IP range and thus available from OSF staff computers without the requirement of a user name or password. Click on any of the news updates or articles to display the full text.

[Council on Foundations](#)

Provides its members, including OSF, with the products and services they need, including research, networking opportunities, legal expertise, and more.

All OSF staff are entitled to access both the open and the protected parts of the COF website at no charge. There are 2 ways to do this. One is to send an email to COF's Director of Membership, Keith J. Greene at keith.greene@cof.org and ask him to add you to the COF database. The other, which has the blessing of Mr. Greene, is to use Leigh Hallingby's login:

Login: lhallingby@sorosny.org password: soros123

[Foundation Directory Online Professional](#)

Provides the most accurate information available on U.S. philanthropy in two databases: Grantmakers and Grants. Included are over 100,000 grantmaking institutions in the U.S.; over 2.2 million recently awarded grants; over 650,000 recently filed Forms 990 and 990-PF -- all keyword-searchable; and more than 500,000 decision-makers.

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User name: opensociety Password: soros



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[Philanthropy In/Sight](#) (NEW RESOURCE)

In/Sight combines the Foundation Center's rich data on grantmakers and their grants with Google maps technology. Choosing from a wide range of customization options, users can quickly create maps that reveal patterns of giving and funding relationships as never before. Plus, users can overlay grant data with their choice of over 150 demographic, socio-economic, and other data sets to create compelling visual portraits showing where philanthropy has made an impact and where opportunities exist to fill critical needs.

These and the other online resources available through the OSF Library are described on [KARL](#). If you have any comments or questions, please be sure to contact Leigh Hallingby: lhalingby@sorosny.org