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U.S. Programs Bulletin
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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 March 2011

March 4th	Criminal Justice Fund (CJF), Democracy and Power Fund (D&P), Strategic Opportunity Fund (SOF), and Special Fund for Poverty Alleviation (SFPA) submit final completed docket to coordinator for consolidation.
March 7th	Criminal Justice Fund (CJF), Democracy and Power Fund (D&P), Strategic Opportunity Fund (SOF), and Special Fund for Poverty Alleviation (SFPA) submit dockets to Grantmaking Operation Administrative Coordinator, to submit to Aryeh Neier's office.
March 11th	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 draft docket write-ups to program director for review and feedback.
March 23rd	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 full docket write-ups to program director and Ann for review and/or follow-up discussions.

Not sure how to add the US Programs Calendar in OUTLOOK ?

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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 US Programs Calendar.

Democracy and Power

March 10–11th	Bill Vandenberg will attend Social Justice Infrastructure Funders Meeting in New York City.
March 13–17th	Patricia Jerido will conduct site visits in North Carolina.
March 21–22th	Bill Vandenberg will attend Funders' Committee for Civic Participation (FCCP) Steering Committee Meeting in New York City.
March 22–23th	Cristobal Alex will attend Non Profit Voter Engagement Network Meeting at the Pocantico Center in Tarrytown, New York.

Equality and Opportunity

March 7–March 9th	Solomon Greene will attend Access to Justice Initiative meeting on research and evaluation of foreclosure mediation programs in Washington, D.C.
March 9th	Luna Yasui will attend Neighborhood Funders Group Strategy Session in Washington, D.C.
March 14–15th	Luna Yasui will attend NCTE Policy Conference in Washington, D.C.
March 24–25th	Solomon Greene will conduct site visit to Atlanta, GA, with the Special Fund for Poverty Alleviation, to visit the Atlanta Civic Site, of the Annie E. Casey Foundation.
March 28–29th	Solomon Greene will attend National Low-Income Housing Conference in Washington, D.C.

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National Security and Human Rights

March 3rd	Sophia Conroy will attend U.S. Human Rights Fund Steering Committee meeting in New York City.
March 18th	Sophia Conroy will attend the Intelligence Collection and Law Enforcement: New Roles, New Challenges Conference at the Brennan Center.
March 29–31st	Nancy Chang and Sophia Conroy will attend the International Human Rights Funders Group's and Peace and Security Funders Group's 2011 Federal Policy Briefing: Advancing Peace, Security, and Human Rights, in Washington, D.C.

OSI-Baltimore

March 1st	CBMA visits Baltimore, Maryland.
March 3rd	Jane Sundius will attend the Education Funder Strategy Group Quarterly Meeting in Washington, D.C.
March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st	Monique Dixon will attend weekly meetings of the Alliance to Stop the Youth Jail.
March 4th	Monique Dixon will host the OSI-Baltimore pre-trial detention and services reform work group meeting.
March 10th	Jane Sundius will host the Attendance Collaborative meeting.
March 13–5th	Debra Rubino will present at the Community Arts Convening & Research Project at the Maryland Institute College of Art.
March 21st	Deadline for Baltimore Community Fellows applications.
March 22nd	Leadership Council meeting with Bebe Verdery, of the ACLU of Maryland, from 8:30-10:00 a.m.
March 24th	Monique Dixon will attend the Baltimore Grassroots Criminal Justice Advocates Network meeting.

Transparency and Integrity

March 7–8th	Lori McGlinchey will attend the Committee on Concerned Journalists meeting.
March 9–10th	Tom Hilbink and Laleh Ispahani will be in Washington, D.C. meeting with grantees.

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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.*

DOCKETS

Equality and Opportunity Fund (EOF) and Transparency and Integrity Fund (TIF) Docket I blurbs are now available on the U.S. programs page of KARL under 2011 Docket Blurbs.

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 Halling (lhalling @sorosny.org).

What to Look for in a Nonprofit's Financial Statements, Parts I & II (webcast available) March 29 - 31, 8:30am - 12:00pm, 79 fifth Avenue, 4th floor, NYC

IRS Form 990: A Closer Look to Understand Your Potential Grantees (webcast available) April 6, 8:30 am - 11:00 am, 79 fifth Avenue, 4th floor, NYC

The training on **Fiscal Sponsorship** will be held on **Tuesday, March, 29th, from 1pm-2:30pm, in conference room 3AB**.

Deputy General Counsel Kay Murray will conduct a training on the topic of Fiscal Sponsorship. This training will review when the use of fiscal sponsorship is appropriate, focusing on how to correctly set up fiscal sponsorship arrangements, and discuss the rules and regulations for fiscal agents and sponsors as they relate to private foundations. There will be a portion devoted to answering participant questions.

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