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BIOGRAPHIES OF PANELISTS



Nathalie Applewhite, Managing Director, Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting

Nathalie is Managing Director of the Pulitzer Center, a non-profit journalism organization dedicated to promoting in-depth engagement with global affairs through support for international journalism across all media platforms and an innovative program of outreach and education. Nathalie joined the Pulitzer Center in 2006, shortly after its founding, and has played a key role in the development of the Center's model and approach towards international journalism initiatives, multimedia productions, and educational outreach. She won an Emmy Award for her work on LiveHopeLove.com, a multi-media site about stigma and HIV in Jamaica. Prior to joining the Center, Nathalie worked as an independent documentary producer, director, and editor, as a consultant for the Executive Office of the Secretary General at the UN, and as a project manager and media specialist for the University of Pennsylvania. Nathalie's award-winning film *Picture Me an Enemy* (2002), about two young women from the former Yugoslavia, was screened nationally and internationally in film festivals and universities. She holds a Master's degree in International Affairs from the School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA) at Columbia University, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Visual Anthropology from Temple University.



Louis Bickford, Program Officer, Global Human Rights Program, Ford Foundation

Prior to joining the Ford Foundation in 2012, Louis served on the Executive Leadership team at the Robert F. Kennedy Center for Justice and Human Rights. Previously, Louis was a founding staff member and director of the Policymakers and Civil Society unit at the International Center for Transitional Justice, where he developed the organization's capacity-building and training programs, managed programs in Burma, Mexico, and Nigeria, and launched a global network of human rights documentation centers and exchanges on truth commissions. In addition, he has worked as a consultant for the Oak Foundation and the United Nations Development Program, among others. He received a Doctorate from McGill University and a Master's degree from the New School, both in political science.



Nicole Bidegain, Executive Committee Member, Development Alternatives for Women in a New Era (DAWN)

Nicole Bidegain Ponte is an Uruguayan feminist activist and sociologist and a member of the Executive Committee of (DAWN) since 2012. She engages in advocacy and provides training at the global level and analyses on the political economy of globalization. She represents DAWN in the Righting Finance Initiative, as well as in the Women's Major Group on Sustainable Development. As part of her global advocacy work, she follows the Post-2015 Development Agenda debates and negotiations. Previously, she worked in various regional and global networks, including Latin American and Caribbean Youth for Sexual and Reproductive Rights, Social Watch, the International Council for Adult Education, and the Center for Interdisciplinary Studies for

Development in Uruguay. Nicole is the author of and contributor to several publications on gender and trade, education, care economy, gender impact of waste management, and gender mainstreaming in public policies. She holds a Masters degree in Contemporary Latin American Studies jointly developed by the *Universidad Complutense de Madrid* and the *Universidad de la República*, Uruguay.



Noeline Blackwell, Director-General, Free Legal Advice Centers

Since 2005, Noeline Blackwell has been Director-General of Free Legal Advice Centres (FLAC), an Irish human rights NGO focused on access to justice. Noeline oversees all of FLAC's work, which includes promoting the general right of access to law, to lawyers and to fair redress systems, as well as running her own strategic litigation case load.

FLAC developed the Public Interest Law Alliance (PILA) in 2009, which has successfully broadened the scope for Irish lawyers and social justice NGOs to use law and litigation in the public interest. She is a board member of the Immigrant Council of Ireland and Front Line Defenders, and Vice-President of FIDH (International Federation for Human Rights). She is an adjunct professor at the School of Law and Government of Dublin City University and was awarded an honorary Doctor of Laws by University College-Dublin. FLAC supports the European PILnet (the Global Network for Public Interest Law) and Noeline was a speaker at the opening session of the PILnet conference in Madrid in 2012.



Roberto Borrero, UN Programs Coordinator, International Indian Treaty Council

An artist, historian, musician, writer, and advocate, Roberto "Mukaro" Borrero (Taino) offers a broad range of experience with particular expertise in Caribbean and other Indigenous Peoples issues. His unique perspective draws from his ancestral heritage, mentorship from indigenous elders from around the world, and real world experience in the arts, as well as human rights and environmental advocacy. Roberto was a

former radio host and producer for WBAI Pacifica Radio's *Circle of Red Nations*, with over a decade of experience as Senior Programs Coordinator for Public Programs in the Education Department of the American Museum of Natural History. A cultural consultant and advisor, Roberto has shared his expertise in various capacities within the United Nations system, as well as with non-profit and for-profit entities such as PBS, BBC, the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of the American Indian, the Institute for American Indian Studies, the Aveda Corporation, Tribal Link Foundation, El Museo de Barrio, Natural Resources Stewardship Circle, and the International Indian Treaty Council, among others.



Michelle Brane, Director of Migrant Rights and Justice, Women's Refugee Commission

As Director of the Migrant Rights and Justice program at the Women's Refugee Commission, Michelle advocates for the critical protection needs of immigrant women, children and other vulnerable migrant populations in the United States. She authored the 2007 Women's Refugee Commission landmark report on family detention, *Locking Up Family Values* and the 2009 report on unaccompanied migrant children, *Halfway*

Home, and is the senior editor of all the Detention and Asylum Program's reports. Previously, as an attorney advisor with the Department of Justice Board of Immigration Appeals, she specialized in asylum cases. In her service as a labor negotiator at the National Treasury Employees Union (NTEU), she represented Customs and Border Protection (CBP) agents among her clients. While at Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service, she developed and coordinated the Detained Torture Survivor Legal Support Network, the Legal Orientation Program and was Director of the Access to Justice Unit. She has also worked as a Human Rights Officer with the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe in Bosnia, where she also served as Head of the Sarajevo Field Office. Michelle holds a Bachelor of Arts from

the University of Michigan, a Juris Doctor from Georgetown University and is a member of the New York bar.



Julie Broome, Director of Programmes, Sigrid Rausing Trust

Julie Broome is Director of Programmes. She has worked at the Trust in a number of capacities, most recently Head of Human Rights, before becoming Director of Programmes. Prior to joining the Trust she was Programme Director at the CEELI Institute in Prague, where she was responsible for conducting rule of law-related trainings for judges and lawyers from countries undergoing transition. Previously, she was a Programme Manager for Central and Eastern Europe with the American Bar Association's Rule of Law Initiative, and a Programme Associate at the Henry M Jackson Foundation in Seattle. Julie holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Sarah Lawrence College, a Master's degree in International Studies from the University of Washington, and a Master's degree in International Human Rights Law from the University of Essex.



Lesley Carson, Program Director of International Human Rights, Wellspring Advisors

Lesley Carson has directed the International Human Rights Program at Wellspring Advisors, a philanthropic consulting firm, since 2007. She provides strategic direction on work in four thematic areas: human rights in the global economy, disability, human rights defenders, and accountability. Lesley also serves on the steering committee of the International Human Rights Funders Group. Lesley has over 20 years of experience in international public service, field experience in Africa, Asia, Latin America, and Europe, and policy- and grant-making experience in the United States. For six years, she was Founding Director of Forefront, an advocacy, training, and protection network of frontline human rights defenders from around the world. She has also worked for Amnesty International USA and served on the Foreign Operations Subcommittee of the Appropriations Committee with U.S. Senator Patrick Leahy. She taught a course on the role of civil society in human rights at New York University and speaks Spanish. She has a Master of International Affairs degree from Columbia University and a Bachelor of Arts degree from Harvard University.



Neil Crowther, Director, The Thomas Paine Initiative, Global Dialogue

Neil Crowther is Director of The Thomas Paine Initiative, a funders' collaborative which aims to build stronger support for the values underpinning the European Convention on Human Rights in the United Kingdom. He is also an independent consultant working with government and non-governmental organizations in the UK and internationally to implement human rights, particularly focusing on the rights of persons with disabilities. In this capacity, he acted as adviser to the UK's Joint Parliamentary Committee on Human Rights' inquiry into the rights of disabled people to live independently, has researched and written reports on behalf of the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights, the European Commission, the Commonwealth Secretariat and Inclusion International and led research by University College London into the integration of equality bodies and national human rights institutions within the European Union. He is presently developing a manual for national human rights institutions on their role in promoting, protecting and monitoring the rights of persons with disabilities. He previously held the posts of Director of the Human Rights Programme and Director of Disability Rights at the British Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC). Prior to joining the EHRC, he was Head of Policy at the Disability Rights Commission.



Christen Dobson, Research and Policy Program Director, IHRFG

Prior to joining IHRFG, Christen was a consultant with the Social Science Research Council's Gender and Security program. Christen has also worked with UNIFEM's End Violence against Women Program, Safe Horizon's Anti-Trafficking Program and Global Youth Connect. She has volunteered with Cambodian NGO Khemara, The Project to End Human Trafficking, and the U.S. National Committee for UNIFEM. Christen holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in International Studies and Japanese from Mount Union College and a Master of Arts degree in International Affairs with a concentration in human rights from the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University in New York.

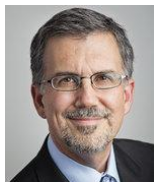
Heidi Dorow, Senior Program Officer, Wellspring Advisors

Heidi Dorow is a senior program officer at Wellspring Advisors in the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Program. Before joining Wellspring, she was a consultant specializing on human rights issues in the United States working with groups such as the Ford Foundation, the United States Human Rights Network, the Sex Worker Project of the Urban Justice Center, the Center for Economic and Social Rights, the Women's Institute for Leadership Development, and the International Network for Economic, Social and Cultural Rights. She was Director of the Human Rights Project of the Urban Justice Center for four years and has also worked for the Coalition for the Homeless and the AFL-CIO. While at the Urban Justice Center, Heidi coordinated several human rights campaigns and reports, all of which sought to combat New York City's efforts to restrict access to welfare and food stamp benefits for the poor. She is a graduate of Hampshire College and was a Revson Fellow at Columbia University.



Jeanne Elone, Director, International Criminal Justice Fund, TrustAfrica

Jeanne Elone is Director of the International Criminal Justice fund, which aims to combat impunity and build African capacity to address atrocity crimes. Previously, Jeanne coordinated research on North African civil society, examining the role of civil society in the political transformations that shook the region in 2011, as well as analyzing the legal and regulatory environment in which these groups operate. Jeanne has lived in Cameroon, Burkina Faso, France, and the United States, working on a range of issues from human rights to development finance. She studied at Columbia University in New York, the National Institute for Political Science in Paris, and Johns Hopkins University's School for Advanced International Studies in Washington, D.C. She is bilingual in French and English.



David Fathi, Director, ACLU National Prison Project

David C. Fathi is Director of the American Civil Liberties Union National Prison Project, which brings challenges to conditions of confinement in prisons, jails, and other detention facilities, and works to end the policies that have given the United States the highest incarceration rate in the world. He worked as a staff lawyer at the Project for more than ten years before becoming director in 2010, and has special expertise in challenging "supermax" prisons, where prisoners are held for months or years at a time in conditions of near-total isolation. David was Director of the United States Program at Human Rights Watch, which works to defend the rights of particularly vulnerable groups in the United States, and which has published groundbreaking reports on the death penalty, prison conditions, racial discrimination, the rights of immigrants, and many other human rights issues. David has lectured nationally and internationally on criminal justice issues. His op-eds have appeared in the Los Angeles Times, Chicago Tribune, Houston Chronicle, and other major media outlets. He is a graduate of the University of Washington and the Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley.



James Goldston, Executive Director, Open Society Justice Initiative

James Goldston is Executive Director of the Open Society Justice Initiative, which advances the rule of law and legal protection of rights worldwide through advocacy, litigation, research, and the promotion of legal capacity. A leading practitioner of international human rights and criminal law, Goldston has litigated several groundbreaking cases before the European Court of Human Rights and United Nations treaty bodies, including on issues of torture, counterterrorism, and racial discrimination. He served as coordinator of prosecutions and senior trial attorney in the Office of the Prosecutor at the International Criminal Court. Prior to Open Society, Goldston was the legal director of the Budapest-based European Roma Rights Centre; Director General for Human Rights of the Mission to Bosnia-Herzegovina of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe; and Prosecutor in the Office of the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, where he focused on organized crime. Goldston graduated from Columbia College and Harvard Law School and has taught at Columbia Law School and Central European University.



Anthony Graves, Director, Anthony Graves Foundation

Anthony Graves is known by many as death row exoneree 138. But he is known by those close to him as a loving son, brother, father and friend taken away from them at a young age. Anthony lost 18 and a half years of his life when he was wrongly convicted of a brutal crime and incarcerated in Texas prisons, 16 of those years in solitary confinement, 12 on death row, with 2 execution dates. Ultimately, perseverance, faith and the tireless work of The Innocence Network and others on Anthony's team, put enough pressure on the system and Anthony was proven innocent. Today Anthony is an accomplished motivational speaker; community advocate; consultant and investigator in both the legal and criminal justice systems; a presenter at Continuing Legal Education workshops on ethics; a prominent activist with the ACLU; and serves on the Board of The Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty. He has launched the Anthony Graves Foundation to inspire at-risk youth whose parents have been incarcerated and to provide fair pre-trial investigation in capital cases. Anthony's story has been featured on two cover stories of Texas Monthly and in the CBS 48 Hour Mystery special "Grave Injustice" - which won the prestigious Emmy Award.



Julia Greenberg, Consultant, The Fremont Center

Julia Greenberg has been working on HIV/AIDS, human rights, and community development for over a decade. She currently works with The Fremont Center, a consulting partnership providing services for a range of organizations and foundations engaged in advancing a progressive response to the global AIDS crisis. As Associate Director of AIDS-Free World, she spearheaded advocacy and strategic litigation efforts to combat the homophobia and discriminatory laws fueling the epidemic in Jamaica and led a successful campaign to demand that the UN establish a new international agency for women. As Director of the Grants Department at American Jewish World Service (AJWS), she developed a program that provided small grants to 350 community organizations in Africa, Asia and Latin America. She is the currently Co-Chair of the Board of CHAMP (Community HIV/AIDS Mobilization project), a national network building a community-based movement bridging HIV/AIDS, human rights, and struggles for social, racial, and economic justice in the United States. She is also a member of the Program Committee of WJFF Radio, a community-run, hydro-powered radio station in Sullivan County, New York.



Matthew Hart, Principle, The Lafayette Practice

Matthew Hart is Funders Concerned About Aids' (FCAA) Senior Strategist for Europe and is the founder and Principle of the Paris-based Lafayette Practice, a philanthropic

management and advisory firm. Matthew's philanthropic leadership is exemplified by his role as President of the Board of Directors of the Calamus Foundation, and a Board member of Funders for LGBTQ Issues. Matthew consults widely with foundations and individual philanthropists to advance LGBT equity and human rights. He is known for founding Spiral Q, Philadelphia's nationally acclaimed nonprofit cultural organization. Matthew served as Founding Executive Director of the Spiral Q for eight years, founding numerous citywide events that continue to this day. While in Philadelphia, Matthew served as a member of the community funding board of the Bread & Roses Fund, the Philadelphia Cultural Fund, PHILAGRAFIKA, the Sustainable Business Network, and The Leeway Foundation for Women and the Arts and other regional foundation Boards.



Henderson Hill, Executive Director of 8th Amendment Project

Henderson Hill is Executive Director of 8th Amendment Project, the national campaign to end the death penalty in America. A proven and respected leader in the legal field, Henderson brings more than two decades of experience in capital defense and civil rights litigation and advocacy. His leadership and advocacy includes not only organizing against racial disparities in the criminal justice system in North Carolina, but advising and supporting groups around the country working at the nexus of human rights, civil rights and criminal justice. Most recently, Henderson served as Executive Director of Federal Defenders of Western North Carolina, where he led a team providing representation for indigent defendants to ensure that justice was administered on a fair and equal basis.



Annie Hillar, Learning and Evaluation Specialist, Mama Cash

Annie is Learning and Evaluation Specialist at Mama Cash. Her role is to develop planning, monitoring and assessment tools for organization-wide learning, decision-making and accountability. Annie was Director of Programmes at Mama Cash, overseeing the grantmaking team and a budget that grew from 2.5 million euros to 5.3 million euros within four years. Annie has also worked as a consultant to various foundations, local women's NGOs and women's funds in Central and Eastern Europe in strategic fundraising and evaluation. She held a number of programmatic positions at the Global Fund for Women over a period of six years. Her responsibilities included Interim Programme Team Co-Leader, and Senior Programme Officer for Europe and the Commonwealth of Independent States and the Middle East and North Africa. She holds a Master's degree in social anthropology from Central European University, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Romance Languages from the University of Chicago.



Ruby Johnson, Co-Coordinator, FRIDA | The Young Feminist Fund

Ruby Johnson is a young feminist activist from Sydney, Australia. She is currently based in Oaxaca, Mexico, where she works as FRIDA | The Young Feminist Fund's Co-Coordinator. Ruby spent two years working in Cambodia with UN Women in the area of governance, CEDAW and women's human rights, in particular supporting young Cambodian women's leadership and advocacy. Ruby also worked with Amnesty International in Australia for three and a half years in human rights activism, organizing and campaigning. Prior to joining FRIDA, Ruby coordinated a program on eliminating avoidable blindness in Cambodia and Palestine and led the design of a gender strategy at the Fred Hollows Foundation. Ruby has also spent time working in remote indigenous communities in Australia and Mexico alongside women's collectives, working on women's human rights and social change. She holds a Masters in International and Community Development focused in Gender from Deakin University, Australia and a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies from the University of New South Wales, Australia.



Ralf Jurgens, Director of Programs, Public Health Programs, Open Society Foundations

Ralf Jurgens is Director of Programs at the Open Society Public Health Program, providing oversight to strategy development and implementation, including designing and implementing tools and task teams in order to guide ongoing efforts and learning processes, and to ensure day-to-day management of tasks. Before his current role, he was Director of Law and Health Initiative in Public Health Programs where he oversaw work on using legal strategies to advance the health and human rights of marginalized and vulnerable people. Prior to joining the Open Society Foundations in 2012, Ralf co-founded and served as executive director of the Canadian HIV/AIDS Legal Network. He has consulted on health policy and human rights for the International HIV/AIDS Alliance, the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, TB and Malaria, the World Health Organization, and the International Affairs Directorate of Health Canada. Ralf is a member of the UNAIDS Reference Group on HIV and Human Rights, and of the World Health Organization's Strategic and Technical Advisory Committee for HIV/AIDS. He is the recipient of the International Rolleston Award and the Award for Action on HIV/AIDS and Human Rights. Ralf has a Master's degree in Law from McGill University and a Doctorate in Law from the University of Munich.



Natalia Karbowska, Board Chair, Ukrainian Women's Fund

Natalia has been working in the area of civil society development and women's rights, first as Women's Program Director of the Open Society Institute in Ukraine, then as Director of Women's Economic Empowerment Project at Winrock International and presently as Deputy Director of the *Healthy Women of Ukraine* Program. Natalia is a Board Chair of the Ukrainian Women's Fund – the only women's fund in Ukraine. Under her leadership the Fund has provided more than 1.5 million USD in grants to women's rights NGOs in Ukraine and neighboring countries, including Moldova and Belarus. Natalia holds a Master's degree in Economics and a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Science. She has represented Ukraine in many international conferences and has participated in many training programs. Natalia is an advisor of the Global Fund for Women, Board member of International Gender Policy Network and International Network of Women's Funds. She is also a member of the gender council of the Ministry of Social Policy of Ukraine.



Surina Khan, Interim Director, Democratic and Accountable Government, Ford Foundation

Surina Khan is interim director of Ford Foundation's work in democratic participation, where she oversees three grantmaking initiatives focused on increasing civic and political participation, promoting electoral reform and democratic participation, and promoting transparent, effective and accountable government. She previously directed Ford Foundation's work on LGBT rights, women's rights and HIV/AIDS, and comes to her work with more than two decades of experience in the social justice sector. Before joining the foundation, Surina served as Vice President of Programs for the Women's Foundation of California, providing strategic direction for grantmaking, strengthening the organizational effectiveness of social justice organizations and overseeing the Women's Policy Institute, a policy advocacy training program for community-based leaders. She previously served as Executive Director of the International Gay and Lesbian Human Rights Commission, where she worked to advance the human rights of LGBT people and help people living with HIV/AIDS worldwide utilize human rights legal instruments. Surina has also worked as a research analyst for Political Research Associates, conducting groundbreaking research on the ex-gay movement and the anti-LGBT religious right. Surina was the 2010 Regents' Lecturer in the Community Studies Department at the University of California, Santa Cruz.



Devi Leiper O'Malley, Co-Coordinator, FRIDA-Young Feminist Fund

Devi Leiper O'Malley is a young feminist activist from Cambodia and the United States. For three years, she worked for the Asia Pacific program at the Global Fund For Women. During this time, she also co-founded the Devata Giving Circle, the first Cambodian-American giving circle, and continues to support their online communication. Prior to this, Devi supported the start-up of the Women's Organization and Network for Human Rights Advocacy (WONETHA), the first sex-worker led organization in Uganda. She holds a Master's in International Development and Management from Lund University in Sweden and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Politics and International Relations from the University of Manchester in the United Kingdom. Prior to joining FRIDA, she consulted for various global and local institutions to organize initiatives on movement-building, resource mobilization, and community building.



James Logan, Programme Officer, International Human Rights, Oak Foundation

James coordinates Oak Foundation's work to end impunity for international crimes and to support human rights defenders through the dissemination of new tools and tactics. His work is informed by his experience at Amnesty International where he was a country specialist on Turkey and where he conducted research and led campaigns against torture and disappearances and for the protection of human rights activists. He has also previously worked as external advisor to companies seeking to develop and implement human rights policies. James holds a Master's degree in Public International Law with Distinction from the School of Oriental and African Studies and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Turkish and Arabic from Oxford University. He is a proud member of the IHRFG's Steering Committee and the Chair of the Thomas Paine Initiative, a donor collaborative seeking to promote positive attitudes towards human rights in the United Kingdom.



Gilbert Marcus, Legal Specialist, Human Rights and Constitutional Law (South Africa)

Gilbert Marcus is a senior counsel practicing at the Johannesburg Bar. He is a specialist in Human Rights and Constitutional Law and has appeared in numerous cases in the Constitutional Court. These cases include the successful challenge to the death penalty, the striking down of laws criminalizing gay sex, and compelling the government to provide antiretroviral drugs to pregnant women living with HIV. He was also counsel in several major political trials prior to the transition to democracy. He has done missions for Amnesty International. Gilbert is an honorary Professor of Law at the University of the Witwatersrand and has published widely. He serves on the editorial boards of The South African Journal on Human Rights and the South African Law Journal. He is the co-author (with Steven Budlender) of *A Strategic Evaluation of Public Interest Litigation in South Africa* published by Atlantic Philanthropies. Gilbert holds a Master's degree in Law from University of Cambridge and a Bachelor of Laws degree from University of Witwatersrand.



David Mattingly, Vice President for Programs, Fund for Global Human Rights

As Vice President for Programs for the Fund for Global Human Rights, David is responsible for oversight, coordination, and integration of human rights grantmaking in six regions around the world. Since joining the Fund, David has managed grants programs for frontline groups based in Latin America, North Africa, and West Africa; coordinated an initiative to strengthen the capacity of Mexican activists to promote public policies that expand human rights protections; and developed the Fund's grantmaking strategy to challenge rights abuses related to sexual orientation and gender identity. After earning a Bachelor of Arts in International Development

from American University, David monitored the human rights situation in indigenous communities in Chiapas, Mexico. Prior to joining the Fund, David worked at the Moriah Fund, where he helped manage grantmaking programs promoting indigenous rights in Guatemala, environmental justice, and women's rights and reproductive health. David serves on the Board of Directors of the Center for International Environmental Law.



Megan McCracken, Eighth Amendment Resource Counsel

Megan McCracken is the Eighth Amendment Resource Counsel with the University of California Berkeley School of Law's Death Penalty Clinic. She provides litigation support and expert consultation to attorneys who are challenging lethal injection practices.

Megan was formerly an assistant federal defender in the Capita Habeas Unit of the Federal Community Defender in Philadelphia. She graduated from NYU School of Law, where she was awarded the Ann Petluck Poses prize for outstanding advocacy on behalf of clinical clients.



Sara Mersha, Director of Grantmaking and Advocacy, Grassroots International

As Director of Grantmaking and Advocacy at Grassroots International, Sara works to build and maintain long-term relationships with partner organizations and social movements led by peasants, indigenous peoples, women, and youth in the Global South. Sara also coordinates Grassroots' advocacy work, collaborating with other United States allies as part of the US Food Sovereignty Alliance and the Climate Justice Alliance. She is a member of the Planning Committee of the Movement Generation Justice and Ecology Project. Born in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, Sara has spent the majority of her life in the United States and brings years of experience connecting local community organizing (such as with Direct Action for Rights & Equality in Providence, RI) with broader movement building efforts. Sara served as Visiting Faculty in the Ethnic Studies Department of Brown University, and entered a graduate program at Brown's Center for Environmental Studies. Since then, she has focused her academic and movement-building work on climate justice and food sovereignty.



David Moore, Vice President of Legal Affairs, International Center for Not-for-Profit Law

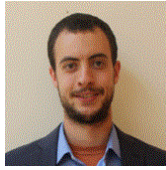
David Moore is Vice President of Legal Affairs with the International Center for Not-for-Profit Law (ICNL). On behalf of ICNL, David manages several of ICNL's global programs, enabling ICNL to monitor developments worldwide and respond flexibly. David has supported civil society legal reform in a diverse range of contexts, including in Africa (e.g., Malawi, Mauritius, Sierra Leone, South Sudan, Uganda, Zambia, and Zimbabwe), in Asia (e.g., Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Myanmar, Pakistan, and Vietnam), and in Europe and Eurasia (e.g., Bulgaria, Croatia, Hungary, Moldova, Russia, and Turkey). David has published extensively on issues of civil society law, and has served as a trainer on civil society legal issues for government officials, civil society representatives, and U.N. civil society staff. For a decade, David served as a professor at the Central European University in Budapest, teaching Civil Society Law; he has previously taught at the Catholic University in Lublin, Poland and the European Humanities University in Minsk, Belarus.



Jen Moreno, Staff Attorney, Death Penalty Clinic

Jen Moreno is a Staff Attorney with the Death Penalty Clinic. At the Clinic, Jen has worked exclusively on challenges to lethal injection as a method of execution. She created and developed the Clinic's *Lethal Injection Web-based Clearinghouse*, and has consulted with attorneys litigating lethal injection challenges in more than twenty jurisdictions. She is a

member of the California bar. Jen received her Juris Doctor from University of California Berkeley School of Law.



Nick Pelosi, Corporate Engagement Associate, First Peoples Worldwide

Nick Pelosi works in the Corporate Engagement Program at First Peoples Worldwide, an Indigenous organization that supports Indigenous communities at the grassroots level while advocating globally for Indigenous peoples' rights. Nick was involved in developing the risk metrics used in *First Peoples' Indigenous Rights Risk Report*. He has helped organize trainings for companies, shareholders, and community leaders on Indigenous peoples' rights, and assisted with Indigenous outreach and consultation for the *United Nations Global Compact's Business Reference Guide* to the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.



Borislav Petranov, Director of Global Rights and Accountability, Open Society Foundation

Borislav Petranov is Director of Global Rights and Accountability at the Open Society Foundation where he manages a portfolio of grants focused on global human rights and transitional and international justice. Before joining OSF, Borislav reviewed protection systems for human rights defenders as a consultant to the Ford Foundation. Borislav was Program Officer for Human Rights and Justice in the Moscow office of the Ford Foundation, supporting human rights organizations in Russia with a focus on historical memory, judicial and prison reform, and human rights education. Borislav also served as Programme Director for Civil and Political Rights, and Deputy Director of the Sigrid Rausing Trust in London. He also managed the work in Central and Eastern Europe of INTERIGHTS, a strategic litigation NGO. Trained as a Bulgarian international lawyer, he holds a Master's degree in International Human Rights Law from Essex University and was a Junior Research Fellow at Wolfson College at Oxford.



Ambassador Samantha Power

Ambassador Samantha Power is the U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations and a member of President Obama's Cabinet. At the United Nations, Ambassador Power works to advance U.S. interests, promote and defend universal values, and address pressing global challenges to global peace, security, and prosperity. Prior to serving as U.S. Permanent Representative to the United Nations, Ambassador Power served as Special Assistant to the President and Senior Director for Multilateral Affairs and Human Rights on the National Security Staff at the White House. In this role she focused on issues including UN reform; LGBT and women's rights; the promotion of religious freedom and the protection of religious minorities; human trafficking; and democracy and human rights. Before joining the U.S. government, Ambassador Power was the Anna Lindh Professor of the Practice of Global Leadership and Public Policy at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government. She was also the founding executive director of the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy. Ambassador Power is the Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *A Problem from Hell: America and the Age of Genocide* (2002) and *Chasing the Flame: Sergio Viera de Mello and the Fight to Save the World* (2008), the basis for the award-winning HBO documentary, "Sergio." She is also the recent co-editor of *The Unquiet American: Richard Holbrooke in the World* (2011). Ambassador Power immigrated to the United States from Ireland at the age of nine. She received a Bachelor's degree from Yale University and a Juris Doctor from Harvard Law School.



Andres Rivera Duarte, Director, Organizacion de Transexuales por la Dignidad de la Diversidad

Andres Rivera is a Chilean activist based in Rancagua. He was a professor at the Universidad de Rancagua before co-founding Organización de Transexuales por la Dignidad de la Diversidad (OTD). He was the first trans man in Chile to be awarded a judicial decree to change his name and legal gender. In 2008, he was awarded the IGLHRC Felipa de Souza Award based on his activism and leadership in Chile and the Latin America region. Andrés has represented OTD actively at the LGBTTTI coalition at the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights and is the Director of OTD.



Ignacio Saiz, Executive Director, Center for Economic and Social Rights

Ignacio Saiz is Executive Director of the Centre for Economic and Social Rights (CESR), an international NGO that works to promote human rights in economic and social policy, and that has been at the forefront of efforts to secure human rights on the post-2015 sustainable development agenda. Prior to joining CESR, Ignacio was Director of Policy at the International Secretariat of Amnesty International, where he developed Amnesty's first program on economic, social and cultural rights, as well as oversaw the organization's work on corporate accountability and other global themes. In a previous role as Deputy Director of the Americas Program, he was responsible for Amnesty International's research and advocacy strategies in Mexico and Central America. He has also worked as a freelance consultant for other human rights organizations in areas relating to sexuality and human rights, the prevention of torture and post-conflict accountability. He holds a Master's degree in International Human Rights Law with distinction from the University of Essex.



Diana Samarasan, Executive Director, Disability Rights Fund

Prior to her position as Executive Director at Disability Rights Fund, Diana directed the Mental Disability Advocacy Center in Budapest, Hungary, a legal advocacy organization which litigates abuses of rights of persons with mental disabilities in Eastern Europe and Central Asia. Diana also worked with the American Refugee Committee and Doctors of the World, addressing issues such as access of vulnerable populations to reproductive health services, tuberculosis control, and deinstitutionalization. Diana has advanced degrees in Public Administration and Psychology, and is a Board member of the United States International Council on Disability and on the Steering Committees of the International Human Rights Funders Group and Opportunity Collaboration.

Catherine Townsend, Program Officer, Wellspring Advisors

Catherine is a Program Officer at Wellspring Advisors and serves on the board of the Disability Rights Fund as the co-chair. From 2004-2008, she coordinated programming for the International Human Rights Funders Group, organizing semi-annual meetings and managing membership development and communications. Previously, Catherine worked at the Mertz Gilmore foundation and the LuEsther T. Mertz Charitable Trust.



Nadia van der Linde, Coordinator, Red Umbrella Fund

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