

Climate Resilience and Urban Opportunity Initiative

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PARTICIPANT BIOGRAPHIES



Steve Adams

Senior program director, US Climate Adaptation Program, Institute for Sustainable Communities

Steve Adams is senior program director for the US Climate Adaptation Program at the University of Oregon Institute for Sustainable Communities. He has led ISC's climate change adaptation programming in the United States since 2011, with projects completed or underway in New England, Southeast Florida, the Gulf Coast, the Great Lakes, Intermountain West and the Pacific Coast.

From 2009 to 2011, Steve was the managing director of the Climate Leadership Initiative at the University of Oregon, where he led community- and sector-based adaptation projects in the Pacific Northwest, helped catalyze the Southeast Florida Regional Climate Change Compact as a model for regional scale adaptation and co-founded the American Society of Adaptation Professionals for practitioners working in various sub-fields of climate adaptation. From 1995 to 2009, he served in several capacities in Florida state government, including two years working on energy and climate policy for Gov. Charlie Crist and multiple posts at the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. In 2002-2003, Steve left Florida for a two-year stint with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency as a senior adviser on environmental indicators.

Steve holds a bachelor's degree in economics from the University of West Florida and a master's degree in public administration from the Askew School of Public Administration and Policy at Florida State University.



Nwamaka Agbo

Project manager for programs, EcoDistricts

Nwamaka Agbo is project manager for programs at EcoDistricts. She brings more than 10 years of experience working on social- and economic-justice campaigns that help support the sustainable and equitable development of thriving and prosperous communities.

As director of programs at Transform Finance, she helped educate community leaders about how to best leverage impact investments to deepen their influence on social change. She previously worked at the Ella Baker Center for Human Rights for more six years in a range of positions, helping to support the launch of the Oakland Green Jobs Corps and, later, to develop the organization's Soul of the City civic-engagement campaign in Oakland.

She is a member of the Oakland Rising Action advisory board and the advisory committee to Rep. Barbara Lee, D-Calif. She is also a Roots of Success advisory board member and a trainer with Wellstone Action.

Nwamaka is completing a master's degree in public administration with an emphasis in financial management at San Francisco State University. She has a bachelor's degree in sociology and African American studies from the University of California-Davis.



Onleilove Alston

Interim executive director, Faith in New York; partner to Alliance for a Greater New York

Onleilove Alston is interim executive director at Faith in New York, an affiliate of the PICO National Network, where she works with a multifaith and multiracial coalition of more than 70 congregations throughout New York City on issues related to economic and racial justice.

For more than 10 years, Onleilove has worked for nonprofit organizations including Sojourners, NY Faith & Justice, FPWA and United Workers. She is a contributing writer for Sojourners magazine and its God's Politics blog. Her writing has also appeared on BlackCommentator.com, The Huffington Post and NPR's On Being blog, as well in other print and online publications.

Born and raised in the East New York neighborhood of Brooklyn, N.Y., Onleilove has a bachelor's degree in human development and African American studies from Penn State University. After a year of AmeriCorps service with Public Allies on New York, she went on to receive a Master of Divinity degree from Union Theological Seminary and a master's degree in social work from Columbia University. She is also an alumna of the Women's Campaign School at Yale University.



Frank Alvarez

Senior community organizer, RePower LA, Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy

Frank serves as the senior community organizer for the RePower LA coalition at the Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy, a nonprofit organization that works to support good jobs, healthy communities and a clean environment. RePower LA helps Angelenos by supporting the creation of green careers, customer-savings programs and clean energy.

Frank joined LAANE in November 2011 as the senior community organizer for the Construction Careers Project, which aims to bring green construction jobs to all communities. Before joining LAANE, he served with the RePower LA coalition representing East Los Angeles and youth enrolled in local job training programs. He is a resident of East Los Angeles, where he was born and raised.

Frank developed his organizing skills as a founding member of the Youth Justice Coalition, a nonprofit organization that addresses the education and rehabilitation needs of incarcerated youth in Los Angeles County juvenile detention centers.



Aaron Bartley

Executive director and co-founder, PUSH Buffalo

Aaron Bartley is executive director and co-founder of PUSH Buffalo.

Aaron has organized labor and student campaigns for economic justice, including the Harvard Living Wage Campaign and the Boston Justice for Janitors Strike in 2002.

He has also appeared in major media outlets as an advocate for low-income people.

A native of Buffalo, N.Y., Aaron is a graduate of Harvard Law School.



Eddie Bautista

Executive director, New York City Environmental Justice Alliance; partner to The Point CDC

Eddie Bautista is executive director of the New York City Environmental Justice Alliance, a network of community-based organizations in low-income communities of color throughout the city that advocates for the empowerment and just treatment of environmentally overburdened neighborhoods.

Eddie is a convener of the Sandy Regional Assembly, an association of environmental-justice organizations, community-based groups and labor allies from areas affected by Superstorm Sandy and vulnerable to storm surges in New York City, New Jersey and Long Island, which proposed resiliency and rebuilding priorities for the Sandy recovery process. He also leads NYC-EJA's Waterfront Justice Project, a campaign to increase community resilience and climate adaptation along the city's Significant Maritime Industrial Areas, which encourage the clustering of polluting infrastructure, heavy manufacturing and industries in waterfront communities of color vulnerable to storm surges.

In 2011, Eddie was invited by the governor's office and the state Legislature to advise on the reauthorization of the state's power plant siting law to protect over-burdened communities from increases in local air pollution. He also directed a 2010 voter referendum campaign amending the New York City Charter to include private infrastructure facilities on the city's "fair share" map. He also spoke at the White House's first Forum on Environmental Justice.



Brian Beveridge

Co-director, West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project, Oakland Climate Action Coalition

Brian Beveridge is co-director of West Oakland Environmental Indicators Project, a part of the Oakland Climate Action Coalition.

Brian Beveridge joined the struggle for environmental justice in 2003 after personally experiencing the toxic emissions from the Lesaffre Yeast Corp.'s Red Star Yeast Co. factory in his West Oakland neighborhood in Oakland, Calif.

Brian owned an independent video production company in the Bay Area from 1987 to 2004. He has created marketing programs for Fortune 500 corporations including Shell Oil, produced TV programs for the Sports Channel and the San Francisco Giants and written and directed documentary videos for state and local nonprofits, including the California Child Care Resource and Referral Network and the East Bay Asian Local Development Corp.

He received a bachelor's degree in mass communications from the University of South Florida.



Shamar Bibbins

Program officer, The Kresge Foundation

Shamar Bibbins is a program officer for the Environment Program at The Kresge Foundation, where her grantmaking supports policies and programs that help communities build resilience in the face of climate change.

Shamar plays a lead role in managing the Environment Program's Climate Resilience and Urban Opportunity Initiative. That initiative supports community-based nonprofit organizations seeking to influence local and regional climate-resilience planning, policy development and implementation while reflecting the priorities and needs of low-income people. She also contributes to the development and implementation of program strategies.

She joined Kresge in 2014, bringing a history of engagement in environmental efforts and a commitment to action on climate change. She previously served as the director of national partnerships at Green For All, a nonprofit dedicated to building a green economy strong enough to lift people out of poverty.

Shamar earned a bachelor's degree in science, technology and society from Vassar College and received a Fulbright Fellowship to Fukushima University, where she conducted research on environmental social movements in Japan.



Jessica E. Boehland

Program officer, The Kresge Foundation

Jessica Boehland is a program officer at The Kresge Foundation. She works with Kresge's Environment Program, which is focused on helping communities build their environmental, economic and social resilience in the face of climate change.

Jessica leads work on energy efficiency and energy resilience.

Prior to joining Kresge in 2008, Jessica served as managing editor of Environmental Building News and editor of GreenSource magazine. Her writing has appeared in these and numerous other publications.

Jessica earned a bachelor's degree in environmental studies from Oberlin College and a master's degree in environmental management from the Yale School of Forestry & Environmental Studies, where she focused on climate change science and policy.



Lauren Boles

Director, New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance; partner to Ironbound Community Corp.

Lauren Boles is director of the New Jersey Environmental Justice Alliance, a group of organizations and individuals committed to the creation of healthy, sustainable and just communities. The alliance is a partner to Ironbound Community Corp.

Lauren spent 25 years as a civil engineer and environmental planner with city of Philadelphia, where she directed the city's inaugural Storm Water Management Program. Her academic experience includes teaching positions at the University of Pennsylvania, Drexel University and Cheyney University. With the Philadelphia City Planning Commission as a client, her students developed neighborhood plans for several communities in the city. She has also consulted with the American Institute of Architects on neighborhood plans for New Orleans and Augusta, Ga.

As a member of the Environmental Justice Leadership Forum on Climate Change and Philadelphia's Green Economy Task Force, she shared Philadelphia's green-economy success stories at a White House gathering in 2009. In 2014, Lauren was invited to present comments on the President's Climate Change Plan, specifically on the intersection of clean energy and environmental justice.

She has a master's degree in city planning from the University of Pennsylvania and a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Howard University.



Adrienne Maree Brown

Writer

Adrienne Maree Brown is a writer, science fiction scholar, facilitator, artist and doula living in Detroit.

Her work in social-justice facilitation included serving as executive director of the Ruckus Society, national co-coordinator of the US Social Forum and facilitator for the Detroit Food Justice Task Force.

She believes that speculative fiction is one way to envision futures that generate individual and community transformation.

She studied at Columbia University in New York and is now being trained as a teacher of somatics. Adrienne was a 2013 Kresge Literary Arts fellow.



Joan Byron

Director of policy, Pratt Center for Community Development

As director of policy for the Pratt Center for Community Development in New York, Joan Byron leads research and advocacy on issues of social justice in New York City's built environment.

Joan recently wrote *Mobility and Equity for New York's Transit-Starved Neighborhoods: The Case for Full-Featured Bus Rapid Transit*. The report builds on the Pratt Center's 2007 *Transportation Equity Atlas*, which mapped racial and economic disparities in transit access across New York City neighborhoods. Other projects include work with communities affected by Superstorm Sandy on equitable rebuilding and resilience, technical assistance to communities responding to rezoning and redevelopment initiatives, support of the Bronx River Alliance's work to restore the river and build a greenway along its banks and, with the Southern Bronx River Watershed Alliance, the campaign to replace the Sheridan Expressway with waterfront housing and open space.

From 1989 through 2003, Joan directed the Pratt Center's nonprofit architectural practice in the design and construction of more than 2,000 units of affordable housing, as well as community health, child care and cultural facilities.

Joan is a registered architect and teaches in Pratt Institute's Programs for Sustainable Planning and Development. She has a master's degree in public administration from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government, and in 2012 won a fellowship from the Urban and Regional Policy Program of the German Marshall Fund for research on equity and the public realm in global cities.

Joan has written for Shelterforce, the Gotham Gazette, Streetsblog NYC and the Brookings Institution. She is a member and past chair of the Bronx River Alliance. In 2013, she received the Paul Davidoff Award for Leadership in Housing and Equal Opportunity from the New York Metro Chapter of the American Planning Association.



Cecil Corbin-Mark

Deputy director and director of policy initiatives, WE ACT for Environmental Justice

Cecil Corbin-Mark is deputy director and director of policy initiatives for WE ACT for Environmental Justice. He directs and coordinates WE ACT's overall program work with a focus on developing and implementing community-organizing, legislative and policy campaigns to achieve the organization's mission of building healthy communities.

Since 2008, Cecil has served as a co-convener of the Environmental Justice Leadership Forum on Climate Change, which works to advance equitable climate policies at the national level. A leader of efforts on climate change and chemical policy reform in New York State, Cecil is a member of the Regional Greenhouse Gas Initiative advisory committee and co-chair of the JustGreen Partnership. He also served on then-Gov. David Paterson's Renewable Energy Task Force and the Blue Ribbon Commission on Sustainability and the MTA. He is a frequent lecturer at conferences and universities on environmental issues and is a board member with the Center for Environmental Health, Clean and Healthy New York, the Louis E. Burnham Award Fund, West Harlem Development Corp. and Friends of the Earth USA.

Before joining WE ACT, Cecil worked for the Bronx County District Attorney, the Mellon Minority Scholars Program and the New York Public Library.

He holds a bachelor's degree in political science from Hunter College and a master's degree in international relations from Oxford University.



Drew Curtis

Director of community development and environmental justice, Ironbound Community Corp.

Drew Curtis is director of community development and environmental justice at Ironbound Community Corp., where he oversees work on economic development, affordable housing, financial empowerment, neighborhood revitalization and environmental initiatives.

Previously, he coordinated economic development projects for the Bergen County (N.J.) Division of Community Development and oversaw compliance with federal regulations governing fair housing, labor standards and the environment.

Drew holds a master's degree in urban policy analysis and management from The New School in New York. He also sits on the board of the Essex Community Land Trust, which supports the creation of permanent affordable housing.



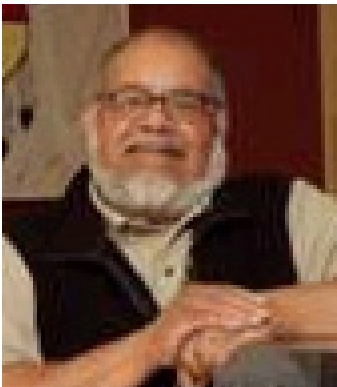
Lois R. DeBacker

Managing director, The Kresge Foundation

Lois DeBacker is a managing director at The Kresge Foundation. She leads the foundation's Environment Program, which is focused on helping communities build their environmental, economic and social resilience in the face of climate change. Lois joined the Kresge staff in February 2008.

Her experience includes more than 16 years of service at the C. S. Mott Foundation in a series of program department positions of progressive responsibility, including the role of associate vice president for programs. Before joining Mott, Lois worked for 10 years in Michigan state government in policy development and program management.

Lois received a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in public affairs from Princeton University's Woodrow Wilson School of Public and International Affairs. She is president of the board of directors for the Consultative Group on Biological Diversity and board secretary for the Birmingham Bloomfield Art Center. She also serves on the external advisory board of the University of Michigan's Graham Sustainability Institute.



Rey España

Deputy director, NAYA Family Center

Rey España is deputy director for the NAYA Family Center in Portland, Ore., where he is also leading the NAYA Generations Project to provide guidance and culturally relevant input on the intended development of 40 units of intergenerational housing, an early learning facility and a community center.

Rey began his work at the center in 2004 with a focus on the Portland metropolitan area's high school dropout rate; the NAYA Early College Academy opened in September 2007. In 2008, he negotiated the acquisition of 44 units of affordable housing for the Portland's Native community; his team also directly assists community residents with housing and financial counseling.

He is also leading efforts to increase the capacity of the organization and to develop long-term assets, programming, employment and training, and small-business/micro-enterprise development in the community.



Cecilia V. Estolano

Co-founder, Estolano LeSar Perez Advisors LLC

Cecilia V. Estolano is co-founder of Estolano LeSar Perez Advisors LLC, which provides consulting services and research on economic revitalization, green infrastructure, energy-efficiency upgrades and job creation to public agencies, foundations, business associations and others seeking to grow thriving, healthy and vibrant communities.

Previously, Cecilia was chief strategist for state and local initiatives with Green For All, a national organization that advocates for broad access and opportunity in the clean-energy economy. She joined that organization from the Community Redevelopment Agency of the city of Los Angeles, where she was chief executive officer; during her tenure, the agency created a \$42 million land acquisition fund to jumpstart development in underserved markets like South Los Angeles. Prior to that, she was with the law firm of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher.

Cecilia is a graduate of the law school at University of California-Berkeley and holds a master's degree in urban planning from UCLA. She has taught courses in urban planning at UCLA and UC-Berkeley. She is vice president of the California Community Colleges Board of Governors and serves on the boards of the National Employment Law Project, Manufacturing Renaissance and the California Center for Public Health Advocacy.

Denise Fairchild

President, Emerald Cities Collaborative

Denise Fairchild is the inaugural president of Emerald Cities Collaborative, a national coalition of labor, business and community-based organizations organized to accelerate the growth and distributive benefits of the emerging green economy.

Before joining ECC in 2010, she founded and directed the Community and Economic Development Department at Los Angeles Trade-Technical College and CDTech, an affiliated nonprofit community development research and technical assistance organization. Denise also helped launch the Regional Economic Development Institute, an initiative of LATTC to provide inner-city residents with career and technical education for jobs in the L.A. region, with a focus on the green economy. From 1989 to 1994, she directed the Los Angeles office of the Local Initiatives Support Corp.

Her civic and political appointments have included the California Commission on Regionalism, the California Economic Strategy Panel, the California Association for Local Economic Development, the Coalition for Women's Economic Development and the Los Angeles Environmental Quality Board.



Caroline Farrell

Executive director, Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment; partner to Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability

Caroline Farrell is executive director of the Center on Race, Poverty & the Environment, a partner to Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability. Based out of the center's Delano, Calif., office, she has been working for the past 15 years with low-income communities and communities of color on issues related to industrial sources of pollution, including dairy development in California's Central Valley, hazardous-waste facilities and land application of biosolids.

She is vice chair of the steering committee for the Central Valley Air Quality Coalition and is a board member with Communities for a Better Environment, the Planning and Conservation League and Act for Women & Girls.

Her articles on environmental justice have appeared in the Washington University Journal of Law & Policy, the Golden Gate University Environmental Law Journal and the Duke Forum for Law & Social Change.

Caroline received a bachelor's degree in political science from Bates College in Lewiston, Maine, and graduated from Golden Gate University School of Law in 1999.



Kamalah Fletcher

Senior director of community engagement, Catalyst Miami

Kamalah Fletcher is senior director of community engagement for Catalyst Miami, where she helps lead work on network weaving, nonprofit consulting and capacity building, and grassroots leadership development.

She is a facilitator for Catalyst Miami's internal leadership programs; Community Scholars in Affordable Housing, a collaborative project with University of Miami and South Florida Community Development Coalition, and Catalyst's work to help build results-based accountability and collective impact into local place-based initiatives.

Kamalah brings 19 years of experience in the nonprofit world, from the classroom to the boardroom.



Hilary Franz

Executive director, Futurewise

Hilary Franz is executive director for Futurewise, a public interest group in Washington state that works to promote healthy communities and cities while protecting farmland, forests and shorelines.

Prior to joining Futurewise, Hilary represented local governments, nonprofit organizations and citizens' groups on a broad range of land-use and environmental-law issues.

From 2008 to 2011, she served as a city council member and government leader in Bainbridge Island, Wash., bringing together diverse coalitions of local, state and national public and private entities and developing nationally recognized environmental policies and programs.



Anthony Giancattarino

Director of policy and strategy, Center for Social Inclusion

Anthony Giancattarino is director of policy and strategy for the Center for Social Inclusion, where he heads the Food Equity and Energy Democracy programs.

His work focuses on collaborating with grassroots leaders and national policy advocates to build policy strategies that create racial equity within the food and climate movements. Anthony has facilitated and participated in policy and strategy workshops dealing with food equity, including CSI's recent Food Leaders Institute, which focused on short-term policy opportunities in local/ and regional food systems. In his work on energy democracy, Anthony has published a series of research reports and case studies elevating efforts of communities of color to become owners and decision-makers in the renewable-energy economy and identifying policy opportunities for building a more equitable renewable-energy economy.

Anthony has written for a variety of publications, including The Guardian US, Grist, YES! Magazine, GreenBiz and Resilience.org.

He holds a bachelor's degree in theology and political science from the University of Scranton and a master's degree in public administration with a focus on the intersection of race, place, and policy from the New York University Wagner Graduate School of Public Service.



Jessica Goodheart

Director, RePower LA, Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy

Jessica Goodheart is director of the RePower LA coalition at the Los Angeles Alliance for a New Economy, a nonprofit organization that builds coalitions in support of good jobs, healthy communities and a clean environment.

Working with labor, environmental and community organizations, Goodheart led a successful campaign to persuade the nation's largest municipally owned utility to more than double its investment in energy-efficiency programs, including those that serve struggling customers, and to create good, career-path jobs. In her previous role as LAANE's research director, Jessica authored evaluations of Los Angeles' living wage ordinance, analyses of city subsidy programs and reports on local economic development and the Los Angeles economy.

Before joining LAANE in 1997, Jessica managed a project funded by the Environmental Protection Agency that evaluated a nontoxic alternative to professional dry cleaning; in the early 1990s she worked as a reporter. In 1995, she received a master's degree in urban planning from UCLA, where she helped to organize a union for teaching assistants and other academic student employees.



Robin Hacke

Senior fellow, The Kresge Foundation

Robin Hacke is a senior fellow in the Executive Office of The Kresge Foundation, where she leads a project to improve the ability of cities to attract and leverage capital for investment in public purposes.

With the Initiative for Responsible Investment at the Hauser Institute for Civil Society at the Harvard Kennedy School, Robin is researching how places build the capacity to absorb capital; working with cities, foundations and public-sector leaders interested in using the capital-absorption framework to help advance their programmatic objectives; and publishing papers and tools to share what is being learned.

The project builds on work begun at Living Cities, a partnership among major foundations and financial institutions, where Robin served as director of capital innovation for nearly seven years. She spearheaded the creation of the Catalyst Fund for Nonprofits and completed investments in areas such as equitable transit-oriented development, foreclosure mitigation and food access.

Robin, who joined Kresge in 2014, is a member of the steering committee for the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston's Working Cities Challenge. She has worked with the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation on efforts to build healthy places and has served as a visiting scholar at the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco.

Robin earned an MBA from Harvard Business School and a bachelor's degree in government from Harvard-Radcliffe College.



Lara J. Hansen

Chief scientist and executive director, EcoAdapt

Lara J. Hansen is chief scientist and executive director for EcoAdapt, which she co-founded in 2008 to offer support and training for climate change adaptation.

She is co-author and editor of one of the earliest texts on adaptation to climate change, "Buying Time: A User's Manual for Building Resistance and Resilience to Climate Change in Natural Systems" (World Wildlife Fund, 2003), and is co-author of "Climate Savvy: Adapting Conservation and Resource Management to a Changing World" (Island Press, 2010).

Lara was chief climate change scientist for the World Wildlife Fund from 2001 to 2008 and created its Climate Change Impacts and Adaptation Program. From 1998 to 2001, she was a research ecologist with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. She serves on the U.N.'s Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change and is a Switzer Environmental Fellow.

She earned a bachelor's degree in biology from the University of California-Santa Cruz and her doctorate, in ecology, from UC-Davis.



Jeremy Hays

Executive director, Green For All

Jeremy Hays is executive director of Green For All, which works to build broad and diverse support for a green economy.

A founding staff member of Green For All, Jeremy also served as its field director and later, as chief strategist for state and local initiatives, he led the organization's focus on the development, implementation and replication of green economic and workforce development models. He has designed and led Green For All's Communities of Practice, Fellowship and Business Engagement programs, as well as successful initiatives to expand energy efficiency, create pathways out of poverty, promote clean water, encourage high-road employment and build green infrastructure.

Prior to joining Green For All in 2008, Jeremy served as the national organizing director at the Apollo Alliance, where he helped coalitions of environmentalists, labor unions, civil rights groups and businesses advocate for good jobs and clean energy. He has also worked as program director for Urban Strategies Council in Oakland, Calif., and as a policy researcher for the assistant secretary of environmental justice at the California Environmental Protection Agency. He has master's degrees in city planning and international development from the University of California-Berkeley.

Alan Hipólito

Executive director, Verde

Alan Hipólito is executive director of Verde, an Oregon nonprofit corporation.

Since 2005, Verde has brought new environmental assets to communities of low-income people and people of color, involved community members in design and implementation of these assets and ensured assets provide direct economic benefits to low-income people and people of color.



Jessica Hitt

Scientist and CAKE program manager, EcoAdapt

Jessica Hitt is a scientist and program manager for EcoAdapt's Climate Adaptation Knowledge Exchange. She also provides research and programmatic support to a range of projects and develops adaptation examples and materials for EcoAdapt's State of Adaptation Program.

Jessica is also the creator of the EcoAdapt-Allianz Foundation Youth Climate Change Initiative, which engages District of Columbia youth on climate change issues through an education program that encourages action and civic engagement.

Prior to joining EcoAdapt, she worked in the Climate Change Program at the World Wildlife Fund. She was part of a team that coordinated the WWF-Allianz Southeast Climate Witness Program, which involved 24 students who were displaced by Hurricane Katrina, and the WWF-HP Climate Camp in San Francisco, which brought together more than 250 natural-resource practitioners from more 30 countries to engage on climate adaptation.

Jessica earned a bachelor's degree in environmental science from the University of California-Santa Barbara.



Mimi Ho

Senior fellow, Movement Strategy Center

Mimi Ho is a senior fellow with the Movement Strategy Center and has nearly two decades of organizing and consulting experience with a focus on organizing low-income communities of color.

Mimi has served as a trainer and consultant with racial justice and immigrant rights groups on community and electoral organizing strategy, grassroots leadership development, organizational development and fundraising; her clients have included Western States Center and the Chinese Progressive Association in San Francisco. She also ran Mobilize the Immigrant Vote's pilot training program and is co-author of "The Accidental Fundraiser: A Step-by-Step Guide to Raising Money for Your Cause" (Jossey-Bass, 2005).

Mimi was the statewide field director and co-director of Californians for Justice during electoral fights in the 1990s against ballot initiatives aimed at affirmative action, bilingual education, youth, labor and gay marriage, and led CFJ in introducing public-jobs legislation in the state legislature.

Recently, she worked with the Asian Pacific Environmental Network, supporting campaigns to organize Chinese electronics workers and to keep Chevron from expanding to dirtier crude in Richmond, Calif. She helped expand APEN's Asian Pacific American electoral operation and support its shift into statewide policy and organizing work.



Taj James

Founder and executive director, Movement Strategy Center

Taj James is founder and executive director of the Movement Strategy Center, which since 2001 has served as a source of social-change innovation and leadership in Oakland, Calif.

Taj has helped launch and support alliances such as Strong Families and the Climate Justice Alignment. He has also played a key role in building funding collaboratives and strategies to increase investment in grassroots organizing and alliance building; those initiatives include the California Fund for Youth Organizing, the Move to End Violence initiative, the Alliance for Boys and Men of Color and the Building Healthy Communities Initiative.

Before launching MSC, Taj served as director of youth policy and development at Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth in San Francisco. Before that, he was Western regional field organizer for the Black Student Leadership Network, a project of the Children's Defense Fund.

Taj served on the steering committee for the political action committee to defeat Proposition 21, a California ballot initiative that would have spent billions of dollars to incarcerate thousands of youth with adults. He has served on the boards of the Praxis Project, Youth United for Community Action, the Funders' Collaborative on Youth Organizing and the California Fund for Youth Organizing.

He is a graduate of Stanford University and a recipient of a Next Generation Leadership fellowship from the Rockefeller Foundation.



Jill Johnson

Program team assistant, The Kresge Foundation

Jill A. Johnson is a program team assistant for The Kresge Foundation's Environment Program.

She coordinates meetings and travel as well as communication among the team's many partners. Jill also fields queries from Kresge-funded organizations and handles logistics with other units within the foundation.

She joined Kresge in 2009 after 19 years at an auto industry company, where she worked in human resources, communications and engineering.



TK Karakashian Tunchez

Consultant, Southwest Workers Union

Tk Karakashian Tunchez is co-founder of Mujeres Mercado in San Antonio, where she coordinates local handmade markets and a storefront business that focus on promoting and supporting women artisans, performers and traditional healers.

Tk has worked as a facilitator, organizer and fundraiser with social-change organizations for more than a decade, with focused efforts on environmental and racial justice. As program director at Youth Action Coalition in Amherst, Mass., she designed curriculum and facilitated intergenerational leadership development in economically marginalized communities. She has also worked as a development consultant with various nonprofit organizations, including Wise Fool New Mexico in Santa Fe, Resistencia Books in Austin, Texas, and Nueva Esperanza Inc. in Holyoke, Mass.

She also owns Las Ofrendas, through which she creates stone-medicine-based jewelry and has worked closely with communities of indigenous healers to learn her craft.

She holds a bachelor's degree in communications and cultural studies from Hampshire College and has trained at the Center for Nonviolent Communication and the Social Justice Mediation Institute.



Daniel Katz

Senior program director, Overbrook Foundation

Daniel Katz is senior program director at the Overbrook Foundation, where he directs environmental giving in international biodiversity conservation and sustainable consumption and is spearheading initiatives to build a stronger, more inclusive and equitable environmental movement in the United States.

At Overbrook, he created Catalog Choice – a web-based service that offers an easy way for users to stop the flow of unwanted catalogs into their mailboxes. He is also the board chair and former president of the Rainforest Alliance, an organization he co-founded in 1986. A former Kellogg Foundation National Leadership Fellow, Daniel has served as a consultant, adviser and board member for numerous organizations including People for the American Way and Grist.org.

Daniel is a member of the Nespresso Sustainability Advisory Board and the Council on Foreign Relations and editor of “Why Freedom Matters: The Spirit of the Declaration of Independence in Two Centuries of Prose, Poetry and Song” (Workman, 2003) and “Tales From the Jungle: A Rainforest Reader” (Three Rivers Press, 1995).

He received his MBA from the Stern School of Business at New York University, where he recently became an adjunct professor, and he studied Chinese linguistics in Wuhan, China.



Cathleen Kelly

Senior fellow, Center for American Progress

Cathleen Kelly is a senior fellow at the Center for American Progress, specializing in international and U.S. climate mitigation, preparedness, resilience and sustainable-development policy.

Previously, Cathleen served in the Obama administration at the White House Council on Environmental Quality, where she led a task force of more than 20 agencies in developing a national climate-resilience strategy that helped form the basis of the climate-preparedness pillar of President Barack Obama’s Climate Action Plan. She also helped formulate the Obama administration’s positions on international sustainable development and climate policy.

Previously, she directed the climate and energy program at the German Marshall Fund of the United States, where she led a highly acclaimed paper series and events on climate and clean-energy policy that drew the world’s top energy and climate policy players. She also held policy director and senior policy adviser positions at the Nature Conservancy and the Center for Clean Air Policy.

Cathleen is a professor of international and environmental policy at the Johns Hopkins University Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies, from which she received a master’s degree in international relations and energy and environmental policy. She is also a senior adviser at Climate Advisers and on the advisory board of the Clean Energy Leadership Institute.



Aurash Khawarзад

Policy coordinator, WE ACT for Environmental Justice

Aurash Khawarзад, a policy coordinator at WE ACT for Environmental Justice, is an urban planner and educator focusing on issues of social equity, public engagement and sustainable development.

He is an adjunct faculty member at Parsons The New School for Design, where he teaches urban planning, and has taught courses on public engagement at Russian and Chilean universities and elsewhere.

His previous work includes serving an aide for local legislators in the suburbs of northern Virginia, where he grew up, and as a consultant on sustainable transportation design in several cities in the United States.



Antonio Lopez

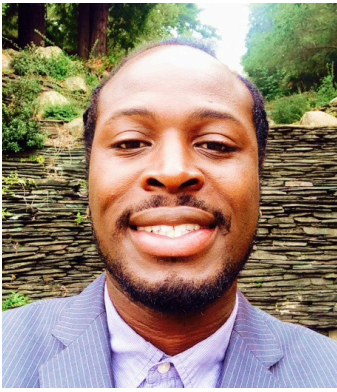
Executive director, Little Village Environmental Justice Organization

Antonio Reyes López is executive director of the Little Village Environmental Justice Organization in Chicago.

He has written extensively on anti-poverty and anti-racist social movements in Chicago, and has supported struggles for human rights and environmental and economic justice in Chicago and on the U.S.-Mexico border.

Prior to joining LVEJO, Antonio coordinated a mentorship program for youth incarcerated at the Illinois Youth Center and contributed to the Chicago Grassroots Curriculum task force.

He received his doctorate in borderlands history from the University of Texas-El Paso.



Nile Malloy

Northern California director, Communities for a Better Environment

Nile Malloy is the Northern California director at Communities for a Better Environment, which provides residents of blighted and heavily polluted urban communities in California with organizing, leadership training, research and legal expertise to advocate for environmental justice, climate, land-use and clean-energy solutions to build healthier, sustainable communities.

Nile is a founding member of the Oakland Climate Action Coalition and a member of the Bay Area Rapid Transit environmental justice advisory committee, the California Environmental Justice Alliance and the Bay Area Resilience Communities Initiative. He is the adviser for movement building and foundation relations at Bay Localize and a former member of the Cumulative Impacts Working Group for the Bay Area Air Quality Management District and of the national Climate Justice Alliance. He was on the program review committee for the 2014 California Adaptation Forum and is working collaboratively to identify equity priorities in local, regional and state climate-adaptation initiatives that support community planning and resilience initiatives.

He holds a bachelor's degree in urban anthropology and African American studies from the University of Michigan and a master's degree in social and cultural anthropology with a focus on local and global environmental-justice initiatives.



Jill Mangaliman

Director, Got Green; partner to Puget Sound Sage

Jill Mangaliman is director of Got Green, a Seattle-based organization that promotes an equitable, green economy as a way to combat poverty and climate change. Got Green is a partner to Puget Sound Sage.

Jill joined Got Green in 2009 and was instrumental in the formation and strategy of its Food Access Team. Previously, Jill worked as an organizer in local and national campaigns involving health care equity, immigrant rights and protecting social services.

Jill is a member of Gabriela Seattle and a writer who contributes to The Seattle Globalist, and graduated from the University of Washington with a degree in human geography.



Chris Marchi

Director of community building and environment, Neighborhood of Affordable Housing Inc.

Chris Marchi is director of community building and environment for Neighborhood of Affordable Housing Inc., overseeing NOAH's community-organizing, environmental and social-justice programming.

A longtime environmental activist, he has worked for Valdez Baseball Academy, the Boston Natural Areas Network and the city of Boston. In 2012, the East Boston Times named him its Man of the Year for his community-related environmental achievements.

Chris attended the Massachusetts College of Art and Design.



Cecilia Martinez

Director of research programs, Center for Earth, Energy and Democracy

Cecilia Martinez is director of research programs at the Center for Earth, Energy and Democracy. She also serves on the Climate Action Planning steering committee for the city of Minneapolis.

Cecilia has led a variety of projects to address sustainable development at the local and international levels. Her research is focused on the development of energy and environmental strategies that promote equitable and sustainable policies. She has worked with a range of organizations that seek to promote sound environmental policy and environmental justice.

She co-edited “Environmental Justice: International Discourses in Political Economy, Energy and Environmental Policy,” which includes some of her work on North American indigenous people and forging a common agenda of indigenous rights, justice and sustainability.

Cecilia was previously associate research professor in the College of Earth, Ocean and Environment at the University of Delaware; associate professor at Metropolitan State University in St. Paul, Minn.; and research director at the American Indian Policy Center.

She received a bachelor’s degree from Stanford University and a doctorate from the University of Delaware.



Laurie Mazur

Urban resilience editor, Island Press

Laurie Mazur, urban resilience editor at Island Press, is working to spark a public conversation about resilience that is grounded in equity, sustainability and climate-change mitigation.

Laurie has written extensively about environment, health and social-justice issues. She is the editor of “A Pivotal Moment: Population, Justice and the Environmental Challenge” (2009) and “Beyond the Numbers: A Reader on Population, Consumption and the Environment” (1994), both from Island Press.

With Michael Jacobson, she co-authored “Marketing Madness: A Survival Guide for a Consumer Society” (Westview Press, 1995). Laurie also founded and, for several years, directed the Funders Network on Population, Reproductive Health & Rights.



Julia Meier

Director, Coalition of Communities of Color; partner to Native American Youth and Family Center

Julia Meier is director of the Coalition of Communities of Color, an alliance of culturally specific, community-based organizations in the metropolitan region of Portland, Ore., with representation from the African, African American, Asian and Pacific Islander, Latino, Native American and Slavic communities. The CCC is a partner to the Native American Youth and Family Center.

The CCC supports a collective racial-justice effort to improve outcomes in education and community and economic development through policy analysis and advocacy, culturally appropriate data and research, leadership development in communities of color and building movements for racial justice.

Julia joined the CCC in 2009 after practicing law at Alaska Legal Services, a statewide organization that provides free legal representation to low-income Alaskans. Prior to that, she worked at the Alaska Native Justice Center, where she facilitated projects to establish and implement restorative-justice models and provided training and technical assistance to tribal courts and traditional justice personnel in rural Alaska. She also worked closely with the Alaska Rural Justice and Law Enforcement Commission, established by Congress to research and make recommendations on rural-justice issues in Alaska.

She is a graduate of the University of Oregon and Harvard Law School.



Nils Moe

Managing director, Urban Sustainability Directors Network

Nils Moe is managing director of the Urban Sustainability Directors Network, which fosters collaboration on local innovations for sustainability and supports its members on the front lines of climate change efforts.

Previously, Nils was the senior aide to the mayor and sustainability adviser for the city of Berkeley, Calif., where he helped to implement Berkeley's Climate Action Plan and worked with the community to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and become a more resilient city. He was one of the founding team members responsible for creating Berkeley's innovative solar financing program, which has since become a national model of renewable-energy financing.

Formerly a professor of organizational psychology at San Francisco State University, he is the Fred Gellert Family Foundation Faculty Member at Presidio Graduate School. He co-founded two values-driven nonprofits, Pinch Me Films and Senior Surf, and worked in the private sector as a management consultant specializing in program evaluation of nonprofits.

Nils has a bachelor's degree in geography and environmental science from McGill University, a master's degree in industrial/organizational psychology from San Francisco State University and an MBA with a focus on sustainable management from Presidio Graduate School.



Chris Neidl

Director, Here Comes Solar, Solar One

Chris Neidl is director of Here Comes Solar, an initiative of Solar One, a New York City-based clean-energy education center. He works to implement new approaches to driving down the cost of solar energy in New York and improving the solar implementation experience for customers and installers through collaborative, group-based approaches.

He began his career a decade ago as a solar installer in Northern California and has worked in a number of capacities and contexts to facilitate greater solar adoption and investment. He has been a consumer educator and policy advocate in New York City and a project manager, researcher and business development consultant in India, Afghanistan and East Africa.

More recently, Chris spent three years based in India serving as the regional program manager for Arc Finance, a nonprofit organization that catalyzes improved energy access in off-grid markets through microcredit and other financial mechanisms.



Thomas Osdoba

Vice president for green initiatives, Enterprise Community Partners

Thomas Osdoba is vice president for green initiatives at Enterprise Community Partners, where he catalyzes the public, private and nonprofit sectors in an effort to make all affordable housing green by 2020.

Before joining ECP, he was a founder and principal of TAO Strategies, a management consultancy focused on sustainability strategies, social enterprise and new business development. At TAO, Tom worked with several U.S. cities to make their energy systems cleaner and more efficient.

He was also the first managing director of the Center for Sustainable Business at the University of Oregon, an MBA program providing training for sustainable-business leaders.



Jacqui Patterson

Director of environmental and climate justice, NAACP

Jacqui Patterson is director of environmental and climate justice at the NAACP.

She has worked on international and domestic issues, including gender, racial, economic and environmental and climate justice, with the Center on Budget and Policy Priorities, IMA World Health, United for a Fair Economy, ActionAid, the Health Global Access Project and the organization she co-founded, Women of Color United.

She is a board member at the Institute of the Black World Center for Story-Based Strategy and the US Climate Action Network, as is a member of the steering committee for Interfaith Moral Action on Climate Change and for the Gulf Guardian Fellowship.

Jacqui has master's degrees in social work and public health.



Dawn Phillips

Co-director of programs, Causa Justa - Just Cause

Dawn Phillips is co-director of programs at Causa Justa - Just Cause, a Bay Area membership organization focused on community development, housing and immigrant-justice issues. CJC builds grassroots power and community leadership through rights-based services, policy campaigns, civic engagement, direct action and movement building. It strives to improve conditions both in the neighborhoods in which it organizes and regionally, and to contribute to building the larger multiracial, multigenerational movement needed for fundamental change.

Dawn leads CJC's local, regional and national policy campaign work and was lead author on "Development Without Displacement: Resisting Gentrification in the Bay Area," a CJC study of the impacts of gentrification and displacement on working-class communities of color that included policy recommendations.

Dawn is also chair of the steering committee for the Right to the City Alliance, a group of almost 40 community organizations based in 13 cities around the country. CJC is a founding member of the alliance, which is dedicated to building a strong housing and urban-justice movement nationally and internationally through an urban human rights framework and agenda.



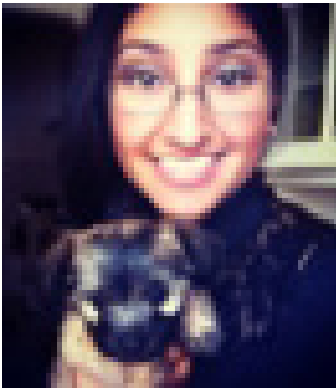
Cara Pike

Founder and executive director, Climate Access

Cara Pike is founder and executive director of Climate Access, a network for leaders engaging the public in the transformation to low-carbon-resilient communities. She developed the idea for the network in her role as founder and director of the Resource Innovation Group's Social Capital Project.

She was formerly vice president of communications for the leading nonprofit environmental law firm Earthjustice, where she created and ran a full-service internal communications agency for the organization's eight offices, policy arm and international program. Cara was a founding board member of the Global Footprint Network, is an advisory board member of David Suzuki's Stonehouse Standing Circle and serves on the boards of Resource Media and the Hollyhock Educational Foundation.

She has a master's degree in environmental communications from California State University-Fullerton and a bachelor's degree in film and communications and environmental science from McGill University.



Sarah Quiroga

Program assistant, Movement Strategy Center

Sarah Quiroga is program assistant with the Movement Strategy Center in Oakland, Calif., where she coordinates gatherings, works on the development of an advanced database and provides support in communications and development.

She began her career in social justice as a peer adviser for the Diversity and Social Justice Resource Center at Mills College, where she helped develop workshops for first-generation college students in the Summer Academic Workshop, a residential program designed to support the transition of first-generation college students.

The first member of her family to graduate from college, Sarah attended SAW in 2008 and holds a bachelor's degree in political, legal and economic analysis from Mills.



Kayla Race

Policy advocate, Environmental Health Coalition

Kayla Race is a policy advocate at Environmental Health Coalition, an organization that fights the unjust consequences of pollution and works to improve the health of children, families, neighborhoods and the natural environment in the San Diego/Tijuana region through leadership development, organizing and advocacy.

Kayla works with EHC to achieve cleaner operations along San Diego's industrial port and advance solutions to climate change, such as clean energy, that benefit all San Diego neighborhoods.

Prior to joining EHC in 2011, she worked as a research analyst for the Massachusetts House of Representatives' Committee on Global Warming and Climate Change on legislation to advance clean and efficient energy, clean water, electronic waste management and clean vehicles. Kayla also worked as a market researcher for a San Diego-based environmental remediation government contractor.

Raised in Massachusetts, Kayla received a bachelor's degree in environmental studies from Middlebury College in Vermont in 2008. She is a board member for the San Diego Leadership Alliance.



Byron Ramos Gudiel

Executive director, Communities for a Better Environment

Byron Ramos Gudiel is executive director of Communities for a Better Environment, whose mission is to help low-income communities and California's communities of color achieve environmental health and justice by preventing and reducing pollution and building green, healthy and sustainable communities and environments.

He was previously director of organizing at the Sierra Club, where he led efforts throughout the country to challenge the extraction and burning of fossil fuels, protect and create access to public lands, protect endangered species and promote clean and renewable energy development.

Earlier, as director of the Coalition for Educational Justice, Byron worked to improve the educational experience and environment of young Californians of color.



Rip Rapson

President and chief executive officer, The Kresge Foundation

Rip Rapson is president and CEO of The Kresge Foundation. He came to Kresge in 2006 and led the philanthropy in a multiyear transition to expand and recalibrate its grantmaking. The strategically focused programs that emerged seek to expand opportunities in America's cities so that vulnerable people can lead self-determined lives and join the economic mainstream.

Rip has helped lead a partnership of private, public and philanthropic funders to revitalize the city of Detroit, including the construction of the first leg of a light-rail line, M-1 Rail. He worked with other philanthropic leaders to create a \$366 million fund to blunt the impact of municipal bankruptcy on city of Detroit pensioners and safeguard city-owned holdings at the Detroit Institute of Arts.

Prior to joining Kresge, he was president of the Minnesota-based McKnight Foundation. Before that he was a senior fellow at the University of Minnesota, leading a project to help aging first-ring suburban communities faced with declining tax revenues, changing economic and social demographics and shifting political forces. As deputy mayor of Minneapolis, he served as primary architect of the pioneering Neighborhood Revitalization program and developed the mayor's initiatives to strengthen and support families and children.

He serves as chairman of the ArtPlace Presidents Council and sits on the boards of Living Cities, the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy, the Downtown Detroit Partnership, M-1 Rail and the Local Initiatives Support Corp. of New York.

He earned a law degree from Columbia University.



Linda Rudolph

Co-director, Climate Change and Public Health Project, Public Health Institute

Linda Rudolph is co-director of the Climate Change and Public Health Project for the Center for Climate Change and Health at the Public Health Institute in Oakland, Calif.

She helped to launch the U.S. Climate and Health Alliance, and works with local governments and health departments on climate change and with Health in All Policies, a collaborative approach to incorporating health considerations into decision-making across sectors and policy areas.

Previously, Linda served with the California Department of Public Health as deputy director for chronic disease prevention and health promotion, as health officer and public health director for the city of Berkeley, and as chief medical officer for Medi-Cal Managed Care.

She received a doctorate in medicine and clinical training in pediatrics and emergency medicine from the University of California-San Francisco, holds a master's degree in public health from the University of California-Berkeley and is board certified in occupational medicine.



Matt Ryan

Executive director, Alliance for a Greater New York

Matt Ryan is executive director of Alliance for a Greater New York (ALIGN), which was formed under his oversight by the merger of New York Jobs With Justice and Urban Agenda.

ALIGN has coordinated labor-community coalitions in the city and state, including the Alliance for a Just Rebuilding, Transform Don't Trash NYC and Coney Island for All.

Before moving to New York City in 2009, Matt organized low-wage worker unions in cities across the Midwest. In Cincinnati, he led the Justice for Janitors campaign that united 1,500 commercial office janitors and built broad community support with local faith, community and political leaders. After achieving the city's first janitors union and industrywide contract, he became Cincinnati city director of SEIU Local 1 and later served as an executive board member and trustee of the Cincinnati AFL-CIO Central Labor Council.



Terry Schwarz

Director, Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative; partner to Cleveland Neighborhood Progress

Terry Schwarz is director of the Cleveland Urban Design Collaborative, a partner to Cleveland Neighborhood Progress. Her work includes neighborhood planning and design, as well as ecological strategies for vacant land reuse.

She launched the CUDC's Shrinking Cities Institute in 2005 in an effort to address population decline and large-scale urban vacancy in Northeast Ohio. She subsequently established Pop Up City, an initiative for temporary use of vacant and underutilized sites in Cleveland.

Terry teaches in the graduate urban design program at Kent State University's College of Architecture and Environmental Design.

Phoebe Seaton

Co-founder and co-director, Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability

Phoebe Seaton is co-founder and co-director of the Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability, a project of the Tides Center. Its mission is to mobilize community voice and advocate for sound policy to promote equal access to opportunity.

Before launching Leadership Counsel for Justice and Accountability, Phoebe directed the Community Equity Initiative at California Rural Legal Assistance Inc. and was policy coordinator for issues related to water and land use at the California Rural Legal Assistance Foundation. She initiated the CEI to address critical infrastructure and service deficits in low-income, unincorporated communities in California, and she and her colleagues at CRLA litigated civil rights and fair housing claims.

She holds a bachelor's degree in history from University of California-Berkeley and a law degree from UCLA. Prior to and during law school, Phoebe worked in Guatemala, addressing human rights violations.



Anat Shenker-Osorio

Consultant, ASO Communications

Anat Shenker-Osorio operates the ASO Communications consulting firm and, as a strategic communications consultant, has conducted multiple studies on how people reason about clean energy, economic justice and immigrant and women's rights.

She is the author of "Don't Buy It: The Trouble with Talking Nonsense About the Economy" (Public Affairs, 2012), and her writing and research has appeared in publications including The Atlantic, The Huffington Post, Salon, The Christian Science Monitor and The Boston Globe.



Ariel Simon

Vice president, chief program and strategy officer, The Kresge Foundation

Ariel H. Simon is chief strategy officer and deputy to the president at The Kresge Foundation. He oversees the Programs, Grants Management and Information Systems work, and directs Kresge's efforts to explore new forms of cross-disciplinary and place-based work and to pursue imaginative uses of philanthropic tools, strategies and learning agendas.

Ari joined Kresge in January 2013 after five years with McKinsey & Co. in Washington, where he focused on social innovation, economic development and public health. While at McKinsey he worked with charitable foundations, nonprofits and governments across the Americas, Europe and Africa on issues of strategy, policy and advocacy, organizational effectiveness and governance.

He previously worked as a writer and editor for NASA's Shuttle Columbia accident report and the United Nations Independent Inquiry Committee into the Oil-for-Food Programme, a volunteer Red Cross paramedic in the Middle East and a legal researcher and writer at the Innocence Project and Williams & Connolly LLP.

Ari received a bachelor's degree from Harvard College, a master's degree from Oxford University and a law degree from Stanford University.



Shatia Strother

Community organizer, Families United for Racial and Economic Equality; partner to Fifth Avenue Committee

Shatia Strother is a community organizer with Families United for Racial and Economic Equality, a partner to the Fifth Avenue Committee.

In 2013, she became food-access outreach coordinator at the Northeast Brooklyn Housing Development Corp. under the Communities for Healthy Food initiative, which promotes equitable access to fresh, healthy and affordable food in the Bedford-Stuyvesant neighborhood of Brooklyn, N.Y., and other underserved communities. Two years earlier, she co-founded the 462 Halsey Community Garden in Bed-Stuy; the mission of the collaborative is to develop a safe, inclusive green space for residents to create and strengthen community bonds through growing food, sharing resources and addressing social- and food-justice issues.

A Bed-Stuy native, Shatia is also one of a group of Central Brooklyn residents partnering with the Brooklyn Movement Center to develop a member-owned food cooperative.



Brian Swett

Brian Swett is former chief of environment and energy for the city of Boston.

Over the past year, Brian led a variety of policy and program initiatives, including developing and passing ordinances governing rental inspection and building energy disclosure. He also launched Greenovate Boston, a sustainability education and outreach initiative, and Climate Ready Boston, a set of climate-preparedness initiatives focused on Boston's built and natural environments. He also worked on updating the city's climate action plan.

Brian was the mayor's appointee to the boards of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, Boston Groundwater Trust, Boston Harbor Island Alliance and the Boston Harbor Islands Partnership. He also represented the city on the Boston Green Ribbon Commission, the state's Global Warming Solutions Act Implementation Advisory Committee and the state's Energy Efficiency Advisory Council.



Joe Szakos

Executive director, Virginia Organizing

Joe Szakos is executive director of Virginia Organizing, a grassroots organization that seeks to challenge injustice by empowering people in local communities to address issues that affect the quality of their lives.

Before joining Virginia Organizing in 1994, he was the founding coordinator of Kentuckians for the Commonwealth. Joe has also done community organizing in Chicago and in Hungary.

He is co-author with his wife, Kristin Layng Szakos, of "We Make Change: Community Organizers Talk About What They Do – and Why" (Vanderbilt University, 2007). They also edited "Lessons From the Field: Organizing in Rural Communities" (AISJ/Social Policy Press, 2008).

Joe has a master's degree from the University of Chicago School of Social Service Administration.



Diane Takvorian

Executive director and co-founder, Environmental Health Coalition

Diane Takvorian is executive director and co-founder of Environmental Health Coalition, an environmental-justice organization based in the San Diego/Tijuana region. Founded in 1980, EHC works to protect public health and an environment threatened by toxic pollution through efforts that create a just society.

She is also a co-founder of the California Environmental Justice Alliance and has served on international, national, state and regional advisory boards. In 2009, President Barack Obama appointed her to the Joint Public Advisory Committee for the Commission for Environmental Cooperation.

Diane holds a master's degree in social work with an emphasis on public policy and community organizing.



Kellie Terry

Executive director, The Point

Kellie Terry is executive director of The Point community development corporation in the Bronx, N.Y., where she oversees program development, fundraising, environmental-justice campaigns and community development projects.

A native of the Highbridge neighborhood of the Bronx, Kellie joined The Point as its youth program coordinator.

Since she began her tenure as executive director, Kellie has completed an executive leadership development course with Columbia University's Institute for Not-for-Profit Management.



Marian Urquilla

Principal, Strategy Lift

Marian Urquilla serves as principal of Strategy Lift, a consulting practice focused on strategy and leadership development in the social sector.

From 2008 to 2012, she was director of program strategies at Living Cities, a national philanthropic collaborative. There, she managed the Integration Initiative, a five-region program to revitalize neighborhoods and connect low-income people to regional opportunities.

Prior to her work at Living Cities, Marian helped found the Columbia Heights/Shaw Family Support Collaborative, where she served as executive director for nearly 12 years and launched a youth violence prevention partnership that dramatically lowered Latino youth homicide rates in the District of Columbia.

Recognized by the Rockefeller Foundation as a Next Generation Leader, she has been a Mellon Fellow in the Humanities and an Annie E. Casey Foundation Children and Family Fellow.



Nicole Vallesterio Keenan

Policy director, Puget Sound Sage

Nicole Vallesterio Keenan is policy director for Puget Sound Sage, overseeing its policy and research work and providing policy and data analysis for Sage's labor standards, wage and environmental-justice campaigns.

Nicole's work focuses on the intersection of good jobs, a healthy environment and racial equity. She is the campaign lead for Puget Sound Sage's climate-justice campaign and is working to bring equity at the center of the environmental movement through community-driven research and engagement.

She is also the policy lead for labor standards issues at Sage, was chair of the policy committee for the \$15 For Seattle coalition and organized small-business owners to support a living wage in SeaTac. She sat on Seattle's Income Inequality Advisory Committee, which developed the city's \$15 minimum wage; for this work she received a Civil Rights Leadership award from the Seattle's Office of Civil Rights.

Nicole is also president of the board of the Asian Community Leadership Foundation.



Francesca Vietor

Program director, San Francisco Foundation

Francesca Vietor is program director for environment, public policy and civic engagement at the San Francisco Foundation. Her work focuses on efforts to improve the environmental health of vulnerable communities, build resilience in the face of the changing climate and tackle economic inequality and wealth disparity in the Bay Area.

Francesca is also a member of the San Francisco Public Utilities Commission, where she leads policymaking for the city and county of San Francisco's water, wastewater and municipal power services.

Previously, she was executive director of the Chez Panisse Foundation, where she advanced nutrition education and food-justice issues. She also served as president of the Urban Forest Council, head of San Francisco's Commission on the Environment and chair of then-Mayor Gavin Newsom's environmental transition team.

She has worked for several nonprofits, including Rainforest Action Network and Greenpeace, and she serves on the boards of SPUR and the Environmental Working Group. She also writes a blog for The Huffington Post.

Francesca holds a bachelor's degree from Georgetown University.



Elizabeth C. Yeampierre

Executive director, UPROSE

Elizabeth C. Yeampierre is executive director of UPROSE, Brooklyn's oldest Latino community-based organization. She is a longtime advocate for community organizing around just and sustainable development and environmental justice in the borough's Sunset Park neighborhood.

UPROSE has facilitated an aggressive urban sustainability and environmental justice agenda, creating an urban forestry initiative and contributing to the doubling of open space in Sunset Park. In response to Superstorm Sandy, UPROSE launched the Climate Justice and Community Resiliency Center, a grassroots-led climate-adaptation planning project.

Elizabeth was part of the leadership team responsible for the guidance and structure of this year's Peoples Climate March. She was the first Latina to chair the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's National Environmental Justice Advisory Council, is a member of the National Institute for Environmental Health Sciences Advisory Council, and was the opening speaker at the first White House Forum on Environmental Justice.



Miya Yoshitani

Executive director, Asian Pacific Environmental Network

Miya Yoshitani is executive director of the Asian Pacific Environmental Network, which works to bring the voices of Asian and Pacific Islander communities to the forefront of struggles for environmental health and social justice in the San Francisco Bay Area and to win real policy solutions for low-income Asian American immigrant and refugee communities.

Miya joined the APEN staff in the mid-1990s as a youth organizer and went on to serve as lead organizer, development director and associate director. Previously, she was executive director of the Student Environmental Action Coalition, and worked broadly in international environment and development networks organizing for environmental and economic justice.

She was a participant in the first National People of Color Environmental Leadership Summit, in 1991, and was on the drafting committee of the original Principles of Environmental Justice, a defining document for the environmental-justice movement.



Jordan Zimmermann

Designer, Arrowstreet Inc.; partner to Neighborhood of Affordable Housing Inc.

Jordan Zimmermann is a designer with Arrowstreet Inc. in Boston. Arrowstreet is a partner to Neighborhood of Affordable Housing Inc.

An architect with design and technical experience on institutional and commercial projects, she has focused her research and design on energy-efficient building. Jordan has expertise in sustainable-strategy implementation and co-authored a pilot study on zero-net-energy building.

Since joining Arrowstreet, she has become an active member of the Urban Land Institute through its Sustainability Council and Sea Level Rise initiatives.

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