



SPEAKER PROFILES

Govind Acharaya:

Govind Acharya has been a volunteer with AIUSA for almost 20 years, serving as Student Area Coordinator in San Diego to Country Specialist. He has worked as staff at the International Secretariat, as Amnesty's representative in Afghanistan. He is a commissioner on the City of Ithaca's Board of Public Works and chairs the City of Ithaca's Planning and Development Board.

Session: Strategic Planning Plenary

Adotei Akwei

Adotei Akwei is Managing Director, Government Relations for Amnesty International USA. He has focused on human rights and U.S. foreign policy toward Africa since 1988 and has worked at CARE USA, the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights and the American Committee on Africa and The Africa Fund.

Session: Responding to Human Rights Crises: Burundi, Syria, Myanmar, Mexico, Honduras, and Central America

Amani Al-Khatahtbeh

Amani Al-Khatahtbeh is the founder and editor-in-chief of MuslimGirl.net, the leading online magazine for American Muslim women. Amani made the annual Forbes 30 Under 30 list for 2016, making her the first veiled woman to be honored in the media category. Amani has been profiled in The New York Times, CNN Money, and VICE.

Session: To Be Muslim in America: Confronting Prejudice & Hate

Mavis Anderson

Since 1997, Mavis has covered U.S. policy toward Cuba, cultivating congressional, organizational, and grassroots support for the LAWG coalition's efforts to end the U.S. embargo on Cuba. Before LAWG, Mavis was the program director for International Travel Seminars at the Center for Global Education at Augsburg College, Minneapolis.

Session: Freedom of Expression, Dissent, and the Internet - What is the Outlook for Human Rights in Cuba?

Amanda Armstrong

Session: Resolutions 101

Alex Arriaga

Alex Arriaga is Managing Partner at Strategy for Humanity. She was on the AIUSA executive staff, and was director of government relations, policy and advocacy. She also worked at the White House and in Congress. She has deep human rights expertise, specializing on rights for persons with disabilities, gender issues, and minority rights. Her mother tongue is Spanish.

Session: Strategic Planning Plenary

Charon Asetoyer

Charon Asetoyer member of the Comanche Nation and a lifelong Native American women's health advocate and activist. She is the Executive Director & Founder of the Native American Community Board started in 1985 on the Yankton Sioux Reservation. Charon supports body sovereignty and works to prevent violence against Native women.

Session: Courage Under Fire: Human Rights Defenders Share Their Stories of Hope

Ali Azizi

Ali Azizi is the Amnesty International USA country specialist for Yemen. He has been a member of the country specialist program since 1987. Ali is a former member of the AIUSA Board of Directors and has been a member of the Middle East Cogroup for more than three decades.

Session: US Arms Sales and Human Rights Violations in the Middle East

Jeff Bachman

Jeff Bachman has been an Amnesty activist and member since 1988. In that time he has served in many leadership roles, including local group coordinator, country and thematic specialist, AIUSA board member and chair, and AIUSA delegate to International Council Meetings. Currently, Jeff is a member of the International Board's Governance Committee, a position he has held since 2011.

Session: Global Governance in the International Movement

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Brittney Bartlett

Brittney is an Assistant Campaigner with Amnesty International USA's Individuals at Risk Program. She leads the Urgent Action Network, a rapid response network that issues cases on threats to human rights worldwide every day. She earned an MA in International Administration from the University of Miami. Connect with Brittney on Twitter @Brittneyb4.

Session: Journalism is Not a Crime: How You Can Help Free Imprisoned Reporters Worldwide

Marleine Bastien

Session: Building Bridges Towards the Restoration of Nationality in the Dominican Republic

Moustafa Bayoumi

Moustafa Bayoumi is the author of the critically acclaimed *How Does It Feel To Be a Problem?: Being Young and Arab in America* which won an American Book Award and the Arab American Book Award for Non-Fiction. His writing has appeared in *The New York Times Magazine*, *New York Magazine* and other places. He also co-edited a special issue of *The Nation* magazine on Islamophobia.

Session: Terrified: Reimagining How We Respond to Acts of Terrorism

Emily Beck

Emily Beck joined the human rights movement over 20 years ago as a junior high school student. She studied cross-cultural psychology at Washington University and is pursuing degrees in and Law and Ethics. With Amnesty, she serves as Area Coordinator for Missouri. She is a founding member of "Local Pride" St. Louis and is a Board Member for the St. Louis National Lawyers Guild.

Sessions: Building an Inclusive Human Rights Movement; Corporate Accountability at Home

Thomas Benner

Tom Benner has been an AIUSA member and activist since 1987, serving the organization in a variety of roles over the years. He is currently chair of the National Resolutions Committee and Area Coordinator for Indiana.

Session: Resolutions 101

Pabitra Benjamin

Pabitra Benjamin is a Field Director for Amnesty International USA. She has experience in civil and human rights movement building with a focus on campaign and field development. She also has an extensive background working intimately with diverse communities and organizations in strategic planning, community organizing, organizational development, staff and project management and cross-sectorial collaborations/coalitions.

Session: Solidarity is Universal: International Organizing Outside the Local/Global Binary

Sunjeev Bery

Sunjeev Bery serves as Advocacy Director for Middle East and North Africa (MENA) issues at Amnesty International USA. He lobbies U.S. officials, diplomats, and officeholders regarding human rights concerns across the MENA region. Sunjeev holds a BA from UC Berkeley and an MPA from the Harvard Kennedy School, where he was a Harvard Public Service Fellow.

Session: US Arms Sales and Human Rights Violations in the Middle East

Simon Billenness

Simon Billenness, Co-chair of AIUSA Business and Human Rights group; founded the CSR [Corporate Social Responsibility] Strategy Group to offer non-profits, trade unions, and socially responsible investors expertise in creating and implementing effective campaigns to fundamentally change behavior of politicians and major corporations. He has decades of experience as an advocate for environmental sustainability, human rights, good corporate governance, and social justice.

Session: Corporate Accountability at Home

Ariela Blatter

Ariela Blätter is Managing Partners at Strategy for Humanity. Previously, she worked with AI and AIUSA, creating and leading the Crisis Prevention and Response program and was deputy managing director of government relations. She is a human rights and humanitarian lawyer with expertise in genocide prevention, peace and security, and gender issues.

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Sue-Zann Bosler

In 1986, SueZann Bosler and her father were brutally attacked. While lying on the floor pretending to be dead, she watched her father take his last breath. SueZann worked for over 10 years to spare the life of her father's killer. In 1996, his death sentence was commuted to life.

Session: Path to Abolishing the Death Penalty

Assia Boundaoui

Assia Boundaoui is an award-winning Algerian-American freelance journalist and filmmaker based in Chicago. She's written and produced stories for NPR, BBC, AlJazeera, Vice, HBO Documentary Films, and CNN, and was the recipient of a first place Mark of Excellence Award from the Society of Professional Journalists. Assia has a Masters degree in journalism from New York University and a B.A. in Political Science and Islamic World Studies from DePaul University.

Session: Terrified: Reimagining How We Respond to Acts of Terrorism

Jamira Burley

Jamira Burley is a Senior Campaigner for Amnesty International USA, leading on issues of gun violence and criminal justice reform. In addition, Jamira is the United States representative/ co-chair to the United Nations Global Education First Initiative, Youth Advocacy Group, and co-founder of GenYNot.

Session: Plenary: A Country Held at Gunpoint

Ann Burroughs

A lifelong human rights advocate, Ms. Burroughs was imprisoned as a young student in her native South Africa as a result of her anti-apartheid activism. She has dedicated her career to investigating and exposing assaults on justice and human dignity around the world. Ms. Burroughs is a Partner at Social Sector Partners, an organization that focuses on supporting social sector organizations working for a more just and equitable world.

Sessions: Official Opening and Closing Remarks of the Annual General Meeting; Global Governance in the International Movement

Gerard Bush

Gerard Bush is a writer, commercial & short film director and of course, co-founder and Chief Creative Officer of BushlRenz. In his spare time, Mr Bush contributes to Huffington Post and Esquire Magazine and pays it forward as a professor of creative digital media at the acclaimed portfolio school, Miami Ad school.

Session: Art for Amnesty Plenary

Anna Lellelid

Anna Lellelid is a civil rights and criminal defense attorney in New Orleans working with longtime civil rights attorney Bill Quigley as well as local and national civil rights advocates to end the state's criminalization of the poor. Lellelid's work has focused on ending the practice of jailing the state's poorest because they cannot afford to pay their criminal court debts or bail bondsmen.

Session: Prison Profiteering: The High Price of Mass Incarceration

Amanda Chavez Barnes

Amanda Chavez Barnes is the Membership Organizer at the US Human Rights Network. For over a decade, Amanda has been organizing for immigrants' rights, racial justice, and the human right to education. In 2005, Amanda founded the Mexican American Student Alliance to push back against the dehumanization of Mexican-descended people in the United States, particularly in her home state of Georgia.

Sessions: Born of Struggle, Implemented through Struggle: Using Human Rights Framework to Build an Intersectional Racial Justice Movement

Laritzta Diversent Cambara

Laritzta is trained as a lawyer, and Director of Cubalex, an organization based in Havana which provides independent and free legal and human rights advice. In April 2015 the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights granted Laritzta and other members of Cubalex precautionary measures to protect their life and personal integrity. Cubalex is not officially recognized by the Cuban authorities.

Session: Freedom of Expression, Dissent, and the Internet - What is the Outlook for Human Rights in Cuba?

Rupert Allen Clair

Rupert Allen Clair is a leader and spokesperson for the Rama Kriol Territorial Government (GRK) of Nicaragua formed by 9 indigenous and afro-descendant communities.

Session: Afro-Descendent Communities Human Rights Struggles throughout the Americas

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James Clark

James Clark is the Senior Death Penalty Campaigner at AIUSA. He has worked to abolish the death penalty for the past 8 years with organizations including the ACLU and Change.org and served as the regional director for Prop 34, the ballot initiative to abolish California's death penalty. James holds a bachelor's degree from UCLA in the Study of Religion and a Masters of Divinity from Emory University.

Session: Path to Abolishing the Death Penalty

Msia Clark

Professor Clark is an expert on hip hop movements on the African continent and social anthropology of music and social movements here in the US and in Africa. Professor Clark is a dynamic speaker who approaches the role of hip hop and music in social change from an academic perspective, providing an analysis often silent when discussing its power to make change.

Session: Hip Hop Activism- Changing the World, One Beat at a Time

Vienna Colucci

Vienna Colucci is AIUSA's Senior Director for Policy. She is responsible for policy development, review, and guidance across AIUSA departments and liaises with the International Secretariat's Law and Policy team. She serves as standing policy advisor to AIUSA's crisis response teams, chaired AIUSA's interdepartmental working group on economic, social and cultural rights, and co-produced (with Skylight Pictures) the documentary Human Needs, Human Rights.

Session: Why Aren't the Candidates Talking About Human Rights?

Diana Marcela Gomez Correal

Diana is a human rights defender, historian and professor in anthropology at the Pontificia Universidad Javeriana in Colombia. She is an active member of Sons and Daughters for Memory and Against Impunity as well as a spokesperson of the Victims of State Crime Movement (MOVICE). She is the daughter of Jaime Gómez, who was forcibly disappeared on March 21, 2006, in Bogotá, and whose remains were found one month later, on April 23. She has repeatedly faced intimidation and threats for her human rights work.

Session: Courage Under Fire: Human Rights Defenders Share Their Stories of Hope

Doug Colbert

Douglas Colbert is a professor of law at the University of Maryland and founder and director of the Lawyers at Bail Project. He has written extensively about a broad range of criminal justice issues, including indigents' right to counsel, bail reform, the Thirteenth Amendment, race discrimination in jury selection, affirmative action, police misconduct, and politically sensitive trials.

Session: Prison Profiteering: The High Price of Mass Incarceration

Deborah Maria da Silva

Deborah is the mother of a gun violence victim and founder of the Brazilian advocacy group "Mothers of May."

Session: Human Rights and Gun Violence in the Americas: Testimonies from Brazil, Venezuela and the USA

Sophia Dawson

Based out of Brooklyn, Sophia Dawson, is a talented and self-motivated African American woman. She has participated in bringing about social change through designing and creating large-scale murals, transforming various spaces working with Groundswell Community Mural Project. She has done group exhibitions in NY and LA as well as a solo exhibition entitled "WET PAINT."

Session: Art for Amnesty Plenary

Ana Lorena Delgadillo

Ana is the Director of Fundacion para la Justicia in Mexico.

Session: Plenary: Human Rights Implications to Protection of People on the Move in the Americas

Tarah Demant

Tarah Demant is the Senior Director of the Identity and Discrimination Unit (IDU). Tarah has been with Amnesty since the Stop Violence Against Women Campaign in 2002 and was most recently Co-Chair of the Women's Human Rights Coordination Group. She has worked with various women's and human rights organizations, most recently U.S. Human Rights Network, and was a professor of Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies and English.

Session: Acting on the Global Refugee Crisis

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Kaitlyn Denzler

Kaitlyn Denzler is the women's rights campaigner for the Identity and Discrimination Unit in Washington, DC. She works largely on Amnesty's My Body, My Right Campaign and advocacy around women's human rights defenders. She hails from the glorious State of Nevada and is a passionate human and animal rights advocate.

Session: Defending Sexual and Reproductive Rights at Home

Rosa Iris Diendomi Álvarez

Session: Building Bridges Towards the Restoration of Nationality in the Dominican Republic

Marie Duffin

Marie joined Amnesty as a high school student in small-town Texas. She has been engaged in community organizing for several years, and expects to be for the rest of her life; it's in her blood. Outside of organizing, Marie is a student legal writer, but mostly enjoys dreaming up and making ridiculous art.

Session: Put Your Activism Where Your Mouth Is: Showing Up As LGBTQ Leaders and Accomplices

Anupriya Ghate

Anu Ghate is the Digital Engagement Manager for Amnesty International USA. She has worked as a graphic designer and non-profit digital strategist and currently heads up AIUSA's social media team and their online engagement and advocacy work.

Session: Getting Graphic: Using Graphic Design for Human Rights

Jennifer Green

Jennie Green, Co-Chair of AIUSA Business and Human Rights group and longtime member of AIUSA, worked on Shell's environmental clean-up in Nigeria; on child labor, cobalt and U.S. electronics manufacturers; and on gun violence. Other background: human rights litigation in U.S. courts with the Center for Constitutional Rights and teaching at University of Minnesota, International Women's Human Rights Clinic at the City University of New York (CUNY), and Harvard.

Session: Corporate Accountability at Home

Savannah Fox

Savannah Fox entered the world of human rights activism while working for eight years on the death penalty case of Troy Davis in her home state of Georgia. Savannah currently serves as Field Organizer in the Mid-Atlantic for AIUSA and has over 4 years covered the states of Georgia, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Washington D.C. Savannah has a B.A. from the University of South Carolina in International Relations and German. Follow her on Twitter: @SavannahJFox.

Session: Solidarity is Universal: International Organizing Outside the Local/Global Binary

Sarah Hager

Sarah Hager is a volunteer leader at Amnesty International USA, serving as Chair of the Southern Africa Co-Group where she guides the efforts of Country Specialists monitoring human rights in twelve countries. Sarah has a Master's degree in Clinical Forensic Psychology from Drexel University and a law degree from Northwestern University. She currently practices law in Washington DC.

Session: Hip Hop Activism- Changing the World, One Beat at a Time

Kevin Harden

Kevin Harden Jr. is a trial lawyer at the law firm Eckert Seamans in Philadelphia. His practice focuses on the defense of corporations and their executives in state and federal criminal investigations. Prior to joining Eckert Seamans, Kevin was a prosecutor in the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office where he directed investigations as a lead prosecutor assigned to an organized crime task-force created by the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office.

Session: Plenary: A Country Held at Gunpoint

Missie Haward

Missie has been with AIUSA for five years as a Legislative, Student Activist and Area Coordinator, and member of the LGBTQ Coordination Group. As a queer, intersectional feminist, she's worked for years in community organizing. She loves dogs, puns, video games, and discussing feminist and queer theory.

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Jasmine Heiss

Jasmine Heiss is a Senior Campaigner with Amnesty International USA's Individuals at Risk Program. She advocates on behalf of the individuals at the heart of Amnesty International's work and leads Amnesty USA's work on solitary confinement. Connect with Jasmine on Twitter @JasminitaMH

Session:

Sarah Hoye

Sarah Hoye is a National Correspondent for America Tonight, Al Jazeera America's flagship prime time current affairs program. Prior to joining AJAM, Hoye was an All-Platform Journalist for CNN based in Philadelphia, covering regional and breaking news. Her awards include the Peabody, Knight Digital Media Fellowship and the Women's Media Center's Emerging Journalist Award.

Session: Art for Amnesty Plenary

Margaret Huang

Margaret Huang, an advocate for human rights and racial justice for more than two decades, is the Interim Executive Director of Amnesty International USA. She has worked with Members of Congress on critical pieces of legislation, and she has advocated before the United Nations human rights mechanisms as well as the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights. Ms. Huang received a Master of International Affairs from Columbia University, and a B.S.F.S. from Georgetown University.

Zeke Johnson

Zeke Johnson is the Managing Director of Amnesty International USA's Individuals at Risk Program. He leads the organization's work to free prisoners of conscience and support human rights defenders. He has represented AI before the UN Committee Against Torture, testified before members of Congress about drones and served as a human rights monitor in Ferguson, Baltimore, and Guantánamo. Connect with Zeke on Twitter @ZekeJohnsonAi.

Session: Journalism is Not a Crime: How You Can Help Free Imprisoned Reporters Worldwide

Barbara E. Joe

Barbara E. Joe, MA, a UC, Berkeley, alumna and great-grandmother, is a writer and DC-area Spanish interpreter. She co-founded Amnesty Group 211 in 1981, serving 14 years as AI Cuba and DR specialist and the last 12 years as volunteer Caribbean chair. Recently, she authored *Confessions of a Secret Latina: How I Fell Out of Love with Castro & In Love with the Cuban People*.

Session: Freedom of Expression, Dissent, and the Internet - What is the Outlook for Human Rights in Cuba?

Natishia June

Natishia leads ACLU of Florida's engagement on a number of issues, including debtors prison, bail reform and immigration detention. She can help participants to Florida engage in their "backyard" and illuminate the interconnectedness of work to reform money bail and indigent defense in Florida with that happening elsewhere in the country.

Session: Prison Profiteering: The High Price of Mass Incarceration

Wardah Khalid

Wardah Khalid is a writer, speaker, and analyst on Middle East policy and Islam in America. She most recently served as a Middle East policy analyst for the Friends Committee on National Legislation. Wardah is the author of the "Young American Muslim" blog for the *Houston Chronicle* and her articles have been published in outlets including *Salon*, *Al Jazeera America*, *US News & World Report*, *Vox*, and *Huffington Post*.

Session: To Be Muslim in America: Confronting Prejudice & Hate

Bayunga Kialeuka

The paintings of Bayunga Nsimba Kialeuka are described in historical context as social realism. This refers to art that depicts working class activities as heroic. The politics of class and the struggle for social relevance is the central theme behind all his work.

Session: Art for Amnesty Plenary

Jesse Krimes

Philadelphia-based artist Jesse Krimes holds a BA in Studio Art from Millersville University. His work investigates the human condition in an attempt to disentangle complex value systems and hierarchies, much like the work of a contemporary sociologist.

Session: Art for Amnesty Plenary

Sylvan Lacue

In 2009, Sylvan Lacue was the champion of Jermaine Dupri's "Survival of the MCs" competition, beating 660 other hip hop performers. Despite challenging family relationships and financial concerns, Sylvan persevered with his music and in 2014,

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released *Searching Sylvan*. Following its release, The Huffington Post named Sylvan on their 11 Artists You Need To Know For The Rest Of 2014 list. He is currently recording a new album.

Session: Hip Hop Activism- Changing the World, One Beat at a Time

Kathleen Lucas

Kathleen Lucas heads a death penalty abolition organization and has a background in organizational development. In over 40 years in AIUSA, she has served on the Area Coordinator Steering Committee, Refugee Steering Committee and as a State Death Penalty Abolition Coordinator. She co-chairs the Training Sub-committee of AIUSA's Grassroots Project.

Session: Amnesty 101: Intro to Amnesty International USA

Julienne Lusenge

After violent conflict usurped eastern DRC, Julienne documented the abuse of warring parties; founded an NGO to support survivors of sexual violence; convinced the Congolese government and UN to acknowledge rape was being used a weapon of war and to take action; and then founded another NGOs to support women's rights in DRC. She is this year's Ginetta Sagan Fund Award winner.

Session: Courage Under Fire: Human Rights Defenders Share Their Stories of Hope

Carlos F. Lusverti

An Amnesty International member since 1996, Carlos is the former Director of Amnesty International in Venezuela and currently serves as Amnesty's board member in that country. Carlos is also a Human Rights Law Professor and the Director of the Human Rights Center at *Universidad Catolica Andres Bello* in Caracas. Carlos is an attorney and has several publications on human rights topics in both Venezuela and the United States.

Session: Human Rights and Gun Violence in the Americas: Testimonies from Brazil, Venezuela and the USA

Janet MacLean

Janet MacLean has been an AIUSA member since 1988 when she joined the Midwest regional staff. She has served in a variety of roles on staff and as a volunteer leader, focusing on membership training and policy discussions. She was the chair of the ICM for three meetings, also facilitating the annual meeting of the Chairs Assembly from 2006 through 2015. In this work and at Amnesty, she focuses on group dynamics, experiential learning, and creating a robust conversation.

Session: Global Governance in the International Movement

Marselha Gonçalves Margerin

Marselha Goncalves Margerin is the Advocacy Director for the Americas at Amnesty International USA, raising Latin American & Caribbean human rights issues in Latin America and the Caribbean directly with government officials and policymakers in the U.S. She holds an M.A in International Peace & Conflict Resolution, American University's School of International Service and a LL.B from Universidade Federal de Uberlândia, Brazil.

Sessions: Afro-Descendent Communities Human Rights Struggles throughout the Americas; Building Bridges Towards the Restoration of Nationality in the Dominican Republic; Plenary: Human Rights Implications to Protection of People on the Move in the Americas

Rafael Marques de Morais

Rafael Marques de Morais is widely regarded as the preeminent investigative journalist in Angola, focusing predominantly on reporting on corruption and human rights abuses. He has received numerous international awards and recognitions. He faces heavy pressure and intimidation from the Angolan government, including legal prosecution, in an attempt to stifle his work.

Sessions: Hip Hop Activism- Changing the World, One Beat At a Time; Journalism is Not a Crime: How You Can Help Free Imprisoned Reporters Worldwide

Francia Márquez

Francia Márquez, legal representative of the association of Community Councils of Northern Cauca, Colombia (Asociación de Consejos Comunitarios del Norte del Cauca). Ms. Márquez is an Afro-Colombian leader who has worked on mining issues in the region. She is mentioned in the Nov 2015 Amnesty report: Colombia: Restoring The Land, Securing The Peace: Indigenous and Afro-Descendent Territorial Rights for having received paramilitary death threats.

Session: Afro-Descendent Communities Human Rights Struggles throughout the Americas

Oscar Martinez

Oscar Martinez is a journalist in El Salvador.

Session: Plenary: Human Rights Implications to Protection of People on the Move in the Americas

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Jim McDonald

Jim McDonald is the Sri Lanka Country Specialist for AIUSA. He has testified before Congress on Sri Lanka for AIUSA and has organized numerous campaigns on Sri Lanka by AIUSA members.

Session: Youth Under Attack in South Asia

Christine Mehta

Christine Mehta is a researcher, writer and human rights advocate experienced in investigating human rights abuses in hostile environments. She was formerly with Amnesty International (AI), based in India. She is currently a researcher with Physicians for Human Rights, an organization using medicine and science to investigate human rights violations.

Session: Youth Under Attack in South Asia

Kalaya'an Mendoza

Kalaya'an Mendoza has spent his 15-year activist career working for various issues ranging from Queer rights to Tibetan independence to anti-racist organizing and beyond. He is currently serving as Field Director at AIUSA, where he manages field staff to empower activists with the tools, training, and materials needed to positively impact human rights in the U.S. and abroad.

Session: Building an Inclusive Human Rights Movement

Noor Mir

Noor joined Amnesty's D.C. office as a field organizer in September 2014 and is responsible for mobilizing members in Virginia, West Virginia and Maryland. Prior to Amnesty, she worked at CODEPINK: Women for Peace as an anti-war campaigner. Noor was born and raised in Islamabad, Pakistan and holds a B.A in Political Science, English and French from Vassar College. Follow her on Twitter: @thedronalisa.

Sessions: Stop Spying on Me: Protecting Protest & Dissent; We Don't Need Saving: Advocating for Women's Rights in Impacted Communities; Solidarity is Universal: International Organizing Outside the Local/Global Binary

Miriam Miranda

Miriam Miranda is the general coordinator of the Organización Fraternal Negra de Honduras (OFRANEH), an organization that works to promote and defend the rights of the Afro-descendant Garifuna community.

Session: Afro-Descendent Communities Human Rights Struggles throughout the Americas

Geoffrey Mock

Geoffrey Mock is chair of the Middle East country specialists for AIUSA. He is Syrian and Egyptian country specialist for AIUSA.

Sessions: US Arms Sales and Human Rights Violations in the Middle East; Acting on Global Refugee Crisis

Haroon Moghul

Haroon Moghul is a commentator and broadcaster who wishes he could just be a writer. He's appeared on all major media networks, and has been published at the Washington Post, TIME, CNN, Guardian, Foreign Policy, Haaretz and Boston Review. He's the author of a novel, *The Order of Light*, and an upcoming memoir, *How to be a Muslim: An American Story*.

Session: To Be Muslim in America: Confronting Prejudice & Hate

Paul Moriarty

Paul Moriarty is the Midwestern Regional Representative for the National Resolutions Committee.

Session: Resolutions 101

Deprose Muchena

Deprose Muchena is a Zimbabwean-born social justice and human rights activist. In March 2014, he was appointed Amnesty International's first Regional Director for Southern Africa as part of AI's "Moving Closer to the Ground" strategy. He leads a dedicated team of human rights research specialists, specialist campaigners, communications experts and volunteers working across the region to promote human rights and end grave human rights violations.

Session: A Global Perspective on Police Use of Force: The Case of Marikana, South Africa

Lauren Murphy

Lauren Murphy is an Associate Digital Producer at Amnesty International USA. She is passionate about using creative mixed media to cultivate change in social issues and global development. Previously, Lauren has worked in roles with the New Future Foundation at the United Nations and the International Organization for Migration in Ghana.

Session: Getting Graphic: Using Graphic Design for Human Rights

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Hilary Naylor

Hilary Naylor, PhD, is a technology consultant for nonprofits and schools (A2Zed). In more than 25 years as an active AIUSA member, she has served on the Board of Directors, as a Country Coordinator (Country Specialist), and as a trainer. She is a member of AIUSA's Member Empowerment Training Program Working Group.

Session: Amnesty 101: Intro to Amnesty International USA

Rameshwar Nepal

Rameshwar is the Executive Director for AI Nepal.

Session: Acting on the Global Refugee Crisis

Alex Neve

Session: Plenary: Human Rights Implications to Protection of People on the Move in the Americas

Andro Nodarse-León

Andro Nodarse-León is a co-founder and Managing Partner of LEÓN, MAYER & Co, a private equity and investment-banking firm. Mr. Nodarse-León graduated with honors from The University of Pennsylvania with a B.S. in Economics from The Wharton School and a B.S.E in Systems Engineering from The School of Engineering and Applied Sciences. He is the author of the recent book publication, *Cuba: From Economic Take-Off to Collapse under Castro*.

Session: Freedom of Expression, Dissent, and the Internet - What is the Outlook for Human Rights in Cuba?

Erin Nuzzo

Erin Nuzzo has been an Amnesty International member since college and has served as a Legislative Coordinator (LC) since the early 2000s. She was a resident of Montana and the LC for that state until 2015, when she moved to Florida. She currently serves as the Florida LC. Erin has a degree in Political Science and a certification in Nonprofit Administration.

Session: Why Aren't the Candidates Talking About Human Rights?

Roni Kay O'Dell

Roni Kay O'Dell is an Assistant Professor in the Department of History and Government at Cameron University, where she teaches courses in international relations and political science. Her research focuses on the creation, spread, and diffusion of international norms and ideas, especially in international development. Her work has appeared in peer reviewed venues including *Global Governance* and *Vereinte Nationen*.

Session: Resolutions 101

Brandan Odums

Brandan "Bmike" Odums is the founder and director of 2-Cent Entertainment LLC – a youth education social enterprise that produces mixed media content and events in the overlap between pop culture and social awareness. Founded in 2005, 2-Cent began as a hip-hop-oriented, grassroots, entertainment company geared towards addressing problems in the community.

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Alanna Offield

Alanna is a queer Chicana from northern New Mexico. She served as the AI SAC for New Mexico. Alanna is an anti-oppression educator in her community and an active participant in and facilitator of local conversations on body and sex positivity. When she isn't organizing with her community, Alanna is hanging out with her daughter Hickory in their historic Martineztown home.

Sessions: Defending Sexual and Reproductive Rights at Home; Put Your Activism Where Your Mouth Is: Showing Up As LGBTQ Leaders and Accomplices

Eric L. Olson

Eric L. Olson is the Associate Director of the Latin American Program and Senior Advisor to the Mexico Institute at the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, DC. His research and writing has focused on security issues and the impacts of crime, organized crime, and violence on democratic governance. He has an M.A. in International Affairs from the School of International Service at American University, Washington, D.C.

Session: Responding to Human Rights Crises: Burundi, Syria, Myanmar, Mexico, Honduras, and Central America

Michael O'Reilly

Michael O'Reilly has extensive experience leading grassroots campaigns to aid and protect human right defenders and other individuals at risk of human rights violations. In addition to his current position as Amnesty International's Deputy Executive Director for Policy, International Coordination and Member Advocacy, he has held a range of roles with the organization.

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Sessions: Human Rights Defenders: The Front Line on Closing Political Space; Global Governance in the International Movement

Manisha Paudel

Since age 14, Manisha has been working in various capacities to promote human rights. She holds volunteer human rights positions at state and federal levels. Manisha has also worked in Canada, East Timor, Eritrea, Kenya, and Nepal. She founded an AIUSA college chapter and served as a Student Area Coordinator.

Session: Youth Under Attack in South Asia

Dr. Dan-el Padilla Peralta

Session: Building Bridges Towards the Restoration of Nationality in the Dominican Republic

James Pope

James Pope, Ph.D. is currently Assistant Professor of Liberal Studies at Winston Salem State University where he teaches courses that explore the many dimensions of African and diasporic cultural, sociopolitical, and historical experiences. He is Executive Producer and co-Host of AfricaNow!, a radio program heard on Pacifica Radio, Washington, DC as well as Amnesty International's Country Specialist for South Africa.

Session: A Global Perspective on Police Use of Force: The Case of Marikana, South Africa

Perseo Quiroz

Perseo Quiroz holds a Masters in International Law of Human Rights from the University of Notre Dame. He began his career in the area of international arbitration and litigation and later served as Assistant Coordinator of Advocacy at Sin Fronteras I.A.P. Since October 2013, he is Executive Director of Amnesty International Mexico.

Session: Responding to Human Rights Crises: Burundi, Syria, Myanmar, Mexico, Honduras, and Central America

Christopher Renz

Christopher Renz has worked in marketing since graduating with a degree in advertising in 2003. Mr Renz's past agency roster includes the award-winning Crispin Porter + Bogusky and Omnicom before co-founding BushlRenz. Mr. Renz specializes in creative media strategy and as Agency Director serves to ensure all BushlRenz brand partners receive the most relevant and engaging advertising opportunities.

Session: Art for Amnesty Plenary

Sarnata Reynolds

Sarnata is an international human rights lawyer and an expert on refugee and migrants' rights, statelessness and the right to nationality, and humanitarian response in displacement and crisis situations. Sarnata conducted field research and produced reports on humanitarian needs and human rights concerns in Bangladesh, El Salvador, Israel, Kuwait, Lebanon (Syrian refugees), Malaysia, Mexico, Myanmar, South Sudan, and Turkey (Syrian refugees), among other countries.

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Terry Rockefeller

Terry Kay Rockefeller has been a member of AIUSA for over 30 years and serves as co-coordinator for Group 56 in Lexington, MA. Terry is currently a member of the AIUSA Board of Directors where she chairs the Planning and Priorities Committee.

Session: Terrified: Reimagining How We Respond to Acts of Terrorism

Theresa Rodello

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Session: Human Rights Abuses in Democratic Republic of the Congo

Phyllis Rodriguez

On September 11, 2001, Phyllis' son died in the attacks on the World Trade Center. In 2006, the story of her friendship with Aicha el-Wafi, mother of Zacarias Moussaoui, appeared on The Forgiveness Project website. Phyllis is active in the Guantanamo/Rule of Law committee of Peaceful Tomorrows. Her story is featured in the documentary film, "In Our Son's Name", airing on PBS in September 2016.

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Atila Roque

Atila Roque, Executive Director of Amnesty International Brazil, is a historian and a political scientist. He has occupied leadership positions in different international and Brazilian civil society organizations, such as Ibase (Instituto Brasileiro de Análises Sociais e Econômicas), Abong (Associação Brasileira de ONGs), ActionAid Internacional-USA, and Inesc (Instituto de Estudos Socioeconômicos).

Session: Afro-Descendent Communities Human Rights Struggles throughout the Americas

Erika Guevara Rosas

Erika Guevara Rosas is a Mexican-American human rights lawyer, and the Director for the Americas at the International Secretariat of Amnesty International (AI). Prior to her tenure with AI, she was the Americas Director at the Global Fund for Women. Additionally, she worked at the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, where she managed operations in Ecuador, Colombia, Peru, Panama and Venezuela.

Session: Acting on Global Refugee Crisis

Madeline Rose

Madeline Rose is the Senior Policy Advisor for Mercy Corps, a leading global humanitarian and development agency headquartered in Portland, OR. She is a New Leaders Fellow with the Center for Progressive Leadership, a Steering Committee Member for the Harvard Law School Counter-Terrorism and Humanitarian Engagement project, and a Board Member for Voices for Sudan Inc.

Session: Responding to Human Rights Crises: Burundi, Syria, Myanmar, Mexico, Honduras, and Central America

Kristy Sandoval

Raised in LA, kSan, is a first generation xicana. Since 2008 kSan has painted more than 30 public art murals. Her work focuses on human rights, world affairs from an environmental standpoint, and womyn empowerment. An advocate for arts education, kSan has run mural design workshops for all age groups and skill levels in underserved communities.

Session: Art for Amnesty Plenary

Raul Santiago da Silva

Session: Human Rights and Gun Violence in the Americas: Testimonies from Brazil, Venezuela and the USA

Lukshmee Saravanapavan

Lukshmee Saravanapavan is a student activist with Amnesty International USA who is originally from Jaffna, Sri Lanka. An Economics major at the University of Chicago, she has held leadership positions in many organizations including Amnesty International UChicago and Partnership for the Advancement of Refugee Rights.

Session: Youth Under Attack in South Asia

Naureen Shah

Naureen Shah is director of Amnesty International USA's Security and Human Rights Program. She is the author of several studies on U.S. counterterrorism, including on drone strikes, domestic terrorism investigations and torture.

Sessions: Terrified: Reimagining How We Respond to Acts of Terrorism; To Be Muslim in America: Confronting Prejudice & Hate; Stop Spying on Me: Protecting Protest & Dissent

Paromita Shah

Paromita Shah has served as Associate Director of the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild since 2005, specializing in immigration detention and enforcement. She is a contributing author and co-presenter of the "Deportation 101" curriculum, participates in regular advocacy efforts with ICE officials, and has created an abundance of resources for communities affected by heightened immigration enforcement efforts.

Session: Plenary: Human Rights Implications to Protection of People on the Move in the Americas

Muna Sharif

Muna Sharif is a Palestinian-American organizer based in Anaheim, California. Formerly the Director of Jibreel Project, a campaign designed to inspire community action and resist state oppression through the mobilization of students via education, engagement and action. Recently, her work has been devoted to scrutinizing Countering Violent Extremism (CVE) and bridging the gap between campus and community organizing.

Session: We Don't Need Saving: Advocating for Women's Rights in Impacted Communities; To Be Muslim in America: Confronting Prejudice & Hate

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Samantha Shewmaker

Samantha Shewmaker is the Mid-Atlantic Regional Representative for the National Resolutions Committee.

Session: Resolutions 101

Neema Singh Guliani

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Session: Stop Spying on Me: Protecting Protest & Dissent

Khree Smith

Khree Smith is an international public speaker, CEO of The Brilliant Group, LLC, and second-year Georgetown Law student. He interned at the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy in 2012, was appointed to a federal National Advisory Council, and serves as the Lead Youth Trainer for Community AntiDrug Coalitions of America's (CADCA) National Youth Leadership Initiative.

Session: Human Rights and Gun Violence in the Americas: Testimonies from Brazil, Venezuela and the USA

Nate Smith

Nate Smith is chair of Amnesty Int'l USA's Military, Security and Police Co-Group. He attended Arms Trade Treaty negotiations as the AIUSA representative on the global AI delegation. He was also part of AIUSA's human rights observer delegation to Ferguson, MO and Baltimore, MD. Nate holds a Master's of Public Policy from the Gerald R. Ford School of Public Policy at the University of Michigan. He has been an Amnesty Int'l activist since 2011.

Session: US Arms Sales and Human Rights Violations in the Middle East

Louise Tillotson

Session: Freedom of Expression, Dissent, and the Internet - What is the Outlook for Human Rights in Cuba?

Thomas Turner

Thomas E. Turner Author/consultant Dr. Tom Turner is an independent scholar, living in Manassas, Virginia. He taught at universities in the Democratic Republic of Congo, Rwanda, Kenya, Tunisia, and the United States. He currently is serving as volunteer Country Specialist on the Democratic Republic of Congo for Amnesty International USA He is the author of Congo (Polity Press, 2013) and The Congo Wars: Conflict, Myth and Reality (Zed Books, 2007).

Sessions: Human Rights Abuses in Democratic Republic of the Congo; Session: Responding to Human Rights Crises: Burundi, Syria, Myanmar, Mexico, Honduras, and Central America

Emily Walsh

Emily Walsh is a Campaigner with Amnesty International USA's Individuals at Risk Program. She leads the Case Commitment Initiative, working alongside Country and Thematic Specialists to support local and student groups in effectively campaigning on long-term cases. Connect with her on Twitter @EmilyWalshAI.

Session: Courage Under Fire: Human Rights Defenders Share Their Stories of Hope

Patrick Wilcken

Patrick Wilcken is a Brazil specialist and human rights activist who currently works at the International Secretariat of Amnesty International (AI) in London. He has over a decade of experience working on a wide range of human rights issues across Brazil. His research interests include policy developments in the criminal justice system, indigenous rights and housing policy.

Session: Plenary: A Country Held at Gunpoint

Camiella Williams

Camiella Williams is a Regional Organizing Fellow at Generation Progress and an advocate for gun violence prevention in Chicago.

Session: Plenary: A Country Held at Gunpoint

Cindy Woods

Cindy Woods is an international human rights lawyer, currently serving as a Legal and Policy Fellow at the International Corporate Accountability Roundtable (ICAR). Cindy leads ICAR's state level access to remedy project and advises on the implementation of the National Action Plan for Business and Human Rights Toolkit in Latin America.

Session: Corporate Accountability at Home