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Adotei Akwei is Managing Director for Government Relations for Amnesty International USA. Before rejoining AIUSA, Adotei was the Deputy Director for Government Relations, for CARE USA. As Deputy he worked on Climate Change, Emergencies, Countries in Conflict and Micro-finance in sub-Saharan Africa. Prior to taking this position he served as Regional Advocacy Advisor for CARE’s Asia Regional Management Unit, where he supported CARE country offices in the development and implementation of national level advocacy strategies, as well as helping develop and implement regional advocacy priorities. Before joining CARE, Mr. Akwei worked with Amnesty International USA for 11 years, first as the senior Advocacy Director for Africa and then later as Director of Campaigns. Mr. Akwei also served as the Africa Director for the Lawyers Committee for Human Rights, now Human Rights First, and as the Research and Human Rights Director for the American Committee on Africa and the Africa Fund. Mr. Akwei received his Masters in International Relations from the College of William and Mary and his Bachelors from the State University of New York College at Purchase. He is originally from Ghana.

Nada Alwadi is a Bahraini journalist, writer and researcher. She has been working in print media since 2003 covering politics and human rights issues in Bahrain and the Middle East. She holds a Masters degree in Mass Communication with an emphasis on women’s political empowerment in the media. She was a Humphrey/Fulbright fellow at the School of Journalism in the University of Maryland. Alwadi covered the recent crackdown in Bahrain for several international media outlets, including USA Today, and as a Senior Journalist for the Bahraini daily newspaper Alwasat. In 2011, she was one of the recipients for the first James Lawson Award for Nonviolent Achievement by the International Center on Nonviolent Conflict. Alwadi co-founded the Bahraini Press Association with other prominent Bahraini journalists last year. This Association focuses on defending local and international journalists who have been attacked or targeted by the Bahraini authorities.

Erika Andiola is an honors student who enrolled at Arizona State University with dreams of becoming a school counselor. But because she was brought to the U.S. at the age of eleven and does not have legal documentation, she lost her scholarships when Arizona passed laws affecting immigrants. Considering Arizona’s aggressive push against Latinos in the state, Andiola has every reason to be fearful. But instead, she has taken a stand. She got involved with Promise Arizona, a grassroots civic engagement organization with a mission to recruit, train and support a new generation of leaders from across the state and register Latinos to vote. She also dedicated herself to championing the DREAM Act. She still aspires to work as a school counselor one day – after helping to pass the DREAM Act.
Max Berger is an organizer with the Occupy movement. He worked as a GOTV organizer in 2004, as an online organizer for Howard Dean's Presidential campaign in 2003. He has also worked with the Progressive Change Campaign Committee, J Street and Rebuild the Dream. He attended Reed College in Portland, Oregon, but had to leave Portland after school because he wasn't ready to retire. He currently lives in Brooklyn.

Shane Bauer is a journalist and award-winning photographer who lives in Oakland, California. He was captured by Iranian forces in July 2009 along with his fiancé Sarah Shourd and friend Josh Fattal, while hiking behind a tourist site in Iraqi Kurdistan somewhere near an unmarked border with Iran. He was held hostage for 26 months in Evin prison in Tehran with no legal representation or due process. He was held in solitary confinement for 4 months and had very little contact with the outside world for the remainder of his detention. He was released with Josh Fattal on September 21, 2011. A fluent speaker of Arabic, Shane’s journalism has largely focused on the Middle East and North Africa, where he has spent much of the past eight years. He has received numerous awards for his photography and in 2007-8 he co-directed a documentary film titled Songs to Enemies and Deserts about the rebel movement in Darfur, Sudan. He is currently writing a book with Sarah and Josh about his experience as a hostage in Iran.

Joe Baker is Vice President of Causes and Advocacy at Care2. Joe manages the Campaign Team, which runs online campaigns for nonprofit partners, helping them to recruit new members and donors from Care2’s community. Joe also oversees Care2’s Cause Channels. Prior to Care2, Joe was the Executive Director of N-TEN. He also worked for Amnesty International USA as the Director of Internet Communications after serving as Grassroots Advocacy Director and Deputy Director, Western Region. In addition to his extensive nonprofit management experience, Joe spent seven years performing and managing research in telecommunications and software engineering. Joe has a Ph.D. in Electrical Engineering and a B.S. in Economics/Systems Science from UCLA. He serves on the Board of Directors of Death Penalty Focus, the Advisory Board of GiveForward.org and volunteers for the Sierra Club and Amnesty International.
Savio Carvalho is the Director for the Demand Dignity Programme at Amnesty International. He has worked for over 16 years in the Development and Human Rights sector. He has worked in South and Central Asia, East Africa, Europe and now leads on a global campaign. Before joining Amnesty International, Savio was the Southern Climate Change Campaign Advisor at Oxfam International, where his work included advocacy on post-9/11 security policies. He has also served as a public interest lobbyist on student financial aid issues in Washington DC and as a fundraiser for environmental and human rights organizations. Savio holds a BA from UC Berkeley and an MPA from the Harvard Kennedy School, where he was a Harvard Public Service Fellow. He is a recipient of the 2007 Asian Law Alliance Community Impact Award and has received commendations from the California State Senate and Assembly for his human rights advocacy.

Sanjeev Bery serves as Advocacy Director for Middle East North Africa issues at Amnesty International USA. He lobbies US officials, diplomats, and officeholders regarding human rights concerns across the MENA region. His commentaries on US foreign policy and human rights have appeared in a range of U.S. newspapers and publications. Previously, Sanjeev served as a regional director for the American Civil Liberties Union, where his work included advocacy on post-9/11 security policies. He has also served as a public interest lobbyist on student financial aid issues in Washington DC and as a fundraiser for environmental and human rights organizations. Sanjeev holds a BA from UC Berkeley and an MPA from the Harvard Kennedy School, where he was a Harvard Public Service Fellow. He is a recipient of the 2007 Asian Law Alliance Community Impact Award and has received commendations from the California State Senate and Assembly for his human rights advocacy.

Adriana Cadena serves as the Alliance Director for the Border Network for Human Rights. In her capacity to build relationships with diverse sectors, she coordinates the Texas statewide alliance RITA or Reform Immigration for Texas Alliance. RITA is an alliance of community-based organizations with partners in the law enforcement, business, and faith communities. Most recently, BNHR and RITA were instrumental in defeating the Arizonan-style anti-immigrant agenda in Texas. Prior to her work with Border Network, Ms. Cadena was the Houston Director of Civic Education for the NALEO Educational Fund. In her capacity, she oversaw the implementation of the naturalization and voter education and mobilization programs. Ms. Cadena was responsible for expanding NALEO’s ¡ya es hora! Ciudadania naturalization program across Texas. As the community and political liaison in Houston for the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), Ms. Cadena opened the doors for SEIU in Houston by building coalitions and partnerships with community organizations and elected officials on immigration reform and civic participation. She was instrumental in initiating the organizing campaign Justice for Janitors in Houston. During her tenure with the Texas Immigrant and Refugee Coalition, Ms. Cadena conducted policy work at the state and national level.

Savio Carvalho is the Director for the Demand Dignity Programme at Amnesty International. He has worked for over 16 years in the Development and Human Rights sector. He has worked in South and Central Asia, East Africa, Europe and now leads on a global campaign. Before joining Amnesty International, Savio was the Southern Climate Change Campaign Advisor at Oxfam International, where he was leading and coordinating the campaign on Climate Change across the regions of Africa, Latin America and Asia. Prior to that he worked in two different continents as Oxfam GB Country Director viz. Uganda and Tajikistan. Savio has managed several developmental, humanitarian and campaign programmes in different countries. He was actively involved in policy and advocacy issues around conflict and human rights in Uganda.
Antone De’Jaun Davis-Correia has been a bold and courageous advocate with AIUSA, working towards death penalty abolition since he was in seventh grade. As Troy Davis’s nephew, he has been witness to the gross injustice committed by the US criminal justice system. In order to spread the word of the need for reform, he has spoken to British Parliament members, youth groups, schools and AIUSA members about human rights and how young people can make a difference. A committed scholar, he will graduate from the International Baccalaureate program in June and hopes to major in Industrial Engineering at Georgia Tech. Regardless of where his future takes him, he intends to continue campaigning for human rights with Amnesty International.

Colonel Morris Davis is an attorney and a retired Air Force colonel. He was chief prosecutor for the military commissions at Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, from 2005-2007. He resigned over political interference in the trials and pressure to use information obtained by torture. He was a senior specialist in national security and head of the Foreign Affairs, Defense and Trade Division at the Congressional Research Service until he was fired for publishing articles in the Wall Street Journal and the Washington Post critical of the Obama administration’s Guantanamo policies. He now serves as a member of the faculty at the Howard University School of Law. Colonel Davis writes and speaks frequently on national security and military law issues. He has testified at congressional hearings and given presentations before a range of audiences. He has done interviews on Fox, CNN, NBC, Al Jazeera and BBC news programs. His commentaries have appeared in the N.Y. Times, L.A. Times, Foreign Policy, Salon, and Der Spiegel. He has published in professional journals at Yale, Northwestern, and Case Western Reserve universities. Colonel Davis was featured in the Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington report “Those Who Dared: 30 Officials Who Stood Up for Our Country.”

Sarah Deer is an assistant professor at the William Mitchell College of Law. As a citizen of the Muscogee (Creek) Nation, she focuses her legal work on violent crime in Indian reservations. In 2010, she received the Sheila Wellstone Award in honor of her many years of advocacy work for Native women and families. She was instrumental in the success of the 2007 Amnesty International report, Maze of Injustice, which contributed to the passage of the Tribal Order Act to strengthen tribal responses to violent crime. She has also co-authored two textbooks on tribal law and several academic articles on Native American women.
**Josh Fattal** is an educator and activist. He was a community organizer in rural Oregon where he also worked at an environmental non-profit where he taught about sustainability. He has taught about global health in Switzerland, India, China, and South Africa before being captured in by Iranian border guards in 2009. The Iranian Government held him hostage for 26 months until he was released on September 21, 2011. He currently resides in Oakland and is writing a book with Shane and Sarah.

**Tarah Demant**, Ph.D., is a long-time Amnesty activist, former Stop Violence Against Women Campaign coordinator, and current co-chair of AIUSA's Women's Human Rights Coordination Group. She is currently an Assistant Professor at Mills College in Oakland, CA. She has spoken throughout the US on issues of violence against women and women's human rights, focusing particularly on rape as a tool of war, gender and international law, and international sex trafficking.

**Ambassador Robert Stephen Ford** is a career member of the Senior Foreign Service. He was posted to the Syrian Arab Republic on a recess appointment in January 2011, and was confirmed in October 2011. He has previously served as the Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy Baghdad, Iraq, having twice been Political Counselor, from 2008 - 2009 and from 2004 - 2006, during which time he worked on three rounds of Iraqi elections and the preparation of the new Iraq Constitution. From 2006 - 2008 he served as Ambassador to Algeria during a period when American-Algeria relations expanded in fields such as counter-terrorism, economic and education reform, and bilateral judicial cooperation. Ambassador Ford was Deputy Chief of Mission to Bahrain from 2001 until 2004, when the U.S. and Bahrain negotiated a free trade agreement. Ambassador Ford joined the Foreign Service in 1985, and has served in Turkey, Egypt, Algeria and Cameroon covering economic and political issues. He has received numerous honor awards from the Department of State and from the Department of Defense for his service in Iraq. Ambassador Ford earned a Masters Degree from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies in 1983. He was a Peace Corps volunteer in Morocco from 1980-1982. Ambassador Ford speaks French and Arabic. His wife, Clare Alison Barkley, is also a Foreign Service Officer. They make their permanent home in Baltimore, Maryland.
Amy Goodman is an award-winning investigative journalist and syndicated columnist, author and the host of Democracy Now! airing on more than 1000 public television and radio stations worldwide. Goodman is the first journalist to receive the Right Livelihood Award, widely known as the 'Alternative Nobel Prize' for "developing an innovative model of truly independent grassroots political journalism that brings to millions of people the alternative voices that are often excluded by the mainstream media." The Independent of London named Amy Goodman and Democracy Now! "an inspiration"; pulsemia.org placed Goodman at the top of their 20 Top Global Media Figures. For more information about Amy Goodman and to find a local broadcast of Democracy Now!, please visit democracynow.org.

Ken Gude is the Chief of Staff and Vice President at the Center for American Progress. He has authored a number of articles on national security policy, counterterrorism, and human rights, including the report, "How to Close Guantanamo." Prior to joining American Progress, Gude was a policy analyst at the Center for National Security Studies, where he focused on post-September 11 civil liberties issues. He also had stints at the Council on Foreign Relations and the British Labour Party, where he served as a policy officer working the campaign against the privatization of British Rail. He has been published in the Los Angeles Times and contributed to the book, Protecting Democracy: International Responses.

Benjamin Todd Jealous is the President and CEO of the NAACP, the nation’s oldest and largest civil rights organization. In 2008, at age 35, he became the youngest person to serve as its chief executive. Jealous has dedicated his life to fighting for freedom and justice. He is an organizer and journalist whose work has been credited with helping to: save a Black small farmer who was being framed for arson; expose our nation’s widespread sentencing of children to life without the possibility of parole; stop the state of Mississippi from turning a public historically Black university into a prison; and abolish the juvenile death penalty in the US. He formerly served as President of the Rosenberg Foundation, Director of Amnesty International’s US Human Rights Program, Executive Director of the National Newspaper Publishers Association, and Managing Editor of the Jackson Advocate, a crusading Black owned Mississippi newspaper that was last fire-bombed in 1998.
**Halima Kazem** is a journalist and researcher with more than 14 years of experience covering Afghanistan, human rights, and human security issues. She has worked as a human rights researcher for Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International, where she investigated human rights issues in Afghanistan including impunity for war criminals, access to justice for women and minorities, and abuses committed by police and military forces. Halima has appeared on CNN and National Public Radio (NPR) as a news analyst and her journalistic work has been published in the Los Angeles Times, the San Francisco Chronicle, and MSNBC News. Halima has taught journalism and media courses for the Institute for War and Peace Reporting and the World Bank. Since 2002, she has trained dozens of Afghan journalists in international journalism standards and ethics of news reporting. Halima has traveled throughout Afghanistan’s and other developing countries, often times under extreme security conditions. In 2007 Halima co-authored the *UNPD Afghanistan Human Development Report - Bridging Modernity and Tradition: The Rule of Law and the Search for Justice*. Halima is the author of a children’s reference book on Afghanistan, (Jan. 2003, Times Publishing) and the co-producer of *Frontrunner*, a documentary chronicling the campaign of the first female presidential candidate in Afghanistan. She is the recipient of several prestigious awards, including a 2002 Scripps-Howard award for journalistic excellence.

**Rachel Johnson** is an Associate with the Eleison Group, a consulting firm that specializes in faith-based outreach for Democrats and progressives. She also serves as Programs Director for the American Values Network, a faith-based non-profit advocacy group. Prior to Eleison, Rachel worked as Mississippi field director for Common Good Strategies doing faith outreach for Democratic candidates. She holds a bachelor’s degree from the University of Virginia and a Master of Arts in Religion from Yale Divinity School. The daughter of two ministers, Rachel is a deacon and candidate for ordination with her church in Washington, DC.

**Claire Levy** has served in the Colorado House of Representatives since 2007. She has chaired the Judiciary Committee, and served on the Transportation and Energy Committee, the Committee on State, Veterans and Military Affairs, and the standing Committee on Ethics. Representative Levy is currently a member of the Joint Budget Committee and the Committee on Appropriations. She has championed the rights of the criminally accused in the criminal justice system, and sponsored legislation to implement evidence-based sentencing reform, limit the use of solitary confinement and decriminalizing juvenile delinquent behavior. Recently, Representative Levy successfully sponsored legislation to limit the ability of prosecutors to unilaterally transfer juveniles to adult criminal court, legislation prohibiting the transfer of juveniles to adult jails, and requiring those in jail to receive educational instruction, prohibiting shackling pregnant inmates during labor, and requiring a study of the use of administrative segregation in the Department of Corrections. Before being elected to office, Representative Levy practice land use and local government law in Boulder, Colorado. She focused on sustainable development practices and preventing urban sprawl.
**Kung Li** is a researcher and writer based in East Point, Georgia. As an attorney at the Southern Center for Human Rights (SCHR), Kung Li litigated institutional reform cases on behalf of prisoners and others impacted by the excesses and abuses of the criminal justice system. Her aggressive style of litigation, combined with organizing and media work, resulted in significant institutional changes in Georgia, Alabama and Louisiana, and recognition by American Lawyer as one of the nation’s Top 50 Litigators Under 40. She was named executive director of SCHR in 2006 and served in that capacity until 2010, when an Open Society Fellowship allowed her to engage a project regarding community resilience across the American South. Kung Li is currently researching the increasing blending of the country’s immigration enforcement, national security, and criminal justice systems.

**Tanuka Loha** is the Director of the Demand Dignity Campaign at Amnesty International USA. Tanuka has worked for many years with communities and grassroots organizations seeking to claim, preserve or advance their human rights. She now predominantly effects change at a strategic level — in recent years as executive director of a rights-based NGO and as a member of the senior management team of the UK government’s transition program, establishing the UK’s first Equality and Human Rights Commission. Her work as a social justice advocate in economically deprived areas of London included the Stephen Lawrence Campaign, which was the catalyst for far reaching human rights reforms in the UK. Tanuka’s international work has involved being a legal observer in the Occupied Palestinian Territories and Israel, and at the first Sudanese elections in decades, as well as on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in India. She is a trustee of the British Institute of Human Rights, read philosophy at University College London, has a social science Master’s degree and is a lawyer.

**Asmaa Mahfouz** co-founded Egypt’s 6 April Youth Movement and served as the group’s media coordinator and main speaker through 2010. She left the movement in February 2012 and joined the Egyptian Stream Party. In early 2011, her YouTube videos imploring the people of her country to join her to demand fundamental human rights of their government were instrumental in inspiring the protests in Tahrir Square that brought about the end of the rule of president Hosni Mubarak. Later that year, she ran for Parliament and then withdrew her candidacy in protest of the violence committed against Egyptian protestors by government forces. Her emphasis on unification, hope, and peace as productive tools in catalyzing political change earned her the 2011 Sakharov Prize for Freedom of Thought, awarded annually by the European Parliament to affirm human rights or democracy. Arabian Business has included her in its list of the world’s 500 most influential Arabs. Mahfouz was also a 2011 Nobel Peace Prize Laureate nominee.
Kica Matos is Head of the U.S. Reconciliation & Human Rights Program at The Atlantic Philanthropies, a foundation dedicated to bringing about lasting changes in the lives of disadvantaged and vulnerable people. The US Reconciliation and Human Rights Program focuses on four major areas of work: Comprehensive Immigration Reform, Abolition of the Death Penalty, Racial Justice and Protection of Civil Liberties post 9/11. Ms. Matos has extensive experience as an advocate, community organizer and lawyer. Prior to joining Atlantic Philanthropies, she was Deputy Mayor in the city of New Haven. In this capacity she oversaw all of the city’s community programs and launched a number of programs and initiatives that included prisoner re-entry, youth and immigration integration. Matos was previously the Executive Director of JUNTA for Progressive Action, New Haven’s oldest Latino community-based organization. She also has extensive experience in the area of criminal justice and has worked as an assistant federal defender, representing death sentenced inmates in state post-conviction and federal habeas proceedings and with the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund and Amnesty International on death penalty and criminal justice issues. Ms. Matos has a B.A. from Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand, an M.A. from the New School and a J.D. from Cornell Law School. She is a recipient of numerous awards, including the 2005 John F. Kennedy New Frontier Award, the New Haven Register’s “Person of the Year” Award and Cornell Law School’s Exemplary Public Service Award.

Joseph Margulies is an attorney with the Roderick MacArthur Justice Center and a Clinical Professor at Northwestern University Law School in Chicago. Margulies was Counsel of Record in Rasul v. Bush (2004), involving detentions at the Guantánamo Bay Naval Station, and in Geren v. Omar & Munaf v. Geren (2008), involving detentions at Camp Cropper in Iraq. Presently he is counsel for abu Zubaydah, whose interrogation in 2002 prompted the Bush Administration to draft the “torture memos.” In June 2005, at the invitation of Pennsylvania Senator Arlen Specter, Margulies testified at the first Senate Judiciary Committee hearing on detainee issues. Margulies is the author of the widely acclaimed book, Guantánamo and the Abuse of Presidential Power. Among other accolades, Guantánamo was named one of the best books of 2006 by The Economist magazine. It received the prestigious Silver Gavel Award of 2007, given annually by the American Bar Association to the book that best promotes “the American public’s understanding of the law and the legal system.”

Justin J. Mazzola, Esq. is a graduate of Brooklyn Law School and was admitted to the New York State Bar in 2004. He also holds a BA in Anthropology and Sociology from the University of Notre Dame. Justin was a legal intern in the Research Department of Amnesty International USA for the final year and a half of his legal studies and joined the organization as a full-time employee in 2003 as a Research Assistant. As Research Assistant, Justin conducted legal and non-legal research and writing for several reports produced by the Research Department including Stonewalled: Police Abuse and Misconduct Against Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgender People in the U.S. and Maze Of Injustice: The Failure to Protect Indigenous Women From Sexual Violence in the USA. He has also been responsible for overseeing the Department’s internship program since his hiring. In 2007, Justin was promoted to Research Associate and was the lead researcher for AIUSA’s report, Jailed Without Justice: Immigration Detention in the USA in 2009. In 2010, Justin was promoted to Researcher and was the lead researcher and author of Un-Natural Disaster: Human Rights in the Gulf Coast. He is currently researching a report on human rights violations along the Southwest Border and is also responsible for research related to AIUSA’s ongoing work around the United States’ War on Terror.
Laura Moye is the Director of Amnesty International USA’s Death Penalty Abolition Campaign, based in Washington, DC. She has been an active voice for human rights and abolition of the death penalty since her days as an AI student activist. Moye has held various positions in AIUSA over the past 14 years, including Field Organizer and Deputy Director in the Southern Regional Office. Her focus there was on building the human rights activist base in the South. She has organized scores of conferences and trainings and provided support to AI chapters and volunteer leaders and social justice coalitions in their human rights work. As part of her anti-death penalty work, Moye co-founded Georgians for Alternatives to the Death Penalty and served as its chair for six years. She has worked on state legislative and clemency campaigns, including a campaign for a moratorium and study of Georgia’s death penalty and campaigns to stop the executions of death row prisoners Alexander Williams and Troy Davis in Georgia and Osvaldo Torres in Oklahoma.

Dani McClain is Campaign & Media Director at ColorOf-Change.org, a national online activist organization that aims to strengthen the political voice of African-Americans. She joined the organization in December 2008. Before working in online organizing, Dani covered education while on staff at the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and reported for the Miami Herald’s metro desk. She taught social studies at the nation’s first public Montessori high school and worked to end racially discriminatory drug laws as a communications staffer at Drug Policy Alliance. Dani holds a B.A. in history and a master’s degree in journalism, both from Columbia University. She serves on the board of Allied Media Projects.

Geoffrey Mock is chair of the Middle East Country Specialists for AIUSA. He has been lead country specialist for Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia. A long-time member of local group 84 in Chapel Hill, NC, he joined the co-group in 1991. He also served as AIUSA’s representative to North Carolinians Against the Death Penalty from 1990-96. He lives in Durham, NC, and works as an editor at Duke University.
Michael O'Reilly is Senior Campaign Director for Amnesty International USA’s Campaign for Individuals at Risk. He has been a human rights activist for more than 25 years and has extensive experience leading grassroots advocacy campaigns to aid human rights defenders, prisoners of conscience and other individuals at risk of human rights violations. He directs AIUSA’s Urgent Action Network and its Worldwide Accelerated Response Network that provide a rapid response to the most critical of cases. In his previous capacity as Amnesty’s Director of Casework, Mike led the development of much of the programmatic work for which the organization has become best known, especially its successful efforts to win freedom for prisoners of conscience around the world.

Ana Polanco is the Managing Director of Organizing at AIUSA. She is a social justice advocate who has worked over the last ten years to use organizing as a vehicle for change in the areas of economic development, immigration reform and other civil and human rights issues. Prior to AIUSA, Ana worked as a New York Political Director for UNITE HERE, an international union representing the social and economic issues facing the 150,000 diverse New York members. She worked with members and affiliate leaders to build a grassroots political and legislative movement that is reflective of the critical needs facing working people. She has worked on numerous political, civic and issue based campaigns during her career, focusing on immigration reform, fair trade, workforce development issues and labor peace. Ana has also organized education programs for thousands of union members, especially Latinos and immigrants, to run campaigns and mobilize the public on a variety of socio-economic issues. Ana has been recognized by numerous organizations for her service, leadership and promotion of democratic values and progressive politics. Ana has served as a board member of various organizations, most recently the center for Working Families and La Fuente, a Tri-State Worker & Community Fund bringing together organized labor and community partners around critical social and economic issues. Ana is also an alumna of the congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute fellowship and Peggy Browning Fund fellowship. Ana has a J.D from the University of Wisconsin Law School and a B.A. from the School of Public Affairs at American University in Washington, D.C.

Big Poppa E is a slam poet who has appeared on three seasons of HBO’s Def Poetry series. He writes about love, loss, death and everything in between. He is best known for his performance poem The Wussy Boy Manifesto, a piece that champions sensitive men. He often works with Amnesty International and other human rights organizations to raise awareness of issues such as women’s rights and sexual assault.
**Ambassador Pierre-Richard Prosper** is an attorney and partner at Arent Fox LLP, where his practice focuses on international government relations and trade. Prior to joining Arent Fox, Prosper served as the United State’s Ambassador-at-Large in charge of the Secretary of State’s Office of War Crime Issues. He was appointed in 2001 by President George W. Bush and, after being unanimously confirmed by the Senate, served until October 2005. In this capacity, Prosper formulated and coordinated US Policy responses to atrocities and attacks against civilians throughout the world. Previously, Prosper also served as a war crimes prosecutor for the UN International Criminal Tribune for Rwanda. While working and living in Rwanda for three years in the aftermath of the genocide, he was appointed lead trial attorney and prosecuted *Prosecutor vs. Jean-Paul Akayesu*, the first-ever case of genocide under the 1948 Genocide Convention.

**Michael L. Radelet** is Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Colorado-Boulder. Radelet’s research focuses on capital punishment, especially the problems of erroneous convictions, racial bias, and ethical issues faced by health care personnel who are involved in capital cases and executions. His work on erroneous convictions (with Hugo Adam Bedau) is widely credited with introducing the “innocence argument” into contemporary death penalty debates. In 2002, at the request of Illinois Governor George Ryan, he completed a study of racial biases in the death penalty in Illinois that Governor Ryan used in his decision in 2003 to commute 167 death sentences. Radelet has testified in approximately 75 death penalty cases, before committees of both the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives, and in legislatures in seven states. In 2011 he received the William Chambliss Award for Lifetime Achievements in Law and Society from the Society for the Study of Social Problems.

**Christian Ramirez** is the Director of the Southern Border Communities Coalition, which is comprised of over 60 organizations based on the US-Mexico Border, and he is currently serving as an immigration and border analyst for the American Friends Service Committee. He joined the American Friends Service Committee in 2001, and served as Director of its US-Mexico Border Program until 2006. Since 1994 Christian has been active on issues relating to US immigration policy and its impact on border communities. He has coordinated several grass roots organizations in the Southern California area in order to bring attention to human and civil rights violations in the borderlands. He has been invited to appear as a commentator and analyst on immigration and border issues by national and international media outlets and until recently wrote a weekly column for *Diario San Diego*, a Spanish language weekly in San Diego. He also serves on the Board of Directors of the National Network for Immigrant and Refugee Rights and is also a member of the board of the Interfaith Committee for Worker Justice.
Ana Sagan

Ana is the granddaughter of Ginetta Sagan. Following graduation from Occidental College, she spent two years teaching elementary and junior high school English in Nagasaki, Japan. While studying Medical Anthropology at the School of Oriental and African Studies, University of London, she wrote her master’s thesis on individual and social responses to torture and the medicalization of trauma. Greatly inspired by the work of Ginetta and other human rights activists, Ana has volunteered and traveled throughout Asia. She has been a member of the Ginetta Sagan Fund since 2004.

Michelle Shocked

Michelle Shocked is an acclaimed picker-poet who has been generating compelling lyrics and mnemonic melodies for over twenty years. In the 1980's, she was thrust into an inadvertent recording career when a bootleg tape was released in England. In the ensuing bidding war following the phenomena of The Texas Campfire Tapes, Mercury Records signed her and she produced a trilogy of Grammy-nominated albums over the next five years, launched by her signature song, "Anchorage."

Sarah Shourd

Sarah Shourd is a writer and an international solidarity activist from Oakland, CA. She has taught Iraqi refugees in Damascus, organized with Direct Action to Stop the Wars, worked with the Zapatistas in Chiapas, Mexico and organized against femicide in Juarez, Mexico. She has written for The New York Times, CNN.com, Newsweek’s Daily Beast and more. She was captured by Iranian forces somewhere along an unmarked border between Iran and Iraq in July ’09 and in solitary confinement for 14 months, she spent the next year rallying support and advocating for their freedom, which came to pass in Sept. ‘11. She is currently working on a book with Shane Bauer and Josh Fattal about their experience as hostages in Iran.

Frank Smyth

Stacy Suh has been a leading force around student mobilization for the SAFE CA ballot initiative to end the Death Penalty in CA. She is a 3rd-year undergraduate at University of California, Berkeley, double majoring in English and Political Science. She has coordinated petition sign-up among all Amnesty Chapters within the University California schools and other colleges. She has also led highly attended campus actions for Troy Davis at Berkeley, leading to a student government resolution calling for Troy's execution to be stopped. Stacy has been involved with Amnesty since high school and is currently serving as a Student Area Coordinator for Northern California, and as the Western Regional Representative and Co-Chair on the National Youth Action Committee.

Vera Thomas is an advocate for death penalty abolition and the mother of Reginald Clemons, a death row inmate. Reginald Clemons was sentenced to death in St. Louis as an accomplice in the 1991 murder of two young white women. There are many flaws in the case against Mr. Clemons, including a lack of physical evidence, prosecutorial misconduct and allegations of police misconduct. Moreover, Mr. Clemons has consistently maintained his innocence. Since her son's conviction, Ms. Thomas has spoken widely as an advocate for criminal justice reform and death penalty abolition.

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