

Jessie Lloyd O'Connor Scholar—Jasson Perez

Each year the Fund selects a grantee who honors the legacy of commitment to peace and justice modeled by Jessie Lloyd O'Connor, a labor journalist, organizer and an early and beloved member of our Board, who with her husband Harvey, opened heart and home to activists seeking respite. Our Jessie Lloyd O'Connor Scholar this year is **Jasson Perez**, a survivor of drug addiction and incarceration with a deep passion for working for justice. Post incarceration, he became involved with the South West Youth Collaborative, organizing to stop zero tolerance policies, militarization in the schools and gentrification, and then became a union organizer with SEIU Local 73. His primary work is as co-chair of the Black Youth Project 100 (BYP100) - Building a Black Freedom Movement from Chicago to New York to DC, New Orleans and Oakland and creating justice and freedom for all Black people within a feminist queer praxis. He lives and performs music at the Stone Soup Housing Cooperative where he and his daughter collectively build community and work for justice. His goal is to be an activist/scholar, building a movement for social, political and economic liberation. Jasson is currently pursuing a BA in Economics and Black Studies at the University of Illinois Chicago. We're sure Jessie and Jasson would be quick comrades, both with revolutionary spirits and a desire to create caring community while organizing for racial and economic justice.



Jasson Perez

The Marilyn Buck Award – Sandra Brown

Marilyn Buck was a political prisoner and poet who worked in solidarity with Black Liberation struggles to end white supremacy. She received grants from the Fund in 2003 and 2004, and died of a rare cancer in 2010. Marilyn supported the Fund with regular donations and supportive notes from her jail cell, and with a generous bequest following her death. To honor her memory and legacy, **The Marilyn Buck Award** is given to an incarcerated or formerly incarcerated activist working for justice. This year, the award is given to **Sandra Brown**, an incarcerated student committed to promoting social change through personal rehabilitation and development. She was encouraged to begin her path of transformation while performing with the Acting out Theatre Troupe within the prison. She has pioneered educational opportunities and earned an internship as editor of *Within These Walls*, a newsletter for incarcerated people, and has encouraged many women to join her in academic pursuits, transforming their lives. She leads A Woman's Voice, developing leadership and communication skills, and hopes to teach Humanities courses in correctional facilities, once she is released. She says, "As an incarcerated woman, I understand how education and knowledge transcend barbed wire and bricks." While incarcerated, she has completed an AA in Liberal Studies, a BA in Specialized Studies at Ohio University and is now working on an MA in Humanities and Literature at UC Dominguez Hills.



Sandra Brown

Julian Bond, Rest in Power! (1940 - 2015)

In 1977 when our board discussed creating a sponsor list of activists who personified the work of the Fund, **Julian Bond** was at the top of the list. As a founder of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC), his name and his work are synonymous with building and supporting student-led movements in the south and across the nation. His tenure as chairperson of the NAACP solidified his place among civil rights icons and he is often named among the personal heroes of so many of our past grantees. We are forever grateful for his support of the Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund and our grantees. His ongoing message to them and all student activists, "I tell young people to prepare themselves as best they can for a world that grows more challenging every day-get the best education they can, and couple that education with real-life experience in social justice work."

DPSF Board Update

We would like to thank Simone Weil Davis, Clarence Lang, Davarian Baldwin and Mónica Enríquez, and for their years of commitment to the Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund. Although we will miss the energy and presence of these amazing folks, we are thrilled to welcome three new members to our board. **Carlos Jimenez** is the Midwest regional field organizer for Jobs with Justice, building worker justice. He has served as a coordinator of JWJ's Student Labor Action Project (SLAP) and the Young Worker Project. Carlos wants to connect the dots between people, resources and DPSF, helping people blaze their own trail toward justice. **Beth Rose Middleton Manning, PhD** is the Yocha Dehe Endowed Chair in California Indian Studies in the Dept. of Native American Studies at UC Davis focusing on the tribal land, water and cultural rights of indigenous peoples. Beth Rose says, "I am excited to support emerging scholar-activists, and to carry forward the courageous legacy of the DPSF's founders who, like us today, were passionate about working for racial justice, economic justice, human rights and equal access to high-quality education." **Kai M. Green, PhD**, was a grantee in 2013/14 and is a postdoctoral fellow at Northwestern University in African American Studies and Gender and Sexuality Studies. His writing and research is focused on issues of gender identity, Black resistance and resilience. Kai says, "I was very grateful to receive the support from DPSF and it is an honor now to pay it forward, helping build with a group of people who support folk getting education."

Together we rise with Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund grantees!



Donate today! There is no endowment and we seek no corporate support; your gift determines how much we can award.



Spread the word! Host a house party, ask your friends to give. Share DPSF with student activists in your life—grant applications are available on our website in January and must be postmarked by April 1, 2016.



Include the Fund in your will or set up a trust! Your planned gift creates a legacy for the future of student activism - contact us for more information on Planned Giving.

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About the Fund

The Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund was created in 1961 as a memorial to Marian Davis, a teacher and advocate for peace, racial justice and the rights of working people. Organized by her husband, Horace B. Davis, the Fund honors this dedicated teacher and her family's long history of standing up to McCarthyism. Norton Putter was a civil rights activist who brought needed resources and new energy to the Fund in 1987. Since the Fund's inception, over 1300 scholarships have been awarded to student activists who have been at the forefront of virtually every major progressive social movement. They are artists, scholars, people's lawyers, political prisoners and organizers on the frontlines. Student driven movements have been at the center of social change and our grantees have been integral to the work for peace and justice with the same commitment and passion modeled by Marian, Horace and Norton.

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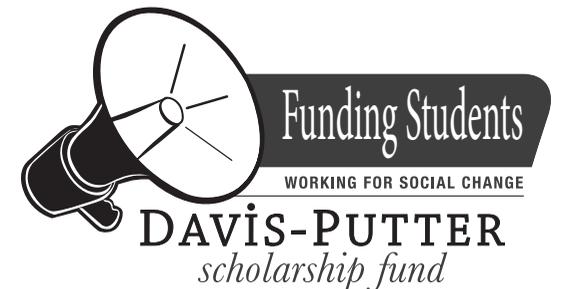
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Together We Rise!



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Davis-Putter grantees rising up for peace, justice and liberation!

Davis-Putter grantees speak through action, "We Rise, we dream, we heal, we build...toward peace, justice and liberation!" As revolutionary Black youth across the country challenge the police state and lead the growing Movement for Black Lives with women, trans and queer voices at the forefront, our grantees say, "Together we rise"! As fierce immigration struggles continue with students challenging deportation and wage theft, our grantees say, "Together we rise!" As we witness victories for workers and the Fight for \$15, indigenous rights and a turning of the tides of environmental racism, our grantees say "Together we rise! Together we rise!"

Alexa Bailon began organizing in high school for access to affordable education for undocumented students and has worked for an end to the school to prison pipeline, for marriage equality and against fracking, while attending Metropolitan State University in Colorado. **Brittany Brathwaite** mobilizes young women of color to examine and influence the impact of institutional racism on their lives and has led efforts to make police violence a public health issue at the Columbia University where she is working on a dual MPH/MSW degree. Recognizing the power of media as a tool for social justice while organizing with farm workers and the youth movement of Santa Ana, **Mariana Bruno** is now seeking an MA degree in Social Documentation and Oral History at Cal State Fullerton.

Johnny Buck works to strengthen Yakama Nation communities through cross cultural and intertribal relationships and is developing a new generation of tribal leaders committed to the environment, decolonization and self-determination while pursuing a BS in Environmental Science at Northwest Indian College. **Lindsey Chen** has worked for economic justice through UNITE-Here, co-founded Parisol, an anti-capitalist, anti-racist, Chinese Diaspora organization committed to environmental justice, resisting heteropatriarchy and ableism and organizes #Asians4BlackLives while working on an MSW/MPA at the University of Washington. **Nathalie Meza Contreras** began radical organizing in LA with the October 22nd Coalition Against Police Brutality and as a union organizer which



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has led to a focus on the intersection of critical legal theory, race and power at Southwestern Law School.

Cynthia Diaz was politicized following her mother's deportation, working for her return with Puente Human Rights Movement and the National Immigrant Youth Alliance and now organizes with MEChA at the University of Arizona while completing a BA in Mexican-American Studies. **Enrique Garcia Naranjo** is an activist, educating and mobilizing community around school to prison pipeline and anti-immigrant legislation and continues his work with Liberation Lyrics, MEChA and Tucson's Borderland Theatre while completing a degree in Creative Writing at Pima Community College. **T.J. Jourian** created the Journal of Critical Scholarship on Higher Education and Student Affairs, which seeks to dismantle the ownership of knowledge in academia and co-founded T*Circle, a collective of trans practitioners and scholars in higher education, while working toward a PhD at Loyola University-Chicago.

Angered by the murder of Mike Brown in Ferguson, MO, **Jasmine Kent** co-founded SATX4 in San Antonio working in coalition with community organizations and creating a social media organizing infrastructure, while seeking an MA in Industrial Design at North Carolina State. **David Lemus** has been a leader with Immigrant Youth Coalition and Union Salvadorena de Estudiantes Universarios working to politicize students and organizing against tuition increases and the appointment of UC president, Janet Napolitano, while working to complete a BA in Spanish Literature at UC Berkeley. **Danilo Machado** is an Undocuqueer activist and leader with Familia:



Jasmine Kent



David Lemus



Danilo Machado



Jodi Lynn Maracle



Alexa McMnamin



Swati Rayasam



Dashamelle Robinson



Seleny Rodriguez

Trans Queer Liberation Movement and Connecticut Students for a Dream (C4D), working at the intersections of LGBTQ, undocumented immigrant and feminist organizing, while seeking a BA in English, Literature/Creative Writing at UConn-Stamford.

Jodi Lynn Maracle challenges the false histories, racist policies and disparaging stereotypes of her people, the Mohawk and all indigenous people through campaigns such as one to rename "Squaw-Island" to Ganigo:i:yoh (Unity Island), while working on a Ph.D. at University of NY at Buffalo. **Alexa McMnamin** has led organizing efforts against police brutality as a Social Justice Leader at the Dorothy Day Center for Service and Justice at Fordham University where she is working on a BS in English and Political Science. A leader with the Radical Angry Asian Alliance, **Swati Rayasam** is focused on intersectional activism, organizing for the DREAM Act, LGBTQ rights and worker justice and researching green tobacco sickness in migrant farmworkers, while beginning a MPH in Global Health & Environment at UC Berkeley.

Dashamelle Robinson co-founded a Black liberation group called BREAKAWAY, traveling to Ferguson and planning solidarity actions in NYC, training cop-watchers in Bushwick and leading tenant's rights organizing with plans to open Freedom Schools after completing an MSW at the University of Southern California. **Ernesto Rocha** organized for the DREAM Act and then with SEIU where he learned the importance of storytelling as an organizing tool, founded the Coalition to end Wage Theft in Long Beach and is completing a BA in Political Science and Chicano Studies at UCLA. Discovering a passion for social justice at the age of 11 after her parents were deported, **Seleny Rodriguez** organized for worker justice and education of undocumented students and now works with Students of Color Solidarity Coalition, while seeking a BA in Ethnic Studies at UC Berkeley.



Anthony Sandusky



Nayantara Sen



Myra Solliday



Adisa Stewart



Eric Tolson Solis



Romilly Tsinhnahjinnie



Shunya Wade



Lonzo Young

Anthony Sandusky is building a movement against police brutality, gun violence and mass incarceration, has worked to restore felon voting rights and leads faith-based organizing in New York around #BlackLivesMatter, immigration and affordable housing, while working on his MA in Ethics at Yale University. Working on economic, racial and gender justice for 10 years, **Nayantara Sen** mobilizes and politicizes through storytelling and art with Race Forward and Colorlines.com building connection between racial justice and LGBTQ movements, while working on an MA in Post-Colonial Literature and Social Movements at New York University. **Myra Solliday** works with community organizations to bring awareness and change the conditions for incarcerated women and provides legal assistance to fellow inmates while completing a Psychology degree at Ohio University - just in time for her release in June 2016.

Adisa Stewart organized with FIERCE, a New York based queer youth of color leadership organization and aims to strengthen the Movement for Black Lives by healing systemic trauma in a social justice collective framework while completing a BA in Somatics and Trauma at Hampshire College. **Eric Tolson Solis** co-founded the Young People's Action Coalition, dedicated to liberation and radical social change, focusing on popular education to develop individual and collective analysis of oppression and working in solidarity with local movements like the Fight for \$15, #BlackLivesMatter and immigrant worker justice in Minnesota. **Romilly Tsinhnahjinnie** learned about immigration rights, health disparities and anti-militarization/recruitment from Southwest Organizing Project, educates Indigenous communities about the health impact of nuclear waste and organizes to eliminate nuclear weapons, while studying to become a Physician Assistant at University of New Mexico.

Grounded in Bus Riders Union organizing in LA, **Shunya Wade** worked for education access at UC San Diego and found home with the Native American Student Alliance, where she developed a passion for tribal and environmental law, leading her to law school at UC Irvine. **Lonzo Young** is a jailhouse lawyer, providing assistance to other prisoners in legal research, filing grievances, parenting time motions and civil rights violations and is developing a financial training program for inmates planning for re-entry, while finishing a degree at Adams State.

Read more about our 2015/16 grantees and make an online contribution at www.davisputter.org.

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