DPSF Trustees Update

Our board is growing and we are so excited to welcome this group of activist/scholars! **Matt Birkhold** is a 2012/13 grantee and founder of the Visionary Organizing Lab, created out of his work at the Boggs Center in Detroit. **Dominique Briggs** is a Jobs With Justice organizer and was a student labor activist while attending Clark Atlanta University. **Jordan T. Camp** is a 2009/10 grantee and term assistant professor of American Studies at Barnard College. **Ajamu Dillahunt** has almost four decades of experience working in movements for social change, labor rights and Black Liberation and is the founder of Black Workers for Justice in Raleigh, NC. **Christina Heatherton** is a 2011/12 grantee and assistant professor of American Studies at Barnard College. (Christina and Jordan have co-edited *Policing the Planet: Why the Policing Crisis Led to Black Lives Matter*). **Megan Ybarra** is Assistant Professor of Geography, University of Washington and an organizer with the Northwest Detention Center Resistance. We would also like to thank **Carlos Jimenez** and **D Pei Wu** for their service to our board and grantees as they take their leave.

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. Founded by her husband, Horace B. Davis, the Fund honors Marian 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. Our grantees have been at the forefront of virtually every major progressive social movement as artists, scholars, people's lawyers and frontline organizers and 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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Davis-Putter Scholarship Fund grantees are resisting and you can help!

- **Donate today!** There is no endowment and we seek no corporate support. Consider joining our Monthly Movement Builders Circle.
- **Amplify the Fund!** Host a house party or ask your friends to give. Share DPSF with student activists in your life – students may apply at www.davisputter.org from January - April 1, 2018 for the 2018/19 academic year.
- **Invest in the future of the Fund!** Include DPSF 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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Davis-Putter grantees are resisting with passion and courage

These student activists are putting everything on the line to resist dangerous policies and dismantle the legacies of white supremacy, capitalism, militarism and imperialism...the building blocks of this oppressive system. As they dismantle, they imagine, envision and rebuild. Creating a new world of justice and freedom!

Noor Aljawad has organized with Students for Justice in Palestine, documents stories of the Israeli occupation and works with the coordination of Women’s Freedom in Iraq, while seeking an MSW at UC Berkeley. Sarah Biscarra Dilly is an artist/ scholar residing in the un-ceded homeland of the Chochenyo (Ohlone) people, making connections between contemporary recognition issues, absence of treaties, and the petroleum industry, while pursuing a PhD in Native American Studies at University of California, Davis. Johnny Buck is from the Wanapum community of the Yakama Nation and focuses on decolonization, strengthening communities, cross-cultural and intertribal relationships striving for social equity and resilience to climate change, while pursuing a BS in Native Environmental Science at Northwest Indian College.

Robert Chan co-founded The Other Death Penalty Project which published “Too Cruel, Too Unusual Enough” using the stories of prisoners to impact decision-makers and led grassroots efforts challenging a “for-a-fee” communication system in the CA DOC, while pursuing an MA in Humanities at Adams State University. Leticia Cortés grew up marching on May Day with Voces de Frontera, became a high school leader of Ripple Effect Milwaukee, marching on May Day with Voces de Frontera, became a high school leader of Ripple Effect Milwaukee, and is a co-founder of the Rebel Diaz Arts Collective using art and hip-hop to address severe segregation and is beginning a BA in Film and Creative Writing at Columbia College, Chicago. As a Navajo woman, Janelle Cronin was called to be with her people, became a leader with DRUM - Desis Rising and focuses on decolonialization, strengthening communities, cross-cultural and intertribal relationships striving for social equity and resilience to climate change, while pursuing a BS in Native Environmental Science at Northwest Indian College.

Joe Dole focuses his writing and activism on criminal law, prisoners’ rights, freedom of information, the stigmatization of incarcerated people and the politics of mass incarceration, while taking on prison industrial complexes as they build Solidarity and Relationships for the Lumad (indigenous) and Moro (Muslim) communities and defense of ancestral lands in the southern Philippines, connecting with issues faced by the Filipino/a diaspora, while pursuing her Masters of Social Work at CSU East Bay.

Christina Nesheiwat is a co-founder of SWANAconnect, a transnational anti-racist, anti-imperialist organization creating solidarity between South West Asian and North African volunteers in the US with refugee communities in Greece, and with the People’s Assembly, organizes residents of the Orleans Parish while completing her MSW at Tulane.

Jasson Perez works to build a Black Freedom Movement through political education with Assata’s Daughters, policy advocacy around universal basic income and research on economics and Abolition Socialism, while completing a BA in Economics and Black Studies at the University of Illinois, Chicago. Elizabeth Perkins is a reproductive justice, queer rights, and economic justice activist working with the Kentucky Health Justice Network to improve abortion access and defend the only abortion clinic in the state, while seeking a dual MSSW/MA in Women and Gender Studies at the University of Louisville.

Loubna Qutami is a founder of the Palestinian Youth Movement, a member of the Anti-Oppression Committee for UAW 2865, (the first labor union in the US to vote yes to BDS - boycott, divest and sanction) and is a PhD candidate in Ethnic Studies at the University of California, Riverside. Jensine Raina became a high school student, organizing for educational and racial justice, Palestinian solidarity and against the U.S. war on working-class people and is beginning a BS in Computer Science at NYU. Luke Risher organized for racial and economic justice with Philadelphia Student Union and UrbanEd to save public education and challenge the over-policing and under-funding in Philly schools and is attending Howard University to study Community Development, Human Development, Art and Education. Active in BLK and Black Liberation Project in Minneapolis and beginning a BA in Political Science at The New School, Amir Sharif co-founded Educate Ya’ Self at his high school to fight against systemic racial oppression and US white supremacy.

Christian Snow serves on the support team of Assata’s Daughters and as a third year Public Interest Scholar at Northeastern University School of Law is pursuing legal studies to become a power tool for impoverished Black and Brown communities fighting oppressive forces in their community. Basil Soper organizes for LGBTQ rights in North Carolina focusing on altering the trans narrative in the media through his online publications on sites such as: HuffPost, The Nation and Harper’s Bazaar, created a multi-media project called TransList and is returning to school to complete a BA in Creative Writing at The New School.

Felipe Vargas is a doctoral student at the University of Texas at Austin who has organized around DACA, border re-entry, for-profit immigrant detention center infiltrations and stopping deportations, while working with the National Undocumented Research Project at Harvard University to collect the testimonies of undocumented youth. Veronica Virgen works to end deportations, assists undocumented immigrants with defense against deportation, and organizes for reproductive justice and against police brutality in community coalitions while beginning a law degree at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, William H. Bowen School of Law. Paige Watkins helped charter the Detroit chapter of Black Youth Project 100 (BYP100) and works to combat the rapid gentrification in the city, creating space for and resisting the displacement of Black Detroitors while working toward an MA in Community Development at the University of Detroit Mercy.

Kyan Williams is a writer, multidisciplinary artist, and organizer who “in the tradition of Nikki Giovanni, Marlon Riggs, Marsha P. Johnson, and June Jordan, uses art as a tool to inspire deep and radical change” while working on an MFA in Visual Arts at Columbia University. Silvia Zuvita-Rodriguez became involved with Austin Immigrant Rights Coalition following her father’s deportation, is a founding member of Youth Rise Texas (YRT), organizing teens who have had their parents incarcerated and/or deported and is beginning a BA in Global Studies and International Relations at University of Texas Austin.

Read more about our 2017/18 grantees at www.davisputter.org

Noor Aljawad  Sarah Biscarra Dilly  Johnny Buck  Robert Chan  Leticia Cortés

Janelle Cronin  Joe Dole  Patricia Frazier  Amanda Jimenez  Kentaro Kaneko  Karen Louvieré  Robin Castel Navarro


Christian Snow  Basil Soper  Felipe Vargas  Veronica Virgen  Paige Watkins  Kyan Williams  Silvia Zuvita-Rodriguez
The Marilyn Buck Award – Oloth Insyxiengmay

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 Oloth Insyxiengmay. Oloth found acceptance in a gang at the tender age of 11 and by 15, was sentenced to prison for life. During his 23 year incarceration, Oloth has taken the lessons of solidarity, community and survival to turn the Asian Pacific Islander Cultural Awareness Group at Clallam Bay Corrections Center into a liberating space working in solidarity with other organizations on the inside and outside to raise social awareness around matters related to imperialism, white supremacy, racism, sexism, poverty and the prison industrial complex. Oloth says of his work, “By educating our communities about their positionality in society and the systems of their suffering, we help transform and politicize our peers into agents for social change.” He is currently studying towards an AA degree at Seattle Central Community College and will continue at University of Washington to pursue a BA in Sociology.

Note: Oloth was paroled in September, but has been transferred to the Northwest Detention Center, awaiting a citizenship hearing. We stand in solidarity with Oloth and hope this grant will provide significant support and structure as he works to reengage back in his community.

The Marilyn Buck Award – Oloth Insyxiengmay

The Marilyn Buck Award was created to honor this long-time civil rights activist and Davis-Putter Trustee. The award recognizes an undergraduate working in the South, keeping racism central to all aspects of their movement work. This year’s recipient is Johana DeLeon, who first became an activist because she was undocumented, joined the San Antonio Immigrant Youth Movement, coming out of the shadows, fighting for in-state tuition and educating the San Antonio community about DACA, higher education and their rights. At the Karnes Detention Center, she began working with detained mothers, who were facing death if deported. Together they launched public campaigns to fight their deportations and expose the injustices at the facility. As the campaign continued, more and more women were being taken off of the deportation list and given opportunities to fight their cases. When the women launched a hunger strike to protest the conditions, Johana was a key person in helping get their stories out to the media and ultimately helping to make many changes at the center. She continues her work with formerly detained families while seeking a Bachelor's of Social Work Degree at UT-Austin. We know Anne would be standing with Johana and the many immigrant folks facing deportation today.

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