

## Welcome and Thank you!

Welcome to our board: **PG Watkins** is a 2017/18 grantee and community activist and organizer in Detroit. **Swati Rayasam** is a 2015/16 grantee Reproductive Health and the Environment and a leader with a leftist South Asian organization in the Bay area. **Ben Graham-Putter** has joined our board to continue his grandfather's support in building and sustaining DPSE.

Deep appreciation to Sandra Castro Solis, 2012/13 grantee and Puente Human Rights Movement leader and Beth Rose Middleton Manning, PhD, Professor, Dept. of Native American Studies, University of California, Davis for their years of service to our board. We wish you both all the best on your continued journeys for peace and justice!

## About the Fund – 60 years ago!

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.

**DPSF grantees are working for peace through radical justice making!**



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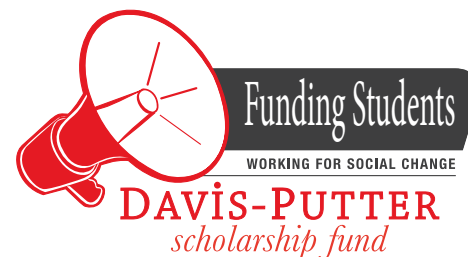
## 60 years of radical justice making!



# 1961/62 2021/22



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# Since our founding in 1961, Davis-Putter has funded student activists working to build a world that works for everyone. Our grantees seek peace through radical justice making.

They are building movements for economic and racial justice, challenging systems of oppression and creating international anti-imperialist solidarity.

## DPSF Class of 2021/22

**Nora Abedelal** has organized with the Arab Resource & Organizing Center and Students for Justice in Palestine and is an incoming M.A. student in Social Sciences at the University of Chicago. **Nyché Andrew** is a Yup'ik and Inupiaq Alaska Native who established the Indigenous Student Union at her school, and is beginning a BA in Political Science at Yale University. **Nile Blass** studies Government at Georgetown University, where she worked to dismantle symbols of confederacy and slavery across campus while providing support and fundraising for Black Lives Matter DC.

**The Anne Braden Award** was created to honor this long-time civil rights activist and Davis-Putter Trustee. The award recognizes a student working in the South, keeping racism central to all aspects of their movement work. This year's recipient is **Xian R. Brooks** who shared movement space with Anne while a young activist organizing at The Carl Braden Memorial Center in Louisville, KY. Xian is a public health professional and community-based birth doula (The Dandy Doula!), enrolled as a master's nursing student at the University of Louisville to be a certified nurse midwife.

**Brandon Brown** became the first prisoner in Maine's history to earn a graduate degree while incarcerated and is a PhD student at the *Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution* at George Mason University. **Thyme Canton** works in coalition with Black and queer people of color, young people, sex workers and migrants and is a Psychology graduate student at the New School of Social Research.



Amanda Jimenez



Alex Kerry



Lenora R. Knowles



Momo Manalang



Erika Martinez



Brian Moreno



Gilberto Anthony Murillo



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Nikita Rahman



Jairo Robles Morales



Angelica Rodriguez



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**Terrell Carter** is a leader with the Lifer Organization at SCI-Phoenix and Inside-Out Think Tank, while beginning an MFA at Drexel University to use story-telling that changes perceptions of incarcerated folks. **Miguel Angel Castañeda** is a Ph.D. Candidate in the US History program at UC, San Diego, focusing on the role of Marxism, socialist feminism, and internationalism in the Mexican American student struggle for a Chicano/a Studies Department in the 1960s.

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** is **Caitlyn Clark**, a labor organizer and undergraduate student at Yale University, majoring in Political Science with a self-designed concentration in Radical Approaches to Political Economy. She is co-chair of the Yale Young Democratic Socialists of America.

**Debbie Duarte** has experienced institutional threats and repression organizing for immigrant and worker rights and against ICE/Police on campus while seeking a PhD in Literature at UC Santa Cruz. **Asha Edwards** is an artist and anti-racist, anti-imperialist campus and community organizer, attending the School of Public Health at the University of Illinois at Chicago. **Jessica Francois** is a radical queer feminist who has worked to counter systemic inequity and neglect, while completing a Master's in Public Health at Columbia University Mailman School of Public Health. **Jacquelyn Hamilton** co-created a reproductive justice organizing intensive, grounded in racial justice, intersectionalism and legacies of organizing, while pursuing an MSSW at the University of Michigan--Ann Arbor.

**The Marilyn Buck Award** is given to an incarcerated or formerly incarcerated activist working for justice. Named in honor and memory of political prisoner, poet and 2003/2004 grantee Marilyn worked in solidarity with Black Liberation struggles to end white supremacy. **Leo Hylton** is this year's awardee and an incarcerated citizen in Maine State Prison, working toward establishing restorative justice practices, principles, and processes within the Maine Department of Corrections and is pursuing a Master's degree through George Mason University's *Carter School for Peace and Conflict Resolution*, with an Individualized concentration in Social Justice Advocacy and Activism.

**Amanda Jimenez** is a Filipino CUNY Law student, National Democratic activist who fights the rising fascism of the US-Duterte dictatorship in the Philippines while educating and organizing migrant workers and trafficking victims. **Alex Kerry** is a Palestinian organizer, artist, and student of Theater & Middle Eastern Studies at the University of Houston, challenging institutional relationships to Israeli apartheid and building grassroots student and community power. **Lenora R. Knowles** is a working-class Black and Honduran-American organizer building grassroots community power in East Baltimore and is a PhD student in Women, Gender, and Sexuality Studies at the University of Maryland.

**Momo Manalang** is a member of GABRIELA New York, a militant women's organization fighting for the rights and welfare of the Filipino people while studying Political Science at Hunter College. **Erika Martinez** is a fourth-year student



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at Rutgers University majoring in Sociology and minoring in Legal Studies and an organizer at Make the Road New Jersey, working to abolish ICE and build the power of immigrant and working-class communities. **Brian Moreno** is a poor working-class poet, cultural worker, and critical educator organizing against gendered, racist, class violence, while working on an MA in Latin American Studies at California State University Los Angeles.

**Gilberto Anthony Murillo** attends the University of California - Santa Barbara in studies of Political Science and Sociology while organizing with Underground Scholars Initiative supporting formerly incarcerated students in higher education. *Gilberto's grant is funded in part by generous donations made in memory of 2020/21 grantee, Ben Hall and in support of formerly incarcerated student activists.*

**Andrew Ntim** is a black, queer, low-income student at Yale Law School with plans to work as a radical public defender, building power within communities most targeted by the prison industrial complex. **Nushrat Nur** is a Public Health Master's student at Emory University, a Dream Defender and photojournalist dedicated to addressing health and education disparities, particularly related to migrants and refugees. **Kanyinsola**

**Oye** is the founder of *CPD out of CCS* successfully breaking a 3-million-dollar contract between Columbus Police and Columbus City Schools, while completing a BA in Political Science & History at Howard University.



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Read more about our 2021/22 grantees at [www.davisputter.org](http://www.davisputter.org)



# Rest in Power!

*DPSF has learned of several past grantees who have died over the past year. We remember them here and celebrate their lifelong commitment to peace and justice.*

**Thomas “Reem” Cotton** was a 2012/2013 grantee. Reem’s work while in prison was focused on reversing the high rates of incarceration of economically and socially challenged communities. Up until the time of his release in 2019, Reem was a “jailhouse lawyer” and a leader in the Inside/Out Prison Exchange Program Think Tank promoting educational opportunities and organizing for changes needed in the criminal justice system.

**Lucia Leandro “LL” Gimeno** was a 2012/13 grantee who became involved in racial, economic, gender and sexual justice organizing with the Audre Lorde Project and co-founded FIERCE, both Queer youth leadership organizations. They led anti-oppression trainings for a decade as well as working with Queers for Economic Justice and the Sylvia Rivera Law Project. After graduating from Columbia School of Social Work, they became Director of Queer & Trans People of Color Birthwerq Project, an organization dedicated to mending the disconnect between trans justice and reproductive justice and co-edited, *Untold Stories of Life, Love and Reproduction*.

**Bob Moses** was a 1977/78 and 78/79 grantee and a leader in the Southern civil rights movement as co-director of the Council of Federated Organizations, an umbrella organization for SNCC, CORE, NAACP, SCLC. He was the main organizer of Freedom Summer Project and was instrumental in organizing the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party. In 1966 he became a Conscientious Objector, moved to Canada and then Tanzania where he served as a math teacher as well as in the Ministry of Education until 1976. He returned to Harvard to complete doctoral work in Philosophy and created the Algebra Project, believing that math literacy was key to achieving full civil rights. He co-authored, *Radical Equations: Civil Rights from Mississippi to the Algebra Project* and co-edited *Quality Education as a Constitutional Right—Creating a Grassroots Movement to Transform Public Schools*.

**Ed Yellin** was a 1961/62, 62/63 and 63/64 grantee. He worked at US Steel in Gary, IN as a “colonizer” for the Communist Party for which he was called before the House Committee on Un-American Activities (HUAC) in 1958. He was convicted of contempt for refusal to cooperate and sentenced to five years in prison. Additionally, his NSF and NIH fellowships were revoked putting his education at risk. Eventually, his case was reviewed and his conviction was dismissed by the Supreme Court. The Marian Davis Scholarship Fund had just been established and helped support Ed in pursuit of his PhD in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Illinois. Ed went on to become a researcher and professor at Einstein College of Medicine in New York City. In 2020, Ed and his wife, Jean Fagan Yellin published a memoir entitled, *In Contempt: Defending Free Speech, Defeating HUAC*. (Our cover art is a linocut by Jean, created as a greeting card during the years of Ed’s case and is an illustration from their memoir).



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