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## National South Asian Summit 2015 Speakers



**Kalia Abiade**  
*Advocacy Director*  
Center for New Community

Kalia Abiade is the Advocacy Director at the Center for New Community, a national research and advocacy organization based in Chicago. She spearheads the organization's work to equip and mobilize allied organizations and coalitions to challenge organized nativism and racism in public discourse and policy. She is also the managing editor of the Center's blog [Imagine2050.org](http://Imagine2050.org), which explores race, identity and democracy. Kalia is active in the Muslim community in Chicago and is deeply engaged with efforts to help nurture a sense of community for the children of converts to Islam. Kalia brings to her work more than a decade of experience as a newspaper reporter and editor and is currently a copy editor at the progressive magazine *In These Times*. She lives with her husband and their three children on Chicago's South Side.



**Sudha Acharya**  
*Executive Director*  
South Asian Council for Social Services

Sudha Acharya, the Executive Director of the South Asian Council for Social Services (SACSS), has been active in the community from the past thirty-five years. She has held various responsibilities and leadership positions in community based organizations. Sudha serves as the Executive Director of SACSS, after serving as the Founder-President for the first two years. One of the major areas of focus for SACSS is healthcare access and health awareness. Earlier through the NYC Managed Care Assistance Program, and now as a Navigator for the NYSOH and a Community Health Advocate (CHA), SACSS assists South Asian and other immigrant individuals and families in accessing and maintaining their health insurance. Sudha has served on city and state level health care coalitions. "Sudha has been awarded the Gandhi Community Award, Indo-Caribbean Network Award and the Federation of Indian Associations Award. She received the Union Square Award for her work at SACSS in 2003, the Pravasi Bharatiya Community Service Award from GOPIO in 2006, the India Abroad Gopal Raju Award for Community Service (2010) and Sri Swami Vivekananda Award for Community Service in 2011. She has Masters Degrees in English Literature and Financial Management."



**Zakia Afrin**  
*Manager, Client Advocacy Programs*  
Maitri

An activist for social justice movements, Zakia has a Doctorate in International Law and held different roles at Maitri since 2009. As the Manager of Client Advocacy Program, Zakia is responsible for the helpline and Legal Program at Maitri. She is an Adjunct Professor of International Law at Golden Gate University in San Francisco and has numerous academic and popular media publications to her name. She was awarded the Outstanding Advocate award in October 2013 by the Santa Clara Domestic Violence Council. Currently she serves on the Board of California Partnership to End Domestic Violence (CPEDV) and SpaandanB, an organization dedicated to better the lives of less advantaged people in Bangladesh.



**Fahd Ahmed**  
*Executive Director*  
DRUM – South Asian Organizing  
Center

Fahd Ahmed came to the United States as an undocumented immigrant from Pakistan in 1991. He has been a grassroots organizer on the issues of racial profiling, immigrant justice, police accountability, and national security over the last 15 years. Fahd has been involved with DRUM in various capacities since 2000, when he had family members facing deportation, and entrapment as part of the War on Drugs. Within DRUM, Fahd co-led the work with Muslim, Arab, and South Asian immigrant detainees before, and immediately after 9/11, by coordinating the detainee visitation program. From 2011 to 2014, as the Legal and Policy Director at DRUM, Fahd ran the End Racial Profiling Campaign and brought together the coalitions working on Muslim surveillance, and stop and frisk, to work together to pass the landmark Community Safety Act. He was also a Human Rights and National Security Reform Fellow with the Rockwood Leadership Institute, and a Fellow with the American Muslim Civil Leadership Institute. Currently, Fahd is the Executive Director of DRUM.



**Pia Ahmed**  
*Vice President, Fellow*  
Satrang, 2014 Young Leaders Institute

Pia Ahmed is a queer, first generation Bangladeshi-American hailing from the Bay Area but currently living in Los Angeles. While they are pursuing a career in the medical field, they are also deeply engaged and committed to social justice efforts. They initially became acquainted with social justice spaces during their undergraduate years at Occidental College, through groups such as the South Asian Student Association, Muslim Student Association, and Gay Straight Alliance. Though working in those spaces was fulfilling, they were often struck by a lack of intersectionality for people of multiple, seemingly disparate, identities. After graduating, they received the opportunity of working with Satrang SoCal, a nonprofit organization serving the South Asian LGBTQ community of the greater Los Angeles area as the Youth Group Coordinator. Since then, they have worked as the Secretary and this year were granted the honor of position of Vice President of Satrang, with which they hope to further connect with and help empower fellow LGBTQ-identified people.



**Gurwin Ahuja**  
*Co-Founder*  
National Sikh Campaign

Gurwin currently works in the Executive Office of the President of the United States and the co-founder of the National Sikh Campaign. He was previously a Policy Advocate for Center for American Progress. Prior to joining CAP, he served as the National Field Coordinator for President Barack Obama’s re-election campaign in 2012. Prior to the campaign, he served at the White House as an intern with the National Economic Council where he worked on the financial crisis, housing policy, and rural economics. He has also held internships with former Ohio Gov. Ted Strickland (D), former Congresswoman Mary Jo Kilroy (D-OH), and J.P. Morgan. Gurwin graduated summa cum laude from Ohio State University and holds a B.S.B.A. in finance. In his spare time, Gurwin enjoys reading, working out, reading more, and spending time with his friends.



**Naheed Bahram**  
*New York Program Manager*  
Women for Afghan Women

Naheed Bahram was born to a working-class, conservative family in Kabul, Afghanistan. Her family migrated to Peshawar, Pakistan after the loss of her mother in a bomb explosion in Kabul. Ms. Bahram graduated from high school in Pakistan and taught ESL to Afghan women in the Afghan refugee camps in Peshawar. She moved to the United States in 2004 as an international student. She graduated from Queens College in June 2011 with a BA in Finance and Economics. Ms. Bahram has been working with WAW since 2007, first as a volunteer, then intern, then case worker and now NY Program Manager running WAW New York.



**Sumeet Kaur Bal**  
*Communications Manager*  
Sikh American Legal Defense & Education Fund

A career journalist, Sumeet Kaur Bal serves as Communications Manager for SALDEF—where she writes press releases, op-eds, leads presentations for media trainings, and was instrumental in the training of Sikh Americans during the Rose Parade— after more than 10 years experience working for Entertainment Weekly, Parenting Magazine, and MTV. Mentored by top editors from Time, Inc. and the New York Times, and producers from the Today Show, ABC and CBS News, Bal has covered hard news, culture and fashion for print and broadcast media. Bal was SALDEF’s first full time employee covering media and policy. Prior to her career in media, Bal was a paralegal at the Center for Individual Rights and a recruiter/paralegal at Kirkpatrick & Lockhart in New York City. Bal served on the board of the Interfaith Alliance and SALDEF’s Media Advisory Board, and is an active advocate of diversity in the New York City and San Francisco independent schools. She graduated with an M.S. in Broadcasting from Columbia University’s Graduate School of Journalism, and a B.A. in Religion/Political Science from Duke University.



**Murali Balaji**  
*Director of Education and Curriculum Reform*  
Hindu American Foundation

Murali Balaji, Ph.D. is HAF's Director of Education and Curriculum Reform. A Fulbright Specialist and former journalist, he has taught at Temple University, Penn State University, and Lincoln University, where he served as Chair of the Department of Mass Communications, overseeing assessment and curriculum building efforts. A longtime advocate of minority issues, Mr. Balaji is the author of several books and the co-editor of the seminal anthologies *Desi Rap* (2008) and *Global Masculinities and Manhood* (2011). A native of the Philadelphia area, Mr. Balaji earned his B.A. in journalism from the University of Minnesota and his doctorate in Mass Communication from Penn State.



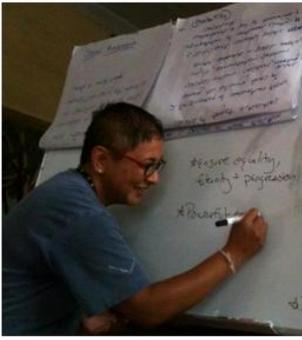
**Sneha Barot**  
*Senior Public Policy Associate*  
Guttmacher Institute

Sneha Barot joined the Washington, DC office of the Guttmacher Institute in 2008 as a Senior Public Policy Associate. Ms. Barot provides policy analysis on a range of sexual and reproductive health issues in the United States and internationally. Among these issues are international family planning and abortion and the development and use of reproductive health products and technologies. Prior to joining the Institute, Ms. Barot was Acting Director and Senior Program Manager at the Asia Division of the American Bar Association's Rule of Law Initiative. She has also lived and worked in New Delhi with local women's rights organizations and in New York with several public interest and human rights groups, including the Center for Reproductive Rights and the Urban Justice Center. Ms. Barot graduated with honors from the University of Florida and earned a J.D. from the New York University School of Law.



**Dante Barry**  
*Executive Director*  
Million Hoodies Movement for Justice

Recently named in Revolt TV's New Leaders of Social Justice, Dante Barry is a grassroots organizer, digital campaigner, and the Executive Director of Million Hoodies Movement for Justice, a national racial justice network of 50,000 members founded to protect and empower young people of color from mass criminalization and gun violence. Previously, Dante ran campaigns, organizing, and leadership development programs for a variety of national progressive organizations. Dante's work as a leader in the racial justice movement has appeared on the Daily Show with Jon Stewart, CNN, NPR, New York Times, Al Jazeera America, MSNBC, Colorlines, Huffington Post, BBC World Service, among other outlets. As a student organizer, Dante graduated from Monmouth University with a degree in Political Science, International Relations, and Communications. Twitter: @dantebarry



**Pabitra Benjamin**  
*Organizing Director*  
National Queer Asian Pacific  
Islander Alliance

Pabitra was born in Nepal and started organizing as a youth and student in Madison, Wisconsin. She is currently the Director of Organizing at the National Queer Asian Pacific Islander Alliance and serves on the board of Adhikaar. As a human and civil rights movement lover for life, Pabitra has organized campaigns and worked with communities around LGBTQ equality, immigrant rights and racial justice. She has staffed a number of cross-sectoral and multi-issue based coalitions including the Rights Working Group. Pabitra enjoys connecting diverse communities and working across sectors to create future possibilities of stronger, more inclusive, and healthier societies founded on providing all people our basic human rights.



**Aparna Bhattacharyya**  
*Executive Director*  
Raksha, Inc.

Aparna Bhattacharyya was born and raised in Georgia. She has served as Executive Director of Raksha since 1998. She has served as a member of the Georgia Advisory Committee for the U.S Commission on Civil Rights, an Advisory Board member for the National Network to End Violence Against Immigrant Women and Advisory Board member for Georgia State's School of Social Work. She was awarded the Indian Professionals Network (IPN) award in 1997 and 1998 for her service to the community. Ms. Bhattacharyya was awarded the Director's Eagle Award from the Criminal Justice Coordinating Council in 2006, the Georgia Commission on Family Violence Gender Justice Award, and the DeKalb County Domestic Violence Task Force's Deborah C. McDorman Award in 2008. Aparna is an alumni of Leadership Atlanta's Class of 2010. She was a White House Champion of Change in May 2013 with a number of other Asian American Women leaders and named by Georgia Asian Times as one of the 25 Most Influential Asian Americans in Georgia in July 2013. In April 2014, Aparna was recognized by the Georgia State University with The Distinguished Alumni Service Award by the Department of Criminal Justice and Criminology, Andrew Young School of Policy Studies.



**Hilary Binder-Aviles**  
*Independent Organizational  
Development Consultant*

Hilary has over 25 years of experience working in both national and local nonprofits, with a focus on building the capacity of organizations and coalitions engaged in community and systems change work. From 2000-2013, Hilary served as a Senior Consultant at Mosaica: The Center for Nonprofit Development and Pluralism. A seasoned trainer and facilitator, Hilary has experience in program planning, management and evaluation; strategic planning; Board development; organizational re-structuring; and fundraising. She has worked extensively with community-based groups led by, organizing and advocating for refugee and immigrant communities. Hilary was co-founder and volunteer Executive Director of Sol & Soul, a DC-based grassroots arts and activist organization and currently serves on the Board of the Emergence Community Arts Collective, also in DC. She is a graduate of Wellesley College and the John F. Kennedy School of Government.



**Monica Jahan Bose**  
*Artist/Activist*  
South Asian Women's Creative  
Collective

Monica Jahan Bose is a Bangladeshi-American artist, lawyer, and activist based in Washington, DC and Bangladesh. Her work includes painting, printmaking, video, installation, and performance, as well as advocacy on women’s issues and the environment. She studied art at Wesleyan University and Santiniketan, India, and has a law degree from Columbia University. In addition to more than 20 years working as a visual artist, Bose has founded and run several non-profits and practiced and taught environmental and human rights law. She has exhibited her artwork extensively in the US, Bangladesh, France, Japan, and India. Her artwork was recently selected to represent the US in “1 in 3,” the World Bank's global exhibition on gender-based violence, which featured 30 international artists. In 2014, she was invited to present STORYTELLING WITH SARIS at the US EPA, the Brooklyn Museum, the Edward M. Kennedy Center in Bangladesh, and during Art Basel-Miami Beach. She serves on the board of Samhati, a US-based Bangladeshi women’s organization that creates small projects focused on ecology and literacy to empower low-income women in Bangladesh. She is also a board member of the South Asian Women's Creative Collective, based in New York.



**Gregory Cendana**  
*Executive Director*  
Asian Pacific American Labor  
Alliance

Strategist, politico and coalition builder Gregory Cendana is the first openly gay and youngest-ever Executive Director of the Asian Pacific American Labor Alliance and Institute for Asian Pacific American Leadership & Advancement. He also serves as the Chair of National Council of Asian Pacific Americans, as Treasurer for the Labor Coalition for Community Action and is the youngest General Board member of the AFL-CIO. Gregory has been named one of Washington DC’s most influential 40-and-under young leaders, one of the 30 Most Influential Asian Americans Under 30 & the “Future of DC Politics”. Previously, he served as President of the United States Student Association (USSA), where he played an integral role in the passage of the Student Aid & Fiscal Responsibility Act and Healthcare & Education Reconciliation Act. In his spare time, Gregory enjoys singing karaoke, choreographing dances and trying to cook. Be a part of his journey by following him on twitter at @GregoryCendana.



**Anirvan Chatterjee**  
*Organizer, Curator, Coordinator*  
Berkeley South Asian Radical  
History Walking Tour, Alliance of  
South Asians Taking Action, Bay  
Area Solidarity Summer, Brown  
and Green: South Asian Americans  
for Climate Justice, Desi lgbtQ  
Helpline

Anirvan Chatterjee is a progressive activist and community history nerd from Berkeley, California. He's one of the curators of the monthly Berkeley South Asian Radical History Walking Tour, and is active with the Alliance of South Asians Taking Action (ASATA), Bay Area Solidarity Summer (BASS), Brown and Green: South Asian Americans for Climate Justice, and DeQH. He tweets at @anirvan.



**Zainab Chaudary**  
*Media Associate*  
ReThink MEdia

Zainab Chaudary brings nearly a decade of communications, policy, and outreach experience to the ReThink team, with a focus on protecting the civil rights and liberties of all Americans. Zainab coordinates, trains, and assists member organizations and coalition groups with effective communications strategies, the monitoring and auditing of news coverage, and rapid response to breaking news and social media trends. Zainab joined ReThink after five years on the staff of Congressman Rush D. Holt (D-NJ), where she built relationships with Muslim, Arab, and South Asian communities, and led coalition engagement initiatives in the fight for civil liberties. In addition to her extensive Hill experience, Zainab served as National Communications Director for the Council for the Advancement of Muslim Professionals (CAMP) from 2012 to 2014, and currently serves as a steering committee member of the NJ Democratic State Committee's South Asian Caucus and of the Eagleton Institute of Politics' annual "Ready to Run" conference. Zainab holds an undergraduate degree in political science from Ruprecht-Karls-Universität Heidelberg, the oldest university in Germany. She is a bibliophile and a blogger, a polymath and a polyglot, and she enjoys geeking out over everything from space exploration to superheroes!



**Narbada Chhetri**  
*Director of Organizing and Advocacy*  
Adhikaar

Narbada Chhetri is the Director of Organizing and Advocacy at Adhikaar, a human rights and social justice organization based in Queens. She joined Adhikaar in 2008 and was an active worker leader in the New York State Domestic Workers Bill of Rights campaign. She organized and mobilized Nepali domestic workers and contributed to the passage of the bill in 2010. In her current role Narbada empowers Nepali-speaking immigrants to speak up about the injustices they face, and to learn about and be able to assert their legal rights. She is organizing beauty technician (Nail Salon) workers for their health and safety at work place. She oversees a range of programs and campaigns that support members to develop the skills & knowledge needed to secure better jobs and to live with dignity and respect in the U.S. Narbada earned her BA in Economics in Nepal. She worked as a human rights activist prior to coming to the U.S., heading up the Makwanpur District Office of Himalayan Human Rights Monitor (HimRights). At HimRights, she led the fight against human trafficking, the caste system, and violence against women. Narbada is an alumna of the 2013 NYS –AFL-CIO / Cornell Union Leadership Institute, Immigrant Civic Leadership program 2014 (ICLP) and the National Domestic Workers Alliance's 2012 Strategy Organizing Leadership (SOL) program. She currently serves on the National Domestic Workers Alliance's Board of Directors. Narbada earned her BA in Economics in Nepal. She worked as a human rights activist prior to coming to the U.S., heading up the Makwanpur District Office of Himalayan Human Rights Monitor (HimRights). At HimRights, she led the fight against human trafficking, the caste system, and violence against women. Narbada is an alumna of the 2013 NYS –AFL-CIO / Cornell Union Leadership Institute, Immigrant Civic Leadership program 2014 (ICLP) and the National Domestic Workers Alliance's 2012 Strategy Organizing Leadership (SOL) program. She currently serves on the National Domestic Workers Alliance's Board of Directors. She has been doing social justice work since 1996. Her own experience of struggle and story is a tool to educate and empower to others.



**Dr. Nazeera Dawood**  
*Chair, Partnership Committee*  
South Asian Public Health  
Association

Dr. Nazeera Dawood is currently the Health Promotion Division Director at Fulton County Department of Health and Wellness. She received her medical doctor degree from Bangalore University in India and Master's degree in public health from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. She served on the President's Commission on Race and Ethnicity, Transforming the Community Project at Emory University and was recognized as the 2010-2011 'We are Emory, 100 Community Builders'. Under Dr. Dawood's leadership, the collaborative partnerships have grown to over 400 businesses, organization and individuals through the six health promotion coalitions including the Interfaith Coalition which was formed to address major chronic diseases in Fulton County. She is responsible for securing \$9,000,000 project funding for a period of three years. She received a Fulton County Proclamation on Oct 1, 2014 proclaimed as "Dr.Nazeera Dawood Appreciation Day". Dr. Dawood currently serves as a board member in the South Asian Public Health Association (SAPHA), National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF) Atlanta Chapter & Georgia Alliance for Health Literacy. She was born in Dindigul, TamilNadu, India & can speak Tamil, Kannada, Telugu & Hindi. She believes in galvanizing the energies and empowering all citizens to collectively address chronic health issues.



**Judith Browne Dianis**  
*Co-Director*  
Advancement Project

Judith Browne Dianis has an extensive background in civil rights litigation: She served as lead counsel in a lawsuit against the State of Maryland for failure to fully implement the "Motor Voter" Law. In November 2000, Dianis investigated civil rights violations after the election in Florida, providing the basis for the NAACP v. Harris lawsuit, in which she was counsel. In 2004, Dianis worked to correct problems with the Florida felon purge list, and served as counsel in DNC v. RNC, which stopped the RNC from challenging voters of color based upon an illegal voter caging program. In 2008, Dianis represented the Virginia NAACP in litigation against the Commonwealth of Virginia and several counties for racial disparities in the allocation of voting machines. Through Advancement Project's Voter Protection Program, she continues to eliminate barriers to voting in advance of Election Day. In 2012, Advancement Project has brought litigation to stop voter ID restrictions in Missouri, Texas, Wisconsin and Pennsylvania and stopped the voter purge in Florida. She has been a leading voice on the need for a constitutional amendment for a Right to Vote and in challenging efforts to limit voting rights. Dianis joined Advancement Project at its inception in 1999, after serving as the Managing Attorney in the Washington, D.C. office of the NAACP Legal Defense & Educational Fund, Inc. At Advancement Project, Dianis has directed the Opportunity to Learn Project, and protected the rights of survivors of Hurricane Katrina. She has pioneered work to end harsh school disciplinary practices and the criminalization of students by their schools. She has worked closely with community organizations throughout the country to challenge structural inequities by providing legal advice and assistance, communications and political strategies. Dianis is a graduate of Columbia University School of Law, served as a Tobias Simon Eminent Scholar at Florida State University Law School and an Adjunct Professor of Law at Georgetown University Law Center. She was recently awarded a two-year Prime Movers Fellowship for social movement leaders by Hunt Alternatives Fund. She was named one of the "Thirty Women to Watch" by Essence Magazine and has written and commented extensively in the media about race, voting and education issues, appearing often on MSNBC, CNN, BET, TVOne and various radio shows. She is Vice Chair of the Board of Directors of FairTest.



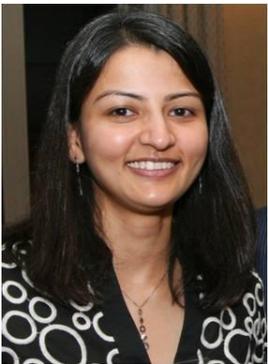
**Aparajeeta "Sasha"  
Duttchoudhury**  
*Writer*

Aparajeeta, also known as Sasha, is a South Asian writer (and reader) who is interested in storytelling through the languages of personal narrative, fiction, poetry, comics, graphic novels, and those moments of oral storytelling that happen over a cup of chai. Sasha sees storytelling, reading and writing, as less of an escape and as more of a way of exploring, experimenting, experiencing, enjoying, and engaging with worlds in us and around us. Sasha graduated from the University of Washington with a BA in English. *Moving Truth(s): Queer and Transgender Desi Writings on Family* has been a part of Sasha's SAALT Young Leaders Institute fellowship, and is the second major book project Sasha has contributed to, after *T.I.P.S. to Study Abroad: Simple Letter for Complex Engagement*.



**Anika Fassia**  
*Director of Outreach*  
Public Works

Anika joined Public Works in May 2012 after participating in a Public Works training in Michigan. Anika has pioneered our efforts on racial and economic equity and with millennial organizations. As Director of Outreach, Anika is responsible for reaching out to new potential allies, conducting trainings and working with our partners as they strive to build support for an effective public sector that is dedicated to advancing justice and providing equitable opportunities for all Americans. Prior to joining Public Works, Anika was part of the inaugural class of State Policy Fellows with the D.C. based Center on Budget and Policy Priorities under the State Fiscal Analysis Initiative. She was placed with the Michigan League for Public Policy in Lansing, Michigan, for a two-year fellowship committed to expanding diverse voices in state policy debates. During her time with the League, Anika became their first lead policy analyst on racial equity, immigration and the corrections budget. She holds an MSW emphasizing social policy from the University of Michigan and a B.S. in Psychology and Environmental Studies from the University of Utah.



**Ami Gandhi**  
*Executive Director*  
South Asian American Policy &  
Research Institute

Ami Gandhi has served as Executive Director of South Asian American Policy & Research Institute (SAAPRI) since 2011. SAAPRI is a non-profit, non-partisan organization established in 2001 to improve the lives of South Asian Americans in the Chicago area, by using research to formulate equitable and socially responsible public policy recommendations. Ami is an attorney who is passionate about advocating for minority and immigrant communities. She was named as the 2012-2013 Balgopal Lecturer on Human Rights and Asian Americans by University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. Ami previously served as the Legal Director of Asian American Institute (AAI), now called Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Chicago, and before that was a litigation attorney at Freeborn & Peters LLP. Ami serves on the Advisory Council for the City of Chicago's Office of New Americans, the Task Force on Opportunities for DREAMers at University of Illinois at Chicago, and multiple advisory councils on language access to government services. She is the board chair of Common Cause Illinois and serves on the board of American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois. She earned her J.D. from The George Washington University Law School and her B.A. in psychology and cognitive science from Indiana University.



**Barnali Ghosh**

*Landscape Architect, Curator,  
Performer, Climate Activist*

Berkeley South Asian Radical  
History Walking Tour, Brown and  
Green: South Asian Americans for  
Climate Justice

Barnali Ghosh is a landscape architect, climate activist, and performer from Berkeley, California. She is one of the curators of the monthly Berkeley South Asian Radical History Walking Tour, and has performed in several culture-change theater projects, including South Asian Sisters' "Yoni Ki Baat," NAPAWF's first all-Asian American production of "The Vagina Monologues," and Siren Theatre's ecofeminist Sitayana "Janaki, Daughter of the Dirt." A passionate communicator, she presents regularly on climate and transportation justice as part of the Year of No Flying project and Brown and Green: South Asian Americans for Climate Justice.



**Claudio Grossman**

*Dean of American University  
Washington College of Law  
Washington College of Law*

Claudio Grossman is Professor of Law and Dean of American University Washington College of Law (WCL) and the Raymond Geraldson Scholar for International and Humanitarian Law. Since his appointment as dean in 1995, WCL has further developed its intellectual creativity, pursuing numerous and exciting initiatives. More than 50 full-time faculty members have been hired, dramatically improving the law school's student-faculty ratio and expanding and enhancing scholarship, teaching and service. A variety of WCL programs have been developed during Dean Grossman's tenure including: dual JD Programs with universities in Canada, France and Australia, the LL.M. in Law and Government Program, the LL.M. in Advocacy, the Supervised Externship Program, the S.J.D. Program, a dual LL.M./MBA, LL.M. specializations in Gender and the Law and in Free Trade Agreements and Regional Integration, and specialized summer programs in human rights and humanitarian law, international commercial arbitration, health law, intellectual property, law and government, international organizations, law and diplomacy, environmental law, and legal English. Also during Dean Grossman's leadership WCL has developed and expanded summer abroad programs in Europe, Asia, and Latin America, numerous semester abroad programs, the International Commercial Arbitration Center, the Intellectual Property (IP) Program, clinics in IP, Disability Rights Law, Immigrant Justice and an evening section of the General Practice Clinic, and integrated sections in the first year so as to promote interconnectedness among the different law courses. Dean Grossman currently serves as the Chair of the United National Committee against Torture, and the President of the Inter-American Institute of Human Rights. He is also a member of numerous associations including the American Law Institute. Dean Grossman has received multiple awards, including the René Cassin Award from B'nai B'rith International in Chile, the Harry LeRoy Jones Award from the Washington Foreign Law Society, and in October 2000, was named Outstanding Dean of the Year by the National Association of Public Interest Law (now known as Equal Justice Works). In addition, the Inter American Press Association named Dean Grossman as the recipient of the Chapultepec Grand Prize 2002 for his achievements in the field of human rights and his work and commitment to promoting and protecting the freedom of expression and of the press for all people.



**Rohan Grover**  
Co-Founder  
The Brain Trust

Rohan Grover is an analyst and organizer for social justice work based in Washington, DC. He is co-founder and Model Minority Modeler at The Brain Trust where he works on building the AAPI movement's digital advocacy capacity through training and consulting. He is also Senior Business Intelligence Analyst at Upworthy, a mission-driven media/tech startup that draws attention to the topics that matter most. Previously he served on Planned Parenthood's national data & analytics team and organized South Asian Americans for a local electoral campaign outside Philadelphia. Outside of work he volunteers for progressive/AAPI organizations, including the Smithsonian's Beyond Bollywood exhibition as a docent. Rohan studied economics and ethnic studies at the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.



**Almas Haider**  
Queer South Asian National  
Network

The child of working class Pakistani immigrants and a queer Muslim, Almas Haider was impacted at a young age by post-9/11 islamophobia and brownphobia. Channeling those experiences through writing and activism, she seeks to build an intersectional lens for communities of color to build in solidarity as well as advocate for the rights of immigrants, workers, prisoners and those affected by criminal justice systems. Formerly the Civil Rights Advocate at South Asian Network and President of Satrang, Los Angeles's queer and trans\* organization for South Asians, She currently works with the Fulbright Program in Washington, D.C.



**Shahana Hanif**  
Public Housing Organizer  
CAA AV - Organizing Asian  
Communities

Shahana Hanif is a Brooklyn-born Bangladeshi Muslim and a recent Brooklyn College graduate with a degree in Women's and Gender Studies, TV/Radio minor. She currently works as a full-time Public Housing Organizer at CAAAV: *Organizing Asian Communities* and builds the power of Bangladeshi, Korean, and Chinese public housing tenants around language services (access to translated documents and interpretation) and repair issues. She joined CAAAV in January 2014 as a public housing organizing intern and is intentional and committed to this work because of her love for the Bangladeshi residents in the Queensbridge Houses, despite the challenges. She hosts and produces a web-based feminist radio show called *Three Broke Girls* which runs once a week from the Brooklyn College radio station. Shahana is also the lead organizer of the *Muslim Writers Collective*, an initiative that organizes monthly community open-mics and brings together Muslim writers in a creative and diverse safe space. In her free time, she writes creative nonfiction and performs at various open-mics. She aspires to continue exploring gender, sex, sexuality, disability, and love through writing and amplifying the voices of marginalized groups. You can follow her on Twitter @HShahana.



**Sameera Hafiz**  
*Policy Consultant*  
South Asian Americans Leading Together

Sameera Hafiz is an independent consultant with experience in research and writing, strategy development, project management, legislative campaigns, training, public speaking and facilitation. Sameera's substantive expertise is primarily in civil rights, racial justice, immigration, and combating violence against women. Until December of 2013, Sameera was the Director of Policy and Campaigns at Rights Working Group, a national coalition formed in the aftermath of September 11th to address human rights violations affecting communities of color in the United States. Previously, Sameera was a Senior Staff Attorney at Legal Momentum's Immigrant Women Program where she engaged in national policy advocacy to promote reforms benefiting immigrant women. A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania and of the Georgetown University Law Center, Sameera began her career providing free legal services to homeless families, survivors of domestic violence and human trafficking, and immigrants. Sameera is fluent in Bengali and she currently lives in Washington, DC.



**Marielena Hincapié**  
*Executive Director*  
National Immigration Law Center

Marielena Hincapié is the executive director of the National Immigration Law Center, the main organization dedicated to defending and advancing the rights of low-income immigrants in the U.S. Under her executive leadership, NILC has grown to be one of the premier immigrants' rights organizations, strategically using a combination of litigation, policy, communications, and alliance-building strategies to effect social change. Ms. Hincapié is highly respected for her legal and political strategies and is seen as a bridge builder within the immigrants' rights field as well as across broader social justice sectors. Fully bilingual and bicultural, Ms. Hincapié serves as a resource and is often interviewed by media outlets such as Univisión, Telemundo, CNN en Español, MSNBC, the New York Times, and the Los Angeles Times, among others. She also is a frequent lecturer at national and international conferences, addressing issues of migration, and she works closely with emerging leaders in the social justice movement. Ms. Hincapié began her tenure at NILC in 2000 as a staff attorney leading the organization's labor and employment program. During that time, she successfully litigated law reform and impact-litigation cases dealing with the intersection of immigration laws and employment/labor laws. She then served as NILC's director of programs from 2004 to 2008, after which she became executive director. Before joining NILC, Ms. Hincapié worked for the Legal Aid Society of San Francisco's Employment Law Center, where she founded the Center's Immigrant Workers' Rights Project. She holds a juris doctor degree from Northeastern University School of Law, served on the American Bar Association's Commission on Immigration, and is currently a member of the Jobs with Justice and Welcome.US boards of directors. Among the awards Ms. Hincapié has received are Univisión's Corazón Award for 2013, in honor of her commitment to the Latino community. The media company, which honors one organization and one individual each year, cited her leadership at the National Immigration Law Center as a key reason she received the award. In 2014, she received the Latina of Influence award from Hispanic Lifestyle and was recently chosen to be one of seven Prime Mover Fellows by the Hunt Alternatives Fund. Ms. Hincapié immigrated as a child from Medellín, Colombia, to Central Falls, Rhode Island. She is the youngest of 10 children. Follow Marielena on Twitter: @MarielenaNILC



**Saima Husain**  
*Deputy Director*  
South Asian Network

Saima was born in Pakistan, raised in four countries, and speaks five languages. With a Ph.D in Human Rights, Saima started at SAN in 2007 as a community advocate with AWAZ SAN's violence prevention program, she later coordinated the AWAZ unit, and is now SAN's Deputy Director. In 2009, Saima was selected as a Fellow for the Women's Foundation of California's Women's Policy Institute, a project that trains women to take on leadership roles in state policy advocacy. She has previously worked on police violence, disability rights, and governance. She visions alternatives and actively works towards structural change to work herself out of a job.



**Nayam Islam**  
*DRUM Leader*  
DRUM – South Asian Organizing Center

Nayim joined DRUM as part of the DACA clinics in 2013, and then plugged into the immigrant rights organizing campaigns. Nayim came out publicly as an undocumented youth at the launch of DRUM's Administrative Relief campaign in early 2014, and became a lead DRUM representative locally and nationally. Nayim graduated from the YouthPower! Summer Youth Organizing Institute in 2014, and has since then worked to bridge DRUM youth and adult memberships for immigrant rights organizing. Nayim also graduated from Families for Freedom's Speaker's Bureau training on the nexus of immigration enforcement and mass incarceration. He currently leads DRUM's representation on the local and national levels, including to the United We Dream network.



**Deepa Iyer**  
*Activist-in-Residence*  
University of Maryland, College Park

Deepa Iyer has been a civil and immigrant rights advocate for 15 years. Deepa has devoted her professional career to issues such as race and race relations, immigration, the post 9/11 environment, language rights and access, census, political participation and voting rights. Deepa led SAALT, the country's only national non-profit organization advocating for civil and immigrant rights of South Asian communities using a social justice framework, for nearly a decade. Currently, Deepa is the Activist-in-Residence at the Asian American Studies Program at the University of Maryland and a consultant for philanthropic and non-profit institutions. Her book about the changing American racial landscape will be published by The New Press in 2015. She writes about issues affecting people of color communities (including opinion editorials in the New York Times, The Guardian, Al-Jazeera America, The Nation, New Jersey Star-Ledger, Detroit Free Press and Huffington Post; serving as guest editor of Field Notes from the 9-11 Moment, an academic journal; and author of various law review articles), and commented on these issues on National Public Radio and television outlets. Deepa is the Chair of the Board of Directors of Race Forward. Twitter: @dviyer



**Tiloma Jayasinghe**  
*Activist Fellow*  
Barnard Center for Research on Women

Tiloma Jayasinghe is currently an Activist Fellow at the Barnard Center for Research on Women, and a gender justice consultant. She was most recently the Executive Director of Sakhi for South Asian Women, a non-profit organization working to end gender-based violence. Prior to that she was a Social Affairs Officer at the United Nations Division for the Advancement of Women where she was responsible for analyzing and identifying policies and practices eliminating violence against women from an international perspective. She was also the first National Advocates for Pregnant Women's first Baron Edmond de Rothschild Staff Attorney Fellow where she focused her legal, educational, and organizational skills on the intersection of the war on reproductive rights and the war on drugs. She is a graduate of New York University and the George Washington University School of Law. As an associate at the international law firm Mayer, Brown, Rowe and Maw, LLP, she spearheaded a pro bono project supporting the development and creation of the Asian University for Women. She is also a birth doula and a founding member of With Woman Doula Cooperativa. Ms. Jayasinghe has served as the New York Chapter Representative to the Board of Directors of NAPAWF (National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum) and the Board of Directors of SisterSong, a women of color reproductive justice collective. She lives in NYC with her husband, two daughters, and dog.



**Shivana Jorawar**  
*Reproductive Justice Program Director*  
National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum

Shivana coordinates the organization's reproductive justice policy priorities. She is passionate about uplifting the status of women in communities she identifies with, and has a background in legal advocacy and community education around issues of gender-based inequity and violence. Her experience includes working with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission as a legal clerk, working with the anti-domestic violence organization Sakhi for South Asian Women, co-chairing a chapter of Law Students for Reproductive Justice, and co-founding the Indo-Caribbean women's organization Jahajee Sisters, where she is now a member of the Steering Committee. In August, 2012, Shivana completed a one-year fellowship with NAPAWF through Law Students for Reproductive Justice. Originally from New York, she now works out of NAPAWF's Washington, D.C. office. Shivana holds a B.A. in Political Science from Fordham University and a J.D. from Emory University School of Law.



**Ray Jose**  
*National Organizer*  
United We Dream

Originally from the Philippines, Ray Jose and his family came to the U.S. in 2000, in hopes of more opportunities and a better future. Ray learned about his undocumented status in the late years of his high school career and was left with very few options to access higher education. His organizing and activism in the immigrant rights movement began in his home state of MD where he worked with undocumented youth to pass an in-state tuition bill for all students. After the state-led effort and passing the bill in 2012 he began volunteering with United We Dream and served as a national organizer from 2013-2015. He is now beginning a new journey in organizing the API community in the greater DC, MD, and VA area to break down anti-blackness and work in solidarity with local black-led organizations.



**Anu Joshi**  
*Campaign Manager*  
Center for New Community

Anu Joshi is the Campaign Manager for the Center for New Community. At CNC she works with state and local groups to push back against and delegitimize anti-immigrant organizations and leaders. Previously, Anu worked for the American Immigration Lawyers Association where she focused on passing immigration reform and ending family detention. Anu has also worked as a child welfare worker in the Bay Area and on a number of political campaigns. Anu is a proud native Californian and has a Master's in Social Welfare from the University of California, Berkeley.



**Sital Kalantry**  
*Clinical Professor of Law*  
Cornell Law School

Sital Kalantry is a Clinical Professor of Law at Cornell Law School where she founded the International Human Rights Clinic and co-founded the Avon Global Center for Women & Justice. Her scholarly work focuses on using quantitative approaches to understand and promote the enforcement of international human rights law. She received a Fulbright-Nehru Senior Research Scholar grant to conduct research in India. Her works have been published in, among other places, the Human Rights Quarterly, the National Law Journal, and the Stanford Journal of International Law. She has extensive international human rights advocacy and litigation experience, particularly in the areas of women's rights and economic, social, and cultural rights. She has testified before the Inter-American Commission for Human Rights, submitted party and amicus briefs to the U.S. Supreme Court and U.S. Federal Appellate Courts, European Court of Human Rights, Indian High Courts, and the Colombian Constitutional. She is on the board of the International Innovation Corp, is a member of the lawyers advisory committee of Peace Brigades International, and served on the International Human Rights Committee of the New York City Bar Association.



**Lakshman Kalasapudi**  
*Coordinator*  
India Home

Lakshman Kalasapudi works at India Home, a small nonprofit in Queens, NY serving South Asian seniors. He has worked in the NYC South Asian community for a number of years on issues such as queer rights, HIV/AIDS education, and housing rights. He has a background in food justice work in New York City and Andhra Pradesh. His research interests are caste, food/agricultural justice, and social theory.



**Puni Kalra**  
*Clinical Psychologist*  
New Perspectives Coaching &  
Consulting Services

Puni Kalra has a PhD in Clinical Psychology with a specialization in cross-cultural trauma. For nearly two decades, she has been working with children, women, families, and communities of color who have faced traumatic events. She has co-founded two organizations that were designed to support the education and professional training needs of South Asian psychologists: South Asian Psychological Networking Association (SAPNA) and the Division of South Asian Americans (DoSAA) within the Asian American Psychological Association. These organizations collectively serve over 500 members worldwide. In addition to being in private practice, Puni is also adjunct faculty at the Center for Creative Leadership where she serves as an executive coach and consultant. She has creatively transferred many of her skills as a trauma psychologist to the corporate world by motivating and inspiring high-potential performers to improve their leadership competencies. She works jointly with corporate leaders and senior executives to develop strategies and skills that get them the results they need. Puni provides executive coaching and consulting to clients throughout the U.S. and across several countries. She works in various industries, including health care, government, education, non-profit, and law enforcement.



**Sona Simran Kaur**  
*Communications Director*  
Sikh American Legal Defense &  
Education Fund

Sona Simran Kaur has established herself as a trusted resource for journalists and internal and external clients alike throughout her career. Her background includes executing efforts that supported Pandora, the largest Internet radio platform's main revenue stream, advertising. At Columbia Business School as Senior Media Relations Manager, she spearheaded all proactive media relations for the School during the economic crisis. She has deployed a variety of tactics in order to ensure that private and public sector clients she served as an executive at Porter Novelli, CreativeFeed, and DiGennaro Communications could weather major transitions, and as a result, has launched consortiums, Twitter feeds, and creative campaigns. At SALDEF, she oversees email, social media, and press communications, and has secured top-tier coverage for major campaigns, like the first Sikh float at the Rose Parade. She also managed rapid response scenarios, including the response to the attack on Dr. Prabhjot Singh near his NYC home. She is a former Board member of Accion's Youth Microfinance Council and SALDEF and was a Mentor Coach at New York Needs You. Kaur graduated with an MPA from the School of International and Public Affairs at Columbia University and has a B.A. from University of Rochester.



**Jasvir Kaur**  
*Clinical Pharmacist*  
Catamaran

Jasvir Kaur is a clinical pharmacist from Chicago and has worked as a clinical consultant. She performs clinical oversight of clinical programs at a large pharmacy benefits management company. Her days off from work are spent volunteering, both globally and locally. She has volunteered in disaster relief efforts including leading medical teams in the tsunami and Haiti earthquake. Jasvir regularly volunteers on medical and environmental missions with various organizations around the world, including Peru, Guatemala, Vietnam, Ghana and India. Locally, she is active with Sikh youth and senior outreach programs as well as feeding the needy. She is the co-founder of Sikh Healing Collective, which was formed to address the mental health and trauma needs during the Oak Creek tragedy in Wisconsin. She responded to the murder suicide in Atlanta of a family by taking a group of therapists to the community and coordinating sessions mental health as needed for the community.



**Jyotswaroop Kaur**  
*Education Director*  
Sikh American Legal Defense &  
Education Fund

Kaur joined SALDEF's Southern California office with 10 years of experience in youth education programs, teaching, economic and social justice work. In her role at the helm of the Education Initiative, Kaur is responsible for the strategic growth and development of the Law Enforcement Partnership Program (LEPP) and the organization's two SikhLEAD programs: the Internship Program and the Leadership Development Program. Kaur designs curricula, recruits and trains leaders for each program. She also coaches the SikhLEADers through their project implementation and manages the work of the trainers nationwide for LEPP. In addition, Kaur oversees much of the voter engagement work at SALDEF. Kaur serves on the Board of Directors of SAJE (Strategic Actions for a Just Economy) — a community based organization in South Los Angeles. Kaur graduated with her MPA, Non-Profit Management and Policy degree from the Wagner School of Public Service at New York University, and received her B.A. in English with a minor in Conflict Resolution from the University of California at Irvine.



**Sumeet Kaur**  
*Program Manager*  
EcoSikh

Sumeet is recent graduate of the George Washington University where she earned a bachelor's degree in International Affairs. She is a strong advocate of human rights, especially as it relates to environmental justice. Her academic and personal interests have been heavily focused on environmental preservation and community outreach, especially within the Sikh community. At GW, Sumeet promoted Sikhism awareness by hosting lectures and informational sessions on campus. As Program Manager for EcoSikh, she brings her community outreach and organizing skills to engage the sangat and enrich their connection to Sikhi and the environment.



**Deandra Khan**  
*Organizer*  
New York Civil Liberties Union

Deandra Khan is an Organizer at the New York Civil Liberties Union, where she coordinates the Teen Activist Project (TAP). TAP is the NYCLU's youth program focused on training NYC teenagers to become peer educators and community advocates on civil rights issues including racial justice, the school-to-prison pipeline, and student rights. Deandra also leads the NYCLU's advocacy efforts to reform abuses in NYC jails, including ending solitary confinement. She holds a B.A. from Hunter College and an M.S.W. from the Hunter College School of Social Work, with a concentration in community organization, planning and development.



**Parag Khandhar**  
*Clinical Teaching Fellow*  
University of Baltimore

Parag Khandhar currently teaches in the Community Development Clinic of the University of Baltimore School of Law where he has worked with many community enterprises and cooperatives. He has worked with Asian/immigrant communities in direct services, data advocacy, technical assistance, and as a community lawyer focused on tenants' rights and language access. He is deeply committed to community arts and community artists. He is a board member of The Asian American Literary Review ([www.aalrmag.org](http://www.aalrmag.org)). He is a founding member of Baltimore Activating Solidarity Economies ([www.basebaltimore.org](http://www.basebaltimore.org)) and a principal of Gilmore Khandhar, LLC, a solidarity economies legal practice. Twitter: @ParagCED



**Saniya Kishnani**  
*Student*  
Sanskriti

Saniya Kishnani is a junior at Stanford University, majoring in Human Biology. She has been involved with Stanford Sanskriti, an undergraduate South Asian organization, since her freshman year of college. This year she is serving on the core leadership team of Sanskriti, and helps to plan cultural, sociopolitical, pre-professional, and social events that bring awareness of South Asian culture to the Stanford community and beyond. She is excited about the opportunity to engage in further discourse about South Asian American identity and opportunities to serve as a leader in the future regarding South Asian American issues.



**Razia Kosi**  
*Co-Founder*  
Counselors Helping (South) Asians,  
Inc.

Razia Kosi, LCSW-C is the co-founder of Counselors Helping (South) Asian, Inc (CHAI) and a mental health professional with a private practice. She has worked with the community in addressing mental health from both a prevention and response perspective. She has also served in leadership roles on the Division on South Asian Americans (DoSAA) in the Asian American Psychological Association.



**Manjusha Kulkarni**  
*Executive Director*  
South Asian Network

Manjusha (Manju) P. Kulkarni is Executive Director of South Asian Network (SAN). Located in Artesia, California, SAN serves the needs of individuals of Indian, Pakistani, Bangladeshi, Nepalese and Sri Lankan descent in the areas of civil rights, violence prevention and health and health care access. On April 24, 2014, Manju received the White House Champions of Change award for her dedication to improving health care access for South Asian Americans. Before joining SAN, Manju served as Senior Attorney at the National Health Law Program (NHLP), where she worked to improve access to quality health care for low-income individuals. She authored numerous articles, reports and training materials and provided legal assistance and training to hundreds of health attorneys across the country. Earlier, Manju worked at a civil rights law firm appointed to monitor compliance with the Denny's race discrimination consent decrees. Manju has taught classes on health care access, civil rights and policy advocacy at Stanford Law and Medical Schools, University of California at Los Angeles and University of Southern California. Manju received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science and a Certificate in Women's Studies from Duke University and a Juris Doctor degree from Boston University School of Law.



**Deepa Kunapuli**  
*Co-Founder*  
The Brain Trust

Deepa Kunapuli is co-founder and Story Scientist at The Brain Trust, a consulting firm that helps AAPI organizations use technology, organizing, and storytelling to leverage social change. She got her start in politics through the 2008 Obama campaign, where she fell in love with the idea that powerful storytelling combined with smart technology could enrich people-powered movements. Since then, she has managed constituency outreach programs online for the 2012 Obama campaign, the digital program at the New Organizing Institute, and trained thousands of people on best practices in digital strategy and organizing. Currently, she is a technologist at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau and a contributing curator at Upworthy, a digital media company. She's a proud graduate of the University of Iowa.



**Perna Lal**  
*Immigration Attorney*  
Asian Americans Advancing Justice

Perna Lal was born in the Fiji Islands, came to the U.S. with her parents when she was 14, and grew up in the San Francisco Bay Area, before moving across the country to Washington D.C. Formerly an undocumented immigrant, Perna was integral in the establishment of United We DREAM and the DreamActivist network, an online advocacy network led by undocumented youth, which mobilized thousands of undocumented immigrants into pushing for the federal DREAM Act, and an end to deportations. Perna has also helped with the creation of many local immigrant youth groups, providing direct support, mentorship and advocacy to individuals caught up in the immigration dragnet. Her high-spirited activism made her a target of the U.S. government who sought to deport her, but she won permanent residency after a long court battle. Prior to joining the board of the Astraea Foundation, Lal served on the board of Immigration Equality for four years. She currently works as an Immigration Attorney in Washington D.C. with Asian Americans Advancing Justice | AAJC.



**Jacqueline Mac**  
*Co-Chair*  
 ACPA Asian Pacific American  
 Network

Jacqueline Mac is a strengths-based social justice educator. She deeply believes in students' potential to bring positive social change to the world. She empowers students' voices by working with them to explore, articulate, and own their stories. Her work with college students and colleagues focuses on the intersection of leadership, diversity education, and identity development. Jacqueline brings a unique blend of organizational development principles and social justice foundations to her work in higher education. She hails from Chicago and holds degrees in psychology and student affairs. Her work experience spans from higher education (University of Maryland and Georgetown University) and non-profit (Japanese American Citizens League and Asian Pacific Islander American Scholarship Fund). Jacqueline is certified in both strategic diversity and inclusion management, and as a 200-hour Vinyasa yoga teacher.



**Thomas Mariadason**  
 Staff Attorney  
 Advancement Project

Thomas Mariadason is a Staff Attorney at the Advancement Project, a national civil rights organization that has led the charge to dismantle the school-to-prison pipeline for more than a decade. In his role in AP's Schoolhouse to Jailhouse Campaign, Thomas supports youth organizers across the country to build their collective power, resist racist discipline and police practices, and implement restorative justice. Thomas brings over twelve years of combined racial justice experience to this work. Prior to his legal career, Thomas examined police engagement with students in New York's public schools and helped launch an alternative to incarceration program in the City's juvenile system. He also volunteered for several years with Desis Rising Up and Moving's (DRUM) YouthPOWER program, helping wage a campaign against racial profiling in immigrant schools and neighborhoods. After graduating from CUNY School of Law in 2009, Thomas clerked for one year in federal court and then joined the Asian American Legal Defense & Education Fund. At AALDEF, he worked with grassroots organizers on campaigns to improve language access and reduce racial violence and police surveillance. Thomas and his family are from the Jaffna Tamil community in Sri Lanka, and he was raised in New York City.



**Neha Mathew**  
*Organizer*  
 Brown and Green: South Asian  
 Americans for Climate Justice

Neha works at the Sierra Club, in the International Climate and Beyond Coal campaigns. She organizes with Brown and Green: South Asian Americans for Climate Justice, and previously led a small international nonprofit focused on community health and empowerment while working on a B.S. in Environmental Economics and Policy at UC Berkeley. Neha recognizes that climate change disproportionately impacts under-privileged communities, and hopes to mobilize greater awareness and action around climate justice.



**Saima Mili**

*Research Assistant*

New York University School of  
Medicine

Saima Mili is a Research Assistant for the Diabetes Research, Education, and Action for Minorities (DREAM) Project in the Center for the Study of Asian American Health at NYU School of Medicine. Saima is interested in understanding and working to reduce health disparities in the South Asian Community. Saima received a Bachelor of Arts in Biochemistry from Hunter College of CUNY in 2012. She is currently applying to medical school for Fall 2016.



**Terry Ao Minnis**

*Director of the Census and Voting  
Programs*

Asian Americans Advancing Justice

Terry co-chairs the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights' Census Task Force and sat on the U.S Department of Commerce's 2010 Census Advisory Committee from 2002 through 2011, when the committee's charter ran out. She has published several articles, including "When the Voting Rights Act Became Un-American: The Misguided Vilification of Section 203" (Alabama Law Review). Terry has been counsel on numerous amicus briefs filed before the Supreme Court, including *Shelby County, Alabama v. Holder*, *Arizona v. The InterTribal Council of Arizona*, *Northwest Austin Municipal Utility District Number One v. Holder* and *Crawford v. Marion County Election Board*. She was also counsel on a joint amicus brief with MALDEF in *Bartlett vs. Strickland*. She was one of the key leaders in campaigns on reauthorizing the Voting Rights Act in 2006 and Census 2010 and is actively engaged in addressing the Supreme Court's decision in *Shelby County v. Holder*. Terry holds a law degree, cum laude, from American University's Washington College of Law and a bachelor's degree in economics at The University of Chicago.



**Radha Modi**

*Board Member, Organizing  
Member*

SALGA-NYC, Queer South Asian  
National Network

Radha prefers female pronouns and is an activist, writer, and scholar. She has a background in of color and queer social movements. Currently, Radha is a board member and political chair for SALGA, a queer South Asian support and political organization in NYC. She is also an organizing member of QSANN, Queer South Asian National Network. In addition to her political and organizing work, Radha is a doctoral student studying race, racism, and immigration in the U.S. Her dissertation focuses on the role of skin color in racial identity of South Asian Americans.



**Roksana Mun**  
*Campaigns Coordinator*  
DRUM – South Asian Organizing  
Center

Roksana Mun is an immigrant New Yorker who was born in Bangladesh. She has been a member of DRUM YouthPower! since 2003 when she trained with and graduated the YouthPower! Summer Youth Organizing Institute. Roksana is a graduate of Dickinson College with a degree in International Studies concentrating on the Middle East. She has served as a Youth Organizer from 2007-2009 and rejoined staff in 2011. Roksana has worked as a Legal Advocate at the Urban Justice Center serving low-income and no-income New Yorkers on their right to accessing welfare benefits. From 2001 to 2014, she was the Dignity in Schools Campaign Organizer, working with youth in under-resourced, over-policed New York City public schools on ending the School to Prison Pipeline by changing the NYC Student Discipline Code, decrease police presence in schools and require use of alternatives to suspensions and arrests in the school system. Currently, Roksana is the Campaigns Coordinator for YouthPower! and organizes DRUM youth for local and national education and undocumented youth campaigns.



**Mala Nagarajan**  
*Founding Member*  
Queer South Asian National  
Network

Mala Nagarajan is a nonprofit consultant with Vega Mala Consulting, and specializes in strategy, human resources and technology management, and teaming and collaborative capacity building. An advocate for social, racial, disabilities, and economic justice, Mala co-founded Trikone-Northwest (TNW), an organization serving South Asian LGBTQ community in the Pacific Northwest; served in leadership positions on community boards such as Equal Rights Washington, the City of Seattle Women’s Commission, Seattle PFLAG; and served as a founding member of TNW, the Rainbow Dragon Fund Giving Circle, National Queer Asian Pacific Islander Alliance (NQAPIA), and Queer South Asian National Network (QSANN). She and her partner Vega participated as a plaintiff couple in the 2004 marriage equality lawsuit against Washington State. Mala is currently an active member of QSANN, and is researching and fact-checking the Wikipedia page she initiated in 2014: “Timeline of South Asian and diasporic LGBT history” - a compilation of timelines crowdsourced at recent DesiQ conferences.



**Simran Noor**  
*Director of Policy and Strategy*  
Center for Social Inclusion

As Director of Policy & Strategy, Simran conducts policy research and analysis, cultivates and maintains relationships with grassroots and national allies and works closely with the data-based research team for advocacy strategy and tool development. Simran leads CSI’s Transportation Equity team. In her role, Simran has conducted several workshops in transportation equity policy strategy development and coalition building, particularly in the metro Detroit and metro Seattle regions. Simran also is a key internal partner for CSI’s Food Equity team, supporting policy development, research and convenings. In addition, Simran coordinates CSI’s work around Broadband equity and developing a racial equity lens for breastfeeding, core to the W.K. Kellogg Foundation’s first food initiative. Simran also has worked on health equity issues, serving as an opening plenary speaker at the W.K. Kellogg Foundation’s second annual First Food Forum and as a workshop facilitator to delve deeper into the overall issue of health equity and its relationship to breastfeeding. Simran has written and commented on a variety of media including the Detroit Free Press, The Times-Picayune, and City Limits Magazine. She also has been a featured panelist on MSNBC’s Melissa Harris-Perry. Simran holds a dual bachelor’s degree in American Studies and Political Science from the University of Maryland, Baltimore

County and a dual master's degree in Public Administration and Social Policy from the University of Pennsylvania.



**Jeanette Norton**  
*Regional Training Specialist*  
Foundation Center

Jeanette Norton serves as Regional Training Specialist for the Foundation Center's office in Washington D.C. The Foundation Center's mission is to strengthen the social sector by advancing knowledge about philanthropy in the U.S. and around the world. Ms. Norton supports the Center's mission by helping create, manage, and deliver training programs throughout the Mid-Atlantic region. She increases the Center's visibility and supports capacity building of area nonprofits, particularly those that are under-resourced. Ms. Norton travels throughout the Mid-Atlantic region to the Center's Funding Information Networks and other host organizations to deliver training and assist local agencies to build support for their work. Prior to joining the Foundation Center, Ms. Norton served as Assistant Manager, Capacity Building for the DeVos Institute of Arts Management at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. During her tenure, Ms. Norton managed the Institute's regional and national capacity building programs, which served more than 500 organizations in arts communities across the country. Before moving to Washington D.C., Ms. Norton spent several years in New York City working in Broadway theatre management, where she had the privilege of working on such productions as *Wicked*, *Next To Normal*, and *The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee* (among others). Ms. Norton holds a M.A. in Arts Management from the University at Buffalo and a B.A. in Theatre Arts from Marymount Manhattan College in New York City.



**Sapna Pandya**  
*Executive Director*  
MLOV – Many Languages One  
Voice

Sapna Pandya, MPH has served as Executive Director since April 2010. Though born in DC and raised in Maryland, she was away for several years - most recently serving for five years in New York City as Director of Programs for the South Asian Health Initiative (SAHI) at the Center for Immigrant Health (CIH) of the New York University School of Medicine, helping South Asian and other Asian Pacific Islander (API) immigrants in New York City navigate barriers to health care, including language barriers. Sapna's experiences in New York City deepened the passion that she has for social justice for priority populations (especially immigrant and LGBTQ communities) and led her to see the need for more advocacy to reduce health and other disparities caused by barriers to access and structural oppression - a realization which motivated her move to the Nation's capital. She has created curricula and conducted training sessions on cultural competence and how to provide language services for diverse audiences around the country, including health providers, educators, elected officials, and other stakeholders. Sapna is also active in local efforts for a true universal (single-payer) health care system that would serve everybody with affordable health care. Sapna has a Masters in Public Health from the George Washington University and is an Alumni of the CORO Immigrant Leadership Training Program and Rockwood Leadership Institute. She speaks Spanish in addition to her native languages of Hindi/Urdu, Gujarati, Marathi and English.



**Chirayu Patel**

*Volunteer*

South Asian American Policy &  
Research Institute

Chirayu Patel currently works at Cloudview Realty as an Asset Manager, where he is responsible for managing all aspects of multi-family buildings. He graduated from UIC in 2006 and started working at Indo-American Center as a community organizer after being inspired by the immigration marches in 2006. It was as a community organizer he actually had first lesson in politics and how it directly affects him and his identity as an Undocumented American. Afterwards, he worked at Asian American Institute as Impact Fellows Program Coordinator, where he led an Asian American youth leadership project and learned that impacting policy will require community empowerment for political change. His interest in International Affairs has also resulted in his involvement with Model UN and to relax he likes to sail in Lake Michigan.



**Sunita Patel**

*Practitioner-in-Residence*

Washington College of Law

Sunita Patel is a Practitioner-in-Residence in the Civil Advocacy Clinic. Prior to arriving at WCL, she was a staff attorney at the Center for Constitutional Rights in New York, an international human rights organization, where she focused on racial justice litigation and legal support for community organizations. Her significant cases included *Floyd v. City of New York*, a successful class action lawsuit against the New York Police Department alleging illegal and racially discriminatory stop and frisk practices; *Turkmen v. Ashcroft*, a class action on behalf of Muslim and Arab men challenging post-9/11 roundups and punitive treatment in federal prison; and *NDLON v. ICE*, a multiagency FOIA action resulting in watershed disclosures about the immigration enforcement program Secure Communities. Before joining CCR, Professor Patel received a Soros Justice Advocacy Fellowship to work at The Legal Aid Society's Immigration Law Unit in New York, where she represented immigrant detainees in removal proceedings and advocated for independent community oversight of detention operations. Professor Patel also served as a judicial law clerk for the Honorable Ivan L. R. Lemelle in the Eastern District of Louisiana. Prior to law school, Professor Patel investigated prison conditions in Alabama and Georgia with the Southern Center for Human Rights.



**Viraj Patel**  
*Associate Director*  
Pan-Asian American Community House at the University of Pennsylvania

Viraj Patel is a social justice advocate, educator and dialogue facilitator as well as an active blogger, consultant, and engaged community member. Born and raised in Downers Grove, IL, Viraj completed her Bachelor of Arts degree at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in English with a minor in Asian American Studies. As an undergraduate student, she was involved with the Indian Students Association, multicultural intergroup dialogue programs, AAPI coalition-building organizations, and interned for the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT), and OCA National. She then earned her Master of Education at the University of Vermont and went on to work in student affairs at Georgetown and The George Washington University. Viraj has also served on a Board for the DC Chapter of the National Asian Pacific American Women’s Forum as well as the Board of Directors for the Conference on Asian Pacific American Leadership and has been working at Penn’s Pan-Asian American Community House since January 2015. In her free time, Viraj is probably watching the latest Bollywood movie, dancing, running, checking out an exhibit at a museum, or reading at a coffee shop.



**Abraham Paulos**  
*Executive Director*  
Families for Freedom

Abraham joined Families for Freedom, as a member, after he faced immigration detention. His experience moved him to aggressively advocate for others. Abraham is deeply committed to social justice and has worked for a number of years advocating for human rights. Before joining the staff, he was a researcher at Human Rights First, focused on immigration detention. He also served as Program Director at Life of Hope, a community based organization in Brooklyn, which provides services to low-income immigrants. Additionally, Abraham has worked in media, reporting on urban policy and human rights as a writer and editorial assistant with City Limits, the civic affairs magazine that publishes investigative news on New York City politics and policies. Abraham is an Eritrean refugee, born in Sudan and raised in Chicago. He is a graduate of George Washington University with a degree in International Affairs and is currently finishing a Masters in Human Rights at the New School University.



**Raji Manjari Pokhrel**  
*Program Coordinator*  
Adhikaar

Raji has been involved with Adhikaar since 2006. As a program coordinator Raji is dedicated to bettering existing programs at Adhikaar by assessing needs in the community through one-on-one direct service, community feedback and program evaluation. Raji's background lies in organizing and mental health and her passion is to integrate the two to enhance program reach especially in the Nepali speaking new immigrant communities. She came to United States in 2004 and currently resides in Woodside, Queens. She holds a bachelor's degree in Sociology from Grinnell College and Master's degree in Social Work from Columbia University.



**Suman Raghunathan**  
*Executive Director*  
South Asian Americans Leading Together

Suman, SAALT's Executive Director, coordinates SAALT's overall efforts to amplify diverse South Asian voices advocating for progressive change in the US. A passionate and seasoned immigrant rights advocate with extensive experience on the range of issues addressed by SAALT, deep connections to South Asian communities, and relationships with key partners in the racial justice and immigrant rights movements, Suman has deep experience leading non-profit organizations, having served as Interim Executive Director and then as a long-time member of the Board of Directors of Chhaya Community Development Corporation, one of SAALT's close partners. The daughter of Indian immigrants, Suman has a keen understanding of issues affecting South Asians and immigrants in the United States. She has conceptualized and coordinated multifaceted and multi-issue campaigns that span numerous proposals and stakeholders, and assembled the coalitions critical to advancing them. Through her work at organizations including the American Civil Liberties Union, Progressive States Network, and the New York Immigration Coalition, Suman has developed expertise on policy issues, directed immigrant leadership development programs, launched newcomer civic engagement campaigns, and implemented capacity-building and advocacy campaigns. Suman received her undergraduate degree in international relations from Brown University and has a Master's degree in Nonprofit Management from the Milano School of International Affairs, Management, and Urban Policy in New York City.



**Jensine Raihan**  
*DRUM Leader*  
DRUM – South Asian Organizing Center

Jensine is low-income, Bangladeshi young woman who is currently a junior at Townsend Harris High School. She joined DRUM in the summer of 2013 as part of the YouthPower! Summer Youth Organizing Institute when she was 14 years old. Since then, Jensine has been a DRUM youth leader with a focus around educational justice, gender equality, racial justice, economic justice, and the end of unjust foreign policies in countries of color and the end of militarization in communities of color. Jensine is also active outside of DRUM as a teen activist with the New York Civil Liberties Union, facilitating workshops around social justice and Know Your Rights for other New York City youth, and with the Global Action Project to utilize various media for social justice. As a public housing resident, Jensine also volunteers with CAAAV - Organizing Asian Communities for their work with Bangla-speaking public housing residents in Western Queens.



**Darakshan Raja**  
*Program Manager*  
Washington Peace Center

Darakshan Raja is a grassroots organizer and anti-violence advocate. Currently Ms. Raja works as the Program Manager and Helga Herz Fellow at the Washington Peace Center, where she provides training, education, and resources for local grassroots organizing in the District. Ms. Raja is also a founder of the Muslim American Women's Policy Forum (MAWPF), a group founded by Muslim women to organize at the intersection of state violence and gender-based violence in the District. Ms. Raja also serves as an Advisor to Project Hajra, which provides community-based support such to Muslim women in Queens; the Muslim Advocacy Network Against Domestic Violence's (MANDAV) committee on policy and research; and is working with HEART in Chicago on a research study examining responses to Muslim survivors of sexual violence. Prior to joining the Peace Center, Ms. Raja worked at the Urban Institute on a range of criminal justice evaluations for federal and state government agencies. In this capacity, she served as a Project Director for a national evaluation of VAWA, and institutional responses to youth survivors of sexual violence incarcerated within state juvenile detention facilities. Ms. Raja holds a Masters in Forensic Psychology from John Jay College of Criminal Justice. Twitter: @darakshanraja



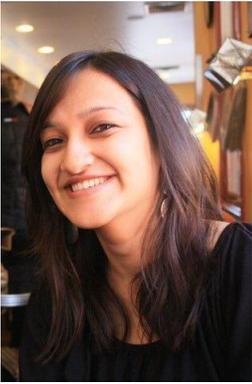
**Christian Ramirez**  
*Director of Human Rights Programs*  
Southern Border Communities  
Coalition

Christian Ramírez was born in Tijuana, Mexico. Since 1994 Christian has been active on issues relating to US immigration policy and its impact on southern border communities. He has presented in international and national gatherings on the state of human rights in the US-Mexico Border. Mr. Ramirez is a nationally and internationally recognized spokesperson on immigration and border enforcement issues. At the Alliance San Diego, Christian serves as Director of Human Rights Programs, staffs the San Diego Immigrant Rights Consortium and the Southern Border Communities Coalition as well.



**Luna Ranjit**  
*Executive Director*  
Adhikaar

Luna has guided Adhikaar's programs, research, policy advocacy, and partnerships since its inception in 2005. Regarded as an expert on emerging immigrant communities, Luna has been quoted and featured in print and broadcast media on the issues related to data disaggregation, language access, and workers' rights. Her ground-breaking work has been recognized by many community organizations and elected officials. Asia Society named her to their Class of 2013 Young Leaders, a prestigious group of emerging leaders under the age of 40 in fields including government, business, policy, education, and arts. Luna holds a bachelor's degree from Grinnell College, and a master's degree in public and international affairs from the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University. She currently lives in Jackson Heights, Queens.



**Sangeetha Ravichandran**  
*Manager of Counseling Services*  
Apna Ghar

Sangeetha (Sangi) Ravichandran MAAT, ATR, LPC serves as the Manager of Counseling Services at Apna Ghar. Through her activism, advocacy and research, Sangi seeks to serve marginalized women and children who are survivors of gender violence. Prior to her work at Apna Ghar, Sangi worked as the Program Coordinator at A Long Walk Home’s Girl/Friends Leadership Institute, using arts and advocacy to end gender violence. Aside from her work in Chicago, she has also worked with survivors of gender violence in India. She has presented her research on the topic in multiple forums in the United States, India and Canada. She also serves on the board of Chicago Desi Youth Rising, From the Roots in South Africa and Schools of Equality in Chennai, India, and in the past served on the boards of the Illinois Art Therapy Association and American Art Therapy Association. Sangi earned her Bachelors in Fine Arts and her Masters in Art Therapy at the School of the Art Institute of Chicago.



**Shikha Rawat**  
*DRUM Leader*  
DRUM – South Asian Organizing Center

Shikha joined DRUM and completed the YouthPower! Summer Youth Organizing Institute in 2011 as a High School freshman. She has been a leader in the Dignity in Schools Campaign and Alliance for Educational Justice representing DRUM in Department of Education meetings, campaign events and convenings, including organizing that led to the Department of Justice and Department of Education’s release of the historic Guidance on School Discipline and School Climate. As a student in a specialized high school, Shikha noticed the stark differences between how students were treated in her school compared to other under-resourced and overpriced schools, and has subsequently taken lead on DRUM’s work on educational equity. Shikha is also active in CAAAV - Organizing Asian Communities’ Asian Youth in Action program where she continues to build her organizing skills around issues of racial justice, gender justice, and law enforcement accountability.



**Hiram Rivera**  
*Executive Director*  
Philadelphia Student Union

is the Executive Director of the Philadelphia Student Union. Hiram Rivera is a native of New Haven, CT, a father, an activist, and an organizer. He started his career in youth organizing as a coordinator at Youth Right's Media in New Haven, training Black and Latino students in video production and campaign organizing around Education & Juvenile Justice issues. He most recently served as Youth Organizing Coordinator at the Urban Youth Collaborative in New York City, where he provided strategic and technical support to the community organizations that make up the UYC, as well as coordinating the city-wide campaigns to reform the NYC public school system.



**Seema Sadanandan**  
*Policy and Advocacy Director*  
American Civil Liberties Union of  
the Nation's Capital

Seema Sadanandan is the Policy and Advocacy Director at ACLU-NCA. She joined the ACLU-NCA in 2013 and oversees legislative and advocacy efforts in defending civil rights and liberties in the District. Seema leads the organization's efforts in combating discrimination and addressing other issues that have a disproportionate impact on communities of color, such as the enforcement of the District's marijuana laws and the need for decriminalization. Prior to joining the ACLU, Seema was a documentary filmmaker and campaign strategist for social movements in the United States and abroad. She is a graduate of American University's Washington College of Law and Tulane University.



**Maria Alejandra Salas-Baltuano**  
Education Organizer  
MLOV – Many Languages One  
Voice

Maria Alejandra Salas-Baltuano joined MLOV as Education Organizer in October 2013. She was born in Lima, Peru and came to the United States at the age of 8, schooled in the Northern Virginia education system, both public and private. Maria Alejandra recently graduated from the University of Mary Washington in Fredericksburg, VA with a Bachelor's of Arts degree in Sociology in 2012. She moved to DC right after graduation and took a position with the Latin American Youth Center AmeriCorps team. She served as a health educator in four different schools in the Columbia Heights/Petworth area and helped organize LAYC's first multilingual (Spanish, Amharic & French) health fair which included over 30 community based organizations. Having been an English Language Learner student in the US education system herself, Maria Alejandra found that there is a lack of support for immigrant students and families. Rooted in from her own experience and those of the youth she worked closely with at LAYC, Maria Alejandra has become an active participant in the fight for just education, especially with regard to bringing more support to ESL education in the District. Her passion and focus has led her to join MLOV as Education Organizer and support our Student Multiethnic Action Research (SMART). Maria Alejandra speaks Spanish and English.



**Ambika Samarthya-Howard**  
*Board Member*  
South Asian Women's Creative  
Collective

Ambika Samarthya-Howard is a video producer and digital strategist. Her freelance projects focus on social issues, specifically gender, public health, and child rights. She received her MFA in Film at Columbia University and has done art and media projects in Japan, Bollywood, and West Africa. She worked with the BBC Media Action in Nigeria as a broadcast TV Trainer and taught Contemporary Media Studies at Queens College. Ambika also enjoys teaching and performing bhangra.



**Linda Sarsour**

*Executive Director, Senior Strategist*  
Arab American Association of New York, The Campaign to Take On Hate

Linda Sarsour is a working woman, racial justice and civil rights activist, every Islamophobe's worst nightmare, and mother of three. Ambitious, outspoken and independent, Linda shatters stereotypes of Muslim women while also treasuring her religious and ethnic heritage. She is a Palestinian Muslim American and a self-proclaimed "pure New Yorker, born and raised in Brooklyn!" She is the Executive Director of the Arab American Association of New York and Senior Strategist for Take on Hate, a recently launched campaign which aims to change perceptions of Arab and Muslim Americans including refugees. In 2013, she co-founded the Muslim Democratic Club of New York, the first of its kind in NYC. In wake of the police murder of Mike Brown, she co-founded Muslims for Ferguson to build solidarity amongst American Muslim communities and encourage work against police brutality. She has received numerous awards and honors including "Champion of Change" by the White House, the New York City Council's Shirley Chisholm Women of Distinction Award and received the inaugural American Muslim of the Year honor from the Council on American Islamic Relations. She has written for and has been featured in local, national, and international media discussing impact of domestic policies that target Arab and Muslim American communities, criminal justice issues and Middle East affairs.



**Rinku Sen**

*Executive Director*  
Race Forward: The Center for Racial Justice Innovation

Rinku Sen is the president and executive director of Race Forward: The Center for Racial Justice Innovation, and the publisher of Colorlines.



**Rasna Sethi**

*Policy, Advocacy, & Organizing Advocate*  
NYC Coalition Against Hunger

Rasna has worked within the nonprofit sector, particularly around anti-poverty issues, since 2009. Her experience includes: developing civic engagement curriculum, maintaining government relations, conducting policy reports, and advocating on anti-hunger issues. It was through completing two years of AmeriCorps service in New York City that Rasna grew a strong passion for social justice. She recently completed a graduate program at the School of Public Affairs at Baruch College and is interested in pursuing racial justice oriented work in the future. As an anti-poverty advocate and community organizer, her recent interest has been to connect her social justice orientation to being a member of the South Asian diaspora.



**Radhika Sharma**  
*Manager of Outreach and Education*  
Apna Ghar

Radhika Sharma Gordon serves as Manager of Outreach and Education for Apna Ghar. Radhika first volunteered with Apna Ghar in 1990 on the Board of Directors, then joined the staff from 1992-1995 as a Legal Advocate and Community Educator. She returned to Apna Ghar in October 2013 to manage the agency's training and outreach efforts to help the public better respond to the needs of women and children who are being abused. Radhika earned her Masters in Public Health from the University of Michigan in 1989 and has led community education, information dissemination, and coalition building efforts in the Chicago area for more than 25 years.



**Tahil Sharma**  
*Youth Representative, Active Alumni Member and Alumni Speaker*  
Parliament of the World's Religions,  
Interfaith Youth Core

Tahil Sharma is a graduate from the University of La Verne, majoring in Spanish and minoring in International Studies. He currently serves as a Youth Representative for the Parliament of the World's Religions to the United Nations as works as the Event Co-Lead and Fund the Mission Lead for the Claremont and La Verne Relay for Life, sponsored by the American Cancer Society. As an active interfaith activist, he has done extensive work with the Parliament, Interfaith Youth Core and was also named a member of the Future50, a collaborative by the Interreligious Council of Southern California and USC's Center for Religion and Civic Culture that recognizes interfaith members within Southern California who will impact the landscape of religious diversity and service for the next half century. Born in Los Angeles to an inter-religious Hindu and Sikh family, he traveled immensely between India and the United States, but calls the city of Claremont his home. He has contributed blogs and articles to IFYC.org, The Interfaith Observer, LinkedIn and the CPWR Blog. He enjoys learning about the diversity the world has to offer and how he can serve it, enough to make him the Newman Civic Fellow for fight against prejudice and discrimination while fighting for food security in his local community. Tahil is fluent in Spanish, Hindi-Urdu, and Punjabi, and is learning Japanese, Korean, and Arabic.



**Rucha Shirsalkar**  
*Mental Health Therapist*  
South Asian Network

Rucha Shirsalkar was born in India, raised in Dubai and has resided in the US for over 13 years. She has a master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy (MFT) with a specialization in clinical Art Therapy. She began her work with non-profits through developing and teaching art programs for under-served children in India, Dubai, and San Francisco. Rucha is passionate about utilizing culturally relative expressive arts therapies to better serve her clients and affect social change. Rucha speaks Hindi and Marathi.



**Sharon Sidhu**  
*Advocate*  
UNITED SIKHS

Sharon Sidhu is a Sikh-American pursuing a career in law and advocacy. At UNITED SIKHS she worked with various congressmen and governmental agencies, essentially learning the ins and outs of advocacy and civil rights initiatives. She is passionate about helping the minorities within the community overcome discrimination and hate crimes. Recently she has been accepted into an internship program at the United Nations headquarters in New York City.



**Anisha Singh**  
*Advisory Attorney*  
UNITED SIKHS

Anisha Singh currently serves as an Advisory Attorney for UNITED SIKHS. She previously served as their Policy Attorney where she focused on human and civil rights advocacy on behalf of the international Sikh community, with an emphasis on post-9/11 discrimination concerns. UNITED SIKHS focuses on advocating against injustices towards Sikh Americans and other minority communities post-9/11 including: reporting and addressing hate crimes, employment discrimination, bullying in schools, and international Sikh issues. Anisha's legal background includes: immigration, employment discrimination, labor, civil rights, international criminal justice, and trial advocacy. Anisha received her B.A. with honors in Political Science and Communication Studies from the Florida State University and received her J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law. She now serves as the Campaign Manager for Legal Progress at the Center for American Progress.



**Aditi Singh**  
*Community Research Fellow*  
South Asian American Policy &  
Research Institute

Aditi Singh is a third year law student at the University of Illinois College of Law. She is an Associate Editor of the University of Illinois Elder Law Journal and served as the president of her school's chapters of the American Constitution Society and the American Civil Liberties Union. She has worked at the Council of American-Islamic Relations in Chicago, the Chicago Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law and the New York Lawyers for the Public Interest. As SAAPRI's Community Research Fellow, she has worked on issues of health care access and voting rights. She earned her B.A. in World Literature with a minor in Global Studies-Human Rights. After graduating law school, she looks forward to working with others to use the law as a tool for community empowerment and social change



**Iknoor Singh**  
*Student*  
UNITED SIKHS

Iknoor Singh has worked with UNITED SIKHS for many years ranging from serving hot meals to homeless people during Hurricane Sandy, to educating the local community on health issues. This past summer he had the opportunity to attend the UNITED SIKHS Advocacy and Humanitarian Aid Academy where he and a team of college students learned firsthand what advocacy is and how to effectively do it with governmental agencies and members of Congress and Senate. Iknoor has always had a passion to serve in the United States Military and tried enlisting in his College’s Army ROTC program but was rejected because of his Articles of Faith. After being denied he reached out to UNITED SIKHS who took his case and has now sued the U.S Army.



**Jasjit Singh**  
*Executive Director*  
Sikh American Legal Defense & Education Fund

A leading voice for the Sikh American community and an ardent civil rights advocate, Jasjit Singh serves as the Executive Director of the Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund, SALDEF, the oldest Sikh American civil rights organization where he oversees the development and daily operations of SALDEF. Singh has built strong relationships with national leadership since 2009, giving testimony to Congress and providing presentations on racial profiling, employment discrimination and community challenges to audiences including the US Assistant Attorney General, FBI Director, TSA Administrator, metro police, and EEOC Chairman. Singh was instrumental in organizing national media attention for both the Oak Creek Shootings in 2012, and the NYC hate crime on Dr. Prabhjot Singh in 2013. He is a media commentator and author appearing in/on media outlets including New York Times, Politico, Washington Post, Huffington Post, and NPR. Singh currently serves on the Secretary of Homeland Security’s Faith-Based Initiative and the Executive Committee of the National Council of Asian Pacific Americans (NCAPA). Previously Singh worked as a consultant at Deloitte & Touche. Singh graduated with a B.A. from the University of Illinois. He recently received a “Distinguished Alumni Award” for his community service from his Alma Mater.



**Navdeep Singh**  
*Policy Director*  
Sikh American Legal Defense & Education Fund

Attorney and author, Navdeep Singh leads the public policy and research division at the Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund (SALDEF). As Policy Director, he brings his experience in civil rights and national security to his advocacy and public policy work. An expert in strategic legal policy, Singh co-authored “Turban Myths” — the first empirical study on implicit bias and the public perception of the Sikh American community— with researchers from Stanford University. Singh is a media commentator and speaks to a range of audiences from universities to government agencies about the law, public policy, and strategic development. Prior to joining SALDEF, Singh has held legal positions at the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, and the private sector. He is a graduate of the FBI’s Citizen’s Academy. Singh has received the Nelson Chow Award and the 21 Society Award for community service. Singh received his J.D. from the George Washington University Law School and his B.S. in Systems Engineering and Economics with a minor in Asian Pacific American Studies from the University of Virginia. Prior to joining SALDEF, Singh has held legal positions at the Transportation Security Administration (TSA), the Becket Fund for Religious Liberty, and the private sector. He is a graduate of the FBI’s Citizen’s Academy. Singh has received the Nelson Chow Award and the 21 Society Award for community service. Singh received his J.D.

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**Rajdeep Singh**  
*Senior Director of Law and Policy*  
The Sikh Coalition

Rajdeep Singh serves as Senior Director of Law and Policy for the Sikh Coalition, focusing on government affairs and legislative advocacy. In this capacity, Rajdeep has spearheaded and managed successful campaigns to expand federal hate crime tracking; repeal an 87-year-old Oregon law that prohibited public school teachers from wearing religious dress; and pass historic equal employment opportunity legislation in California that protects religious observers from workplace segregation. In 2011, Rajdeep testified before the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, arguing for stronger federal protections against bias-based bullying in our nation's public schools.



**Rishi Singh**  
*Education Justice Organizer*  
DRUM – South Asian Organizing  
Center

Rishi Singh is a low-income, Trinidadian immigrant and graduate from Hunter College of the City University of New York with a degree in Psychology & Accounting. As an undocumented immigrant, Rishi is directly affected by immigration policies in the U.S. and his families are also deportees from Canada. Rishi joined DRUM in 2003 through the YouthPower! Summer Youth Organizing Institute. Rishi has served as a Youth Organizer from 2004-2007 and Steering Committee Member from 2009-2012. In 2009, Rishi was honored with the SAALT (South Asian Americans Leading Together) National Leadership Award. He was the NYC Peoples Global Action on Migration Development & Human Rights Coordinator in 2013 and is a recent DACA recipient. He has been a leader for DRUM's immigrant rights work as an undocumented youth since 2003 and is the lead organizer for DRUM to the United We Dream network, and for the Administrative Relief campaign. As the Educational Justice Organizer at DRUM, Rishi also organizes youth members for the Dignity in Schools Campaign.



**Amol Sinha**  
*Suffolk County Chapter Director*  
New York Civil Liberties Union

Amol Sinha is a lawyer and the Director of the Suffolk County Chapter of the New York Civil Liberties Union, where he works on policy campaigns on a wide array of civil rights issues including criminal justice, immigrants' rights and students' rights. He is also an adjunct professor at Marymount Manhattan College where he teaches courses on media law and ethics, civil rights, national security, and constitutional law. Additionally, Amol sits on the Public Service Council of Cardozo Law School, overseeing and advising the school's public interest programming. He is the co-chair of the public interest committee of the South Asian Bar Association of North America, and as the VP of Public Relations of the South Asian Bar Association of New York. He earned his B.A. in journalism and economics from New York University and his J.D. from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law, where he concentrated on constitutional rights and litigation.



**Shahina Parveen Siraj**

*DRUM Leader*

DRUM – South Asian Organizing  
Center

In 2004, Shahina Parveen Siraj’s son was targeted and entrapped by an NYPD informant for a manufactured terrorism plot, and is now serving a 30 year sentence. The same night her son was sentenced, Shahina and her family were also targeted by immigration officials and put into detention. After being released following a community campaign by DRUM, Shahina became the one of the first amongst such targeted families to speak out publicly, and continues to be at the forefront of highlighting the impacts of post 9/11 law enforcement surveillance policies. Over the last 9 years, Shahina has led DRUM’s work, building relationships and solidarity between Black mothers who lost their children to police killings, Latina mothers who lost their children to border crossing, and Muslims mothers who have their sons locked away due to entrapment cases. Her efforts were foundational for the tremendous solidarity built between AMEMSA communities and the broader movement for police reform in NYC over the last few years. Despite immense obstacles – being undocumented and vulnerable to retaliation; having limited English proficiency; not being the usual activist – Shahina has been a trailblazer on issues of surveillance, policing, immigration and detention, and for communities as whole.



**Vidya Sri**

*Founder, Co-Founder, Human  
Rights Policy Fellow*

Gangashakti,  
Everywomaneverywhere.org, Carr  
Center, Harvard Kennedy School

Vidya Sri is the founder of Gangashakti, an NGO in New Jersey that does research and raises awareness on forced marriage in the United States. Vidya has extensive experience developing and presenting talks, workshops, panels, and training sessions for scholars, students, DV professionals, refugee service providers, entrepreneurs, professionals, and lay people on a variety of topics including banking, financial literacy, forced marriage, and violence against women. Vidya is a Human Rights Policy Fellow at the Harvard Kennedy School where she manages a global project with a team of 35 working on 4 continents. Vidya leads a global working group of VAW experts consisting of 60 members from 52 countries who are working with her to lay the foundation for a Global Treaty on VAW. Vidya has extensive experience in the commercial banking sector where she worked for 16 years prior to focusing entirely on human rights and VAW. Vidya is the author of “Voices from the Frontline” a ground breaking paper on the prevalence of forced marriage in the United States. This paper analyses data from college students, scholars, survivors and practitioners (524 survey responses) to discuss the problem of forced marriage as it occurs here in the United States. Vidya works closely with students at the undergraduate, graduate, and post-graduate level both through her NGO and as a Fellow at Harvard.



**Lakshmi Sridaran**

*Director of Policy and National  
Advocacy*

South Asian Americans Leading  
Together

Lakshmi comes to SAALT with a deep commitment to racial justice. Most recently she served as the Policy Director for The Praxis Project, a Washington-DC based, national movement support organization. In that capacity she provided policy, research, training, and campaign development support for grassroots organizations in communities of color working to advance health justice legislation at the state and local level. She also represented Praxis in various coalitions to engage policymakers, funders, and national civil rights organizations in creating integrated and shared agendas for improving health outcomes in communities of color. Before this, Lakshmi completed six years of work in New Orleans, Louisiana where she started as a community development specialist with Bright Moments public relations firm and PolicyLink to produce findings and recommendations for improving federal contracting opportunities for Disadvantaged Business Enterprises after Hurricane Katrina. She concluded her time there as Director of Programs for Neighborhoods Partnership Network (NPN). Much of her work there was focused on building neighborhood organizational capacity among the over 100 NPN members, helping shape local advocacy campaigns on participatory budgeting, public school closings, and infrastructure improvement, linking these to state and federal policy efforts. Lakshmi holds a Masters degree in City Planning from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a B.A. in Ethnic Studies from The University of California, Berkeley.



**Anand Subramanian**

*Senior Communications Associate*  
PolicyLink

Anand Subramanian leads strategic communications for PolicyLink initiatives in California—including the Alliance for Boys and Men of Color, the California Equity Leaders Network, and the PolicyLink Center for Health Equity and Place—and helps manage the PolicyLink national effort to advance community-centered policing. He was previously the program manager for the Closing the Racial Wealth Gap Initiative at the Insight Center for Community Economic Development, where he facilitated the Experts of Color Network and examined methods to effectively frame and message policies supporting racial justice. Anand is an attorney, holding a JD from the Northwestern University School of Law, and sits on the boards of South Asian Americans Leading Together (SAALT) and the Oakland Asian Cultural Center (OACC). Anand sings and plays guitar in the dream-pop sibling duo, Fair and Kind.



**Theresa Tran**

*Executive Director*  
APIAVote-Michigan

Theresa Q. Tran serves as the Executive Director of APIAVote-Michigan, a nonpartisan organization committed to justice and equity for the Asian American community through grassroots mobilization, civic participation, leadership development, and coalition building. Prior to APIAVote-Michigan, Theresa worked as a youth organizer in Detroit, managing multiracial social justice programs at the Michigan Roundtable for Diversity and Inclusion. She is also a member of the inaugural class for the W.K. Kellogg Foundation's Community Leadership Network, a national fellowship network targeting individuals who can be transformative social change agents in their communities so that vulnerable children and their families can achieve optimal health and well-being, academic achievement and financial security. Theresa earned her B.A. in Psychology with a minor in A/PIA Studies, as well as her Master of Social Work degree, both from the University of Michigan - Ann Arbor.



**Maf Misbah Uddin**  
*President of Local 1407*  
 New York City Accountants,  
 Statisticians, and Actuaries, APALA  
 National Executive Board Member

Maf Misbah Uddin was born in Bangladesh. His father was a leader from Bengal who was jailed together with Mahatma Gandhi during the non-violence movement against British colonialism. Maf became active in union politics as soon as he joined the City workforce in 1988. In 1992, he became an Executive Board Member of Local 1407 which represents the City’s Accountants, Statisticians, and Actuaries. Today he is the only Local President of Bangladeshi origin in the United States of America to lead a municipal union. In January of 2004, Maf Misbah Uddin became the Treasurer of DC 37, an umbrella organization of 56 municipal unions with 125,000 members. Mr. Uddin is proud and honored to have attained one of the most prestigious and important positions in the New York City Labor movement. In September of 2004 he was elected as Vice-Chair of the Municipal Labor Committee, a coalition of 97 unions with over 300,000 members, the first time that a President of Local 1407 has held this position in 53 years. If Mr. Uddin is not occupied with his professional duties he enjoys spending time with his family. He is married for over 21 years and the proud father of five children ranging in age from eight to twenty.



**Dr. Mazeda A. Uddin**  
 Women of Alliance of South Asian  
 American Labor (ASAAL Women’s)

Dr. Mazeda A. Uddin is a humanitarian community leader and activist who mobilizes South Asian women in underserved communities to support labor rights, immigrant rights, and community development. Dr. Mazeda worked with elected officials to have the New York City Board of Elections to include “Bangla language” on the ballot, and was recently appointed as the 24th District Senior Taskforce chairperson, one of the first to work for a “Desi Senior Center.” In 2013, she was the first South Asian female representative with NYS senator Gillibrand to urge congressional leaders to pass bipartisan legislation to restore the Voting Rights Act. She worked with City and State lawmakers to introduce a bill that would provide Halal food in New York City public schools for the 129,000 Muslim school students who are unable to eat food from the cafeteria lunch service. She is also working with Governor Andrew Cuomo’s women’s equality 10 points policy. In addition to being a mother of five children, Dr. Mazeda continues to be a strong advocate for numerous laws and initiatives that represent her commitment to social justice, community engagement, civic participation and human rights.



**Jerry Vattamala**  
*Staff Attorney*  
 Asian American Legal Defense and  
 Education Fund

Jerry Vattamala is a staff attorney with the Democracy Program at the Asian American Legal Defense and Education Fund. Jerry has been a leader in organizing the Asian American community for New York State’s redistricting, serving as AALDEF’s lead attorney on New York’s *Favors v. Cuomo* federal redistricting litigation. As a result of his advocacy, the number of Asian American majority senate and assembly districts both increased in New York, and a congressional district was created in Queens with the highest percentage of Asian Americans in New York State history. Jerry has also testified on behalf of the Asian American community at redistricting hearings throughout the Northeast, and observed elections for compliance with state and federal voting laws across the country. Jerry litigates cases concerning violations of Section 203 of the Voting Rights Act and regularly meets with Boards of Elections across the country to ensure full compliance with federal and local language assistance provisions and the Help America Vote Act. Prior to joining AALDEF, Jerry worked as a commercial litigator at Proskauer Rose LLP. Jerry received a Bachelor of Science degree in Computer Engineering from Binghamton University and is a graduate of Hofstra University School of Law.



**Sunita Viswanath**

*Co-Founder*

Sadhana: Coalition of Progressive Hindus

Sunita Viswanath has worked for over two decades in women’s rights and human rights organizations. She is co-founder, active board member and full-time volunteer of the 14-year-old international women’s human rights organization, Women for Afghan Women. Sunita was raised in an Andhra Hindu family, and always felt that it was her Hindu values and beliefs that motivated her insistence on justice and human rights. However, she did not find that there was a Hindu voice or presence in the movements for justice of which she was a part. Sunita co-founded Sadhana in order to bring together these two parts of her journey: her activism for human rights and her identity as a Hindu. Sunita lives in Brooklyn, NY with her husband Stephan Shaw and their three sons, Gautama, Akash and Satya.



**Harsh Voruganti**

*Associate Director of Public Policy*  
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Harsh Voruganti, Esq., serves as the Associate Director of Public Policy at the Hindu American Foundation (HAF), based in Washington, D.C. He holds a JD with Honors from the George Washington University Law School. Mr. Voruganti is responsible for researching and developing the Foundation’s domestic policy priorities. Additionally, Mr. Voruganti leads the Foundation’s legal advocacy efforts on issues of the separation of church and state, and combatting hate violence. He also works with local chapters to assess state-level legislative priorities and builds relationships with coalition partners, think tanks, and journalists. Mr. Voruganti is one of the lead authors of “A Guide to Temple Safety and Security,” an HAF resource document to help Hindu temples prevent and respond to hate violence. Before joining HAF’s staff, Mr. Voruganti worked as a fellow at the Program on Freedom of Religion and Belief at the American Civil Liberties Union. Mr. Voruganti also serves on the Board of the D.C. Lawyers’ Chapter of the American Constitution Society and is a designated Next Generation Leader with the organization.



**Isha Weerasinghe**

*Hepatitis B Policy Fellow*  
Association of Asian Pacific  
Community Health Organizations

As AAPCHO’s Hepatitis B Policy Fellow, Isha works with local and national partners to help ensure that hepatitis B is a national priority. Prior to joining AAPCHO, she worked at New York University’s B Free CEED: National Center of Excellence in the Elimination of Hepatitis B Disparities. B Free CEED was a CDC-funded effort that used community-based participatory research to increase hepatitis B screening levels and decrease stigma in Korean and Chinese communities in New York City. Isha also provided technical assistance to B Free CEED-supported grassroots programs addressing hepatitis B in other geographic areas across the U.S., some focused on other AA&NHOPI communities. Previously, she worked for The Belaku Trust, a small NGO in Bangalore, India focused on women’s empowerment and health research. Isha has also worked in comparative effectiveness and clinical trials for Pfizer, Inc., and for the New York State Department of Health’s AIDS Institute, researching and collaborating on the development of best practices materials. Isha holds a Masters in Science from the Department of Social Policy in the London School of Economics and Political Science, and a Bachelor of Arts in Biology from Bryn Mawr College.



**Alice Yao**

*Special Office for Civil Rights  
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Alice Yao serves as the Special Office for Civil Rights Advisor to the AAPI Bullying Prevention Task Force at the White House Initiative on Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. At the Initiative, Alice leads the AAPI Bullying Prevention Task Force, an interagency working group comprised of experts from across the federal government committed to addressing bullying of AAPI students. Alice is also an attorney with the Program Legal Group in the Office for Civil Rights at the U.S. Department of Education, where she primarily works on policy issues related to sex discrimination. Prior to joining the Initiative and OCR, Alice was an attorney at a law firm specializing in litigation and clerked for the Honorable James B. Loken on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Alice earned her J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School and received her S.B. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.



**Monolova (Manny) Yusuf**

*DRUM Leader*  
DRUM – South Asian Organizing  
Center

Manolova (Manny) has been a member of DRUM since 2011 when she was 14 years old and she completed the YouthPower! Summer Youth Organizing Institute during that same year. Manny is a leader in DRUM's work with the Dignity in Schools Campaign working to change school discipline policies from zero tolerance towards alternatives such as restorative justice and peer mediation. Manny attends Aviation High School where she started and leads a peer mediation program. She was also a leader for DRUM's campaign for the Community Safety Act, a landmark NYPD reform law passed in 2013, by testifying at City Council, speaking to media, and in communities about her experiences being stopped and frisked multiple times by police officers on her way to and from school. Manny is also currently a Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals Applicant.



**Yousra Yusuf**

*Board Member*  
South Asian Public Health  
Association

Yousra Yusuf, MPH is a member of the Board of Directors and the Treasurer of the South Asian Health Association (SAPHA). SAPHA seeks to promote the health and well-being of South Asians and the communities in which they live within United States. Ms. Yusuf works as a Project Coordinator at the NYU Center for the Study of Asian American Health (NYU CSAAH). In her role, she oversees a large-scale health needs assessment project in the metro NY area and manages projects pertaining to the health of Asian American communities in NYC through coordinating partnership building with community-based and faith-based organizations and organizing events in the communities while following the community based participatory research principle. Ms. Yusuf completed her Masters in Public Health at SUNY Downstate School of Public Health with a specialization in Epidemiology and a research focus in maternal health. She earned her BS in Biochemistry and Women's and Gender Studies from Stony Brook University. Her research interests are in immigrant health, health disparities, and maternal health in underserved, community-based research settings. Ms. Yusuf is involved in various capacities in several community-based non-profit organizations serving the Asian and South Asian community in New York and abroad.



**Razeen Zaman**

New York State Youth Leadership  
Council

Razeen Zaman graduated from Sarah Lawrence College in 2010 with a bachelor's degree in liberal arts and a focus in post-colonial studies. She was the Campaign Organizer for the New York State Youth Leadership Council, the first undocumented youth-led nonprofit organization in New York State. Razeen coordinated the New York DREAM Act campaign efforts for the organization while also supervising the Education Not Deportation campaign. She is currently a student at Fordham Law School.



**Aaliya Zaveri**

*Board Member*  
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Aaliya Zaveri is an activist, poet, and law student. She was born in India, raised in Hong Kong, and has since lived in Edinburgh, Mumbai, and New York. She graduated from Wesleyan University in 2009 with Honors in Gender Studies and Religion. She then worked at the United Nations-consulting Asian Human Rights Commission, and, under the pseudonym Aisha Zakira, founded and ran Hollaback Mumbai, where she conducted talks and workshops on harassment at schools around Mumbai. She now attends Fordham University School of Law and will join the law firm O'Melveny and Myers upon graduation. She is one of the organizers of Subcontinental Drift – NYC, a monthly open mic night. Her poetry has been published in *Not a Muse: A World Poetry Anthology*, and *Outloud Too: A Hong Kong Anthology*.