

# 16th Annual Local to Global Justice Forum & Festival

## COMMUNITY JUSTICE ALLIANCES FOR ACTION

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# Welcome to the 16<sup>th</sup> Annual Local to Global Justice Forum & Festival!

This year's theme, **Community Justice: Alliances for Action**, recognizes that social movements gain momentum when visionaries, community leaders, activists, and those committed to social justice have a chance to form alliances across communities, cities, states, and nations. Arizona has a rich history of activist alliances, including the César Chávez movement in the 1960s and 1970s, the on-going struggle to re-establish Ethnic Studies programs, the fight to protect Indigenous land and water, and the ongoing fight against racial profiling and discrimination infused by state legislation SB1070 and recent executive orders that threaten mass deportations and human rights. The same principles apply anywhere in the world where justice is at stake: no single individual, organization, or policy can bring about change. "Justice" is inseparable from "community."

We welcome you to the **16<sup>th</sup> Annual Local to Global Justice Forum & Festival** - a weekend of workshops, panels, children's activities and keynote speakers. Workshops and panels will address issues of justice, including immigration, the criminal system, narco-trafficking, and indigenous rights — all while enjoying healthy food, spoken word performances, live music, youth activities, yoga, and meditation. Please spend some time visiting the tables in the breezeway and feel free to share information about your own groups and upcoming events on the registration table across from the snack and beverage area.

This year's Forum & Festival opens on **Friday** night at the **Phoenix Hostel & Cultural Center** with poetry, music, and delicious vegan food stylings from **Mario Etsitty**. We open with youth poets **Megan Atencia**, **Anna Flores**, **Kat Hofland** and music by **Wes Ricks and Friends** and, local reggae favorite, **Walt Richardson**.

Early each morning we begin with **mind, body, and soul** sessions (from 8:30 – 9:30am) and arrival treats - **Roopa Kaushik-Brown** will guide yoga Saturday and **Robin Afinowich** will guide yoga on Sunday.

For the 10th year, children/youth activities, and a youth keynote are featured. We also again feature a "**Children's Space**" where art supplies, books, and various activities will be available on a drop-in basis — look for us on the playground. Art experiences for children of all ages facilitated by **Alondra Hernandez**, from La Hoya Community High School Feminist Club. The youth keynote panel (for all ages) on Saturday features **Isabella Abadia** and **Anna Mohr-Almeida**.

Food for breaks/snacks are again donated in part by **Tempe Farmers Market** (Stacey and Daryle Dutton), **Cortez Coffee** (Ron Cortez, owner, providing organic, direct trade coffee each morning), **King Coffee**, and all other food provided by Local to Global donors and volunteers. *If you have access to fruit trees or other healthy food — please drop it off at the registration table.*

Saturday features an **Arizona keynote panel** focused on community organizing and activism, with **Reyna Montoya**, founder of Aliento and community activist; **Angeles Maldonado**, immigrant rights activist and faculty associate, ASU; **Ray Ybarra Maldonado**, human rights attorney; and **Luis Fernandez**, professor, NAU, and immigrant rights activist.



Another featured speaker is **Janette Habashi**, scholar activist from Oklahoma State, discussing highlights from her new book on Palestinian Youth Political Agency. **Areej Mawasi**, ASU student, will serve as discussant.

Prior to lunch on Saturday, the event is officially opened with a blessing from **Anthony Gray** of the Gila River Indian Community. Back by popular demand, Saturday lunch features a vegan feast from **Green New American Vegetarian**, enlivened by the **Sugar Thieves Trio**. **DJ Ray Thiry** will keep the music flowing all weekend.

Lunch on Sunday features an Ethiopian vegan feast, prepared by **Café Lalibela**, and encourages community networking. A workshop, **Alliances for Action on Environmental Protection at the Arizona Legislature** with **Sandy Bahr**, Sierra Club Grand Canyon Chapter, follows lunch.

The 2017 Forum & Festival features an international keynote presentation by journalist **Ioan Grillo** based on his new book, *Gangster Warlords: Drug Dollars, Killing Fields and the New Politics of Latin America*. Our intent was to make connections between the US and Latin American drug trade economies to better understand the impacts on communities in the Americas. The event ends with a "**World Café**" discussion of what alliances for action might take on in the coming months, facilitated by **Jorge Morales** and team.

## Registration

Please stop by the registration table with any questions and to sign up for our announcements listserv. We can hook you up with housing, good places to eat in the evenings, programs, and supplies. **Please support the Forum & Festival with your donations to keep the event free and open to all!**

## Wanna help?

The Forum & Festival is a big event, put together each year by a small and growing group of volunteers. We ALWAYS need more help with food service, children's activities, clean-up, filling water containers, etc. If you have some time during the event, do stop by the convergence space and volunteer! If you would like to join the planning team for the 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Forum & Festival please let us know — we begin meeting in the Fall — see website calendar for details ([localtglobal.org](http://localtglobal.org))!

## Acknowledgments

*Many thanks* to the students, community activists, and faculty who worked for many months to plan, fund, and facilitate the 16<sup>th</sup> annual Forum & Festival! The planning team and volunteers can be found at the registration area (and serving food). Shout-outs to the planning team! This past year has seen an amazing influx of new energy to the planning team and most of our work was done by the full group, with team members taking on multiple roles. Thanks to **Jen, Jon, Kathy, Richard, Nick, Beth** and **Jeremy** for their work on the program. **Eric, Kristina** and **Beth** for their work on music; **Carlo, Jen, Jon, Nick, Kristina** and **Beth** on funding; **Eric, Amanda, Kristina, Debby** and **Beth** on food donations, snacks and catering; **Areej** (who designed this year's posters and program cover), **Chris, Amanda, Richard, Carlo** and **Nick** on publicity/social media. Thanks to **Amanda** for launching our new Eventbrite registration system, printing, and the addition of a photo booth to our event. **Jeremy** served as volunteer coordinator and faculty advisers. **Jen** and **Beth** worked on funding and overall coordination, support and logistics.

Thanks to **DJ**, of **Common Good Web Design** and **Copper Star Digital**, who continues to bring her skills to our website and social media.

A **special thanks** to the co-sponsors listed on the back of the program and to the many activists, organizations, artists, performers, cooks, presenters, and friends who volunteer their time and vision to sustain this event and keep it **free and open to all** — for 16 years! We welcome you to another amazing event and weekend of coming together to work toward **Community Justice!** – **Beth & Jen**

## Schedule at a Glance

### Friday

#### Opening Night Music & Entertainment – Phoenix Hostel – 6:00 to 8:45 p.m.

Youth Poets: Megan Atencia, Anna Flores, and Kat Hofland

Music by Walt Richardson and Wes Ricks and Friends

Catering by Mario Etsitty

### Saturday

#### Check-in and Breakfast 8:15 a.m. – Farmer Atrium

#### Yoga – 8:30 to 9:20 a.m. – Outside or ED 130

#### Session 1 – 9:30 to 10:20 a.m.

Poetry as Cultural Record, Resistance, and a Means to Social Justice – EDC 117

No Accountability! The Failure of Reform and Alternatives to Policing – Coor 120

Imprisoned Minds: A History of Mental Health and Incarceration – Coor 120

Embodied Activism and Feldenkrais Awareness Through Movement – ED 130

Community Connection Through Compassionate Communication – Coor 184

The Unfinished Revolution in Women's Rights – Coor 186

Children: Expressing Activism Through Art for All Ages – Playground or Payne L1-27

#### Session 2 – 10:35 to 11:25 a.m.

Building Diverse Local Coalitions – Coor L1-84

The Importance of Allies in the LGBTQ+ Community – Coor 184

Immigration and the Justice System – Coor 184

Bahai Community Resistance: From Underground University to Forming Alliances with Iranian Feminists – Coor 186

Protecting Water and Land: Standing Rock Experiences – ED 130

Building Bridges, Breaking Walls: Israelis and Palestinians Reach Out – Coor 120

Children: Expressing Activism Through Art for All Ages – Playground or Payne L1-27

#### Session 3 – 11:40 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Youth Keynote: Community Action for Youth – ED 130

Featured Speaker: The Process and Outcome of Political Socialization: The Meaning of Palestinian Youth Political Agency – EDC 117

Film Screening: *When Elephants Fight* – Coor 170

Children: Expressing Activism Through Art for All Ages – Playground or Payne L1-27

#### Lunch & Music – 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.

Food catered by Green New American Vegetarian – Farmer Atrium

Musical performance by The Sugar Thieves Trio

#### Local Keynote – 2:15 to 3:30 p.m.

Community Action and Immigration Justice – EDC 117

#### Closing Workshop – 3:45 to 5:00 p.m.

Civil Dialogues – EDC 117

## Schedule at a Glance

### Sunday

#### Check-in and Breakfast 8:15 a.m. – Farmer Atrium

#### Yoga– 8:30-9:20 a.m. – Outside or ED 130

#### Session 1 – 9:30 to 10:20 a.m.

Looking Back and Looking Ahead: Local to Global Justice, Student Engagement, and Community Activism – ED 210

Protecting Democracy for Community Justice: Lessons from Turkey and the Middle East – ED 204

Renaissance-Era New World Communities: How More's Utopia Led to American Dystopia – ED 202

Community Justice: New Economic Models – ED 212

Workshop: Conscious and Restorative Leadership –ED 130

#### Session 2 – 10:35 to 11:25 a.m.

Together, Can We Make Food Free for Everyone? – ED 202

Collective Action and the Pro-Choice Movement – ED216

Legislative Advocacy 101 – ED 210

Disability Rights, Advocacy and Community Organizations – ED 218

“Justice is Love in the Public Space”: Enhancing Civility and Community Justice in Public Spaces – EDC 204

Fair Justice for All: The State of Justice Reform in Arizona – ED 212

Youth Workshop: Young Hearts for Animal Rights and Justice – ED 130

#### Session 3 – 11:40 to 12:30 p.m.

Regard/Disregard: A Design-Based Approach to Avoiding Deadly Consequences of Police Enforcement Action – ED 202

Community Capacity Building through Community-based Art Practice – ED 204

Featured Workshop: Alliances for Action on Environmental Protection at the Arizona Legislature – EDC 117

Children: Activities on animal rights – playground (til 2:30p.m.)

#### Lunch & Music 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.

Food catered by Café Lalibela – Farmer Atrium

Musical performance by DJ Ray Thiry

#### Global Keynote – 2:15 to 3:30 p.m.

Drugs, Narco Wars, and Us – CDN 60

Ioan Grillo, author of *Gangster Warlords: Drug Dollars, Killing Fields, & the New Politics of Latin America*

#### Global Dialogues/Closing Conversation – 3:45 to 5:00 p.m.

“World Café” discussion – Farmer Atrium

## Schedule with Descriptions

### Friday Night Dinner & Blessing – 6:00 to 6:45 p.m.

At **Phoenix Hostel**, 1026 N. 9<sup>th</sup> St., Phoenix



#### Mario Etsitty – **The Rez, An Urban Eatery**

The reception features vegan treats with a Navajo flair.

### Friday Night Youth Poets – 6:45 to 7:10 p.m.

#### Kat Hofland

Kat Hofland is a senior at ASU studying Public Service and Public Policy. She works in sexual violence prevention at ASU. She writes in her free time and is an editor on the small but wonderful press, Rinky Dink Press.



#### Megan Atencia

Megan Atencia is a Phoenix-based spoken-word poet studying Global Health, English Literature, and Spanish at ASU. Her current projects include a poetry series in Tempe called Criss-Cross Poetry, which focuses on fostering local up-and-coming poets sharing the power of spoken word; poetry therapy groups at a local mental health hospital for adolescents and adults; and community performances and workshops. She can be found at [mayagainpoetry.com](http://mayagainpoetry.com).



#### Anna Flores

Anna Flores writes poetry according to her experience as a bi-cultural woman. She is a student, dance teacher and actress. Anna has been published in *The Write On Downtown Literary Magazine*, *Pages Per Content Phoenix Zine* and several other local publications. She is a junior at Arizona State University and plans to attend Law School in the near future.



### Friday Night Music – 7:15 to 7:45 p.m.

#### Wes Ricks & Friends



Wes Ricks & Friends (Wes Ricks: Native American flute, Ed McNatt: lead guitar and Marzette King: conga drums) is a group of veterans that play soulful and uplifting Native American music. Created by Wes Ricks, a Native American flutist who is both African American and Choctaw Indian, they play on Indian reservations and perform at pow wows throughout Arizona. Together, they are working on recording their first album “Journey.”

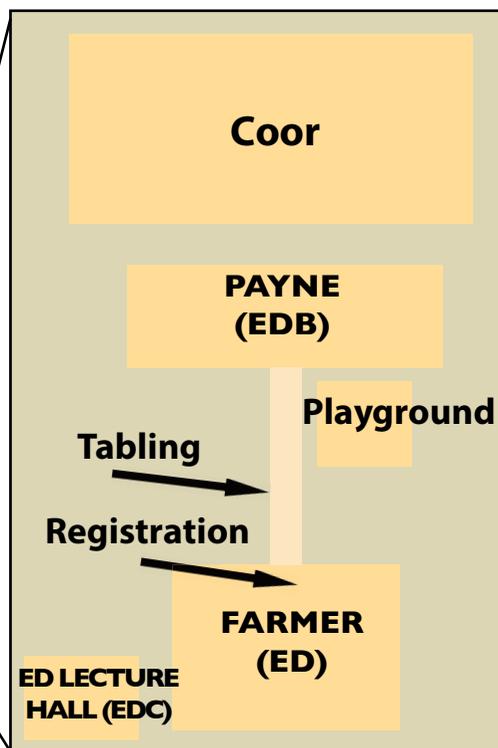
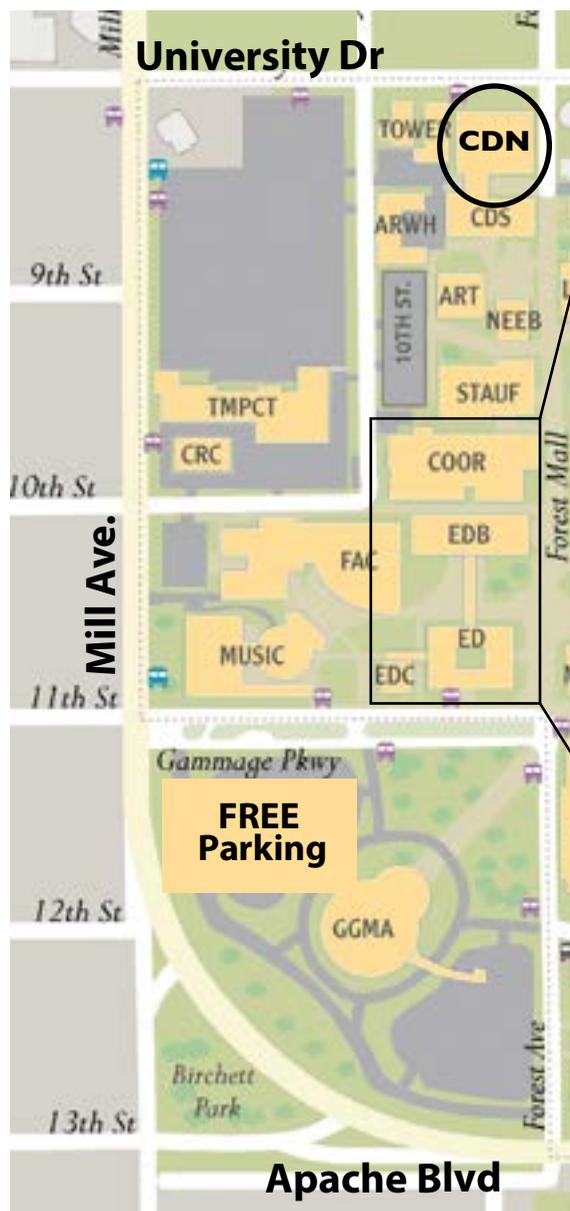
### Friday Night Music – 8:00 to 8:45 p.m.

#### Walt Richardson

Tempe favorite Walt Richardson, II, has been singing, writing songs and playing guitar as far back as he can remember. At one time he was planning to pursue a career in bio-chemistry. That was when he learned the power of music and live performance. Richardson is the host of the popular “Walk-in Wednesdays” Open Mic Night series and the award-winning Songwriters’ Showcase concert and television series. “In the Spotlight” allows him to continue his support of the live music community.



# Map of the Forum & Festival – Arizona State University



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- Farmer – Registration
- Lunch & Music
- Sunday Workshops
- Coor – Saturday Workshops
- Payne – Morning Meditation & Yoga
- Ed Lecture Hall – Workshops
- CDN-Closing Keynote



# Schedule with Descriptions

## Saturday Morning

Check-in beginning 8:15 a.m. – Farmer Atrium

**Yoga – 8:30 to 9:20 a.m. – Outside or ED 130**  
 Roopa Kaushik-Brown

Roopa founded South Asian American Perspectives on Yoga, and works to shape public discourse on wellness through law, scholarship, art and activism.



### Morning Food and Beverages

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## Saturday Session 1 – 9:30 to 10:20 a.m.

### Poetry as Cultural Record, Resistance, and a Means to Social Justice – EDC 117

Rosemarie Dombrowski, PhD, Senior Lecturer, Arizona State University, Downtown Phoenix Campus

Arts-Based Research has been gaining traction in the social sciences, specifically regarding the use of personal poetry as a means of recording the stories of the marginalized, as well as the use of ethnographic poetry as a means of inscribing the cultural record. This talk/reading will explore the ways in which poetry can simultaneously act as both cultural document and vehicle for social transformation. Examples from *Poetry of Resistance: Voices for Social Justice* (University of Arizona Press, 2016) will be read and discussed as a possible benchmark for all poetic endeavors in this age.

### Embodied Activism and Feldenkrais Awareness Through Movement – ED 130

Mary Margaret Fonow and Rich Goldsand

This workshop provides a brief overview of approaches to leadership and activism that involve mindfulness, movement and neuroscience. Our goal is to understand roles of the body in our actions in the world. How do we stay present, healthy and whole as activists? The session will include a Feldenkrais awareness through movement lesson and opportunity to discuss mindfulness and self-care for activists.

## **No Accountability! The Failure of Reform and Alternatives to Policing – Coor 120**

**Jon Dunn**, Justice and Social Inquiry, ASU

There is a long history of police brutality against people of color, immigrants, sex workers, people with disabilities and homeless populations. For decades communities have organized to resist these abuses, police departments have confronted this negative publicity with “community policing” rhetoric, the DOJ civil rights division has enforced federally mandated reforms, and more recently, cities have invested millions in body cameras, yet there has only been minimal reform and even less accountability. This session will discuss the realities of modern policing and alternatives to it.

## **Imprisoned Minds: A History of Mental Health and Incarceration – Coor 120**

**Elizabeth Venable**

Looking at luminaries like Dorothea Dix and Michel Foucault, we will examine the histories of the prison systems, asylums, and mental hospitals where mentally ill people are stored. We will examine the lives of people who are the most likely to be incarcerated out of all populations in the United States, the seriously mentally ill. We will also hope to find connections to race, class, sex, gender, and sexuality as they influence imprisonment.

## **Community Connection Through Compassionate Communication – Coor 184**

**Sylvia Boutelle**

Compassionate Communication developed by Marshall Rosenberg (aka Nonviolent Communication) provides the foundation for social justice by concentrating on two fundamental human needs: connection and the opportunity to be heard – between individuals and groups. Through its language of compassion focusing upon feelings and needs with empathetic reflection and ending with a specific request for that action step, it removes the barriers, avoidances, and social judgments, opening the way to rapid collective and united action.

## **The Unfinished Revolution in Women’s Rights – Coor 186**

**Ramisa Alam and Aman Das**, Feminist Club, Basis School

**Karla Hernandez**, North High School NOW chapter

**Dianne Post**, Arizona NOW board member and attorney

Feminist efforts throughout the years have worked to bring about greater women’s rights and social justice. However, the fight for complete gender equality is not even close to its end. Our Local to Global panel highlights the importance of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) and the Convention on the Elimination of all forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW) and how their implementation within our political process will establish the basic human rights women lack in modern society and promote other rights such as women’s reproductive health. The integration of these two legal tools in our political process is critical to advancing women’s rights in general. Through the panel, we will discuss ERA, CEDAW, women’s reproductive health and a variety of other issues in the feminist sphere and what local communities can do to make global changes.

## **Expressing Activism Through Art for All Ages – Playground or Payne L1-27**

**Alondra Hernandez**, La Hoya Community High School Feminist Club

This workshop will help youth of all ages create art and signs for action, and to show solidarity for causes that participants wish to show their support for. This will run until 12:30 p.m.

## **Saturday Session 2 – 10:35 to 11:25 a.m.**

### **Building Diverse Local Coalitions – Coor L1-84**

**Connor Descheemaker**, Local First Arizona

Local First Arizona will facilitate a panel on building diverse, equitable local economies through alliances with like-minded organizations. We will discuss building partnerships with representatives from organizations like Ajo Center for Sustainable Agriculture, one n ten, One Community, Iskashitaa Refugee Network, IRC-Phoenix, Center for Neighborhood Leadership, and our own Fuerza Local program in developing meaningful, culturally-competent connections to disconnected communities. “Local” is not just a feel-good, boutique sentiment--it’s building grassroots alliances between groups seeking economic and social justice in the Valley and across the state through equality of opportunity and access to resources.

### **The Importance of Allies in the LGBTQ+ Community – Coor 184**

**Sean Downey**, Outlaw

The presentation will explore the progress made by the gay rights movement and discuss activists used their alliance to achieve radical social progress for LGBTQ+ individuals. The Presentation will then address what progress is still to be made and what actions people can take in a post-Trump President Elect world.

### **Immigration and the Justice System – Coor 184**

**Kalin Myers**

Many individuals in the precinct I am running are from a lower socio economic background who are Mexican, Mexican-Americans. I am working with these individuals to educate them about voting rights, the justice system, and encourage them to communicate and express their concerns about social issues, as well as getting involved in democracy. This presentation will also discuss what efforts (collectively and individually) still need to be made so that the Latino community, including its LGBTQ members, have a voice and continue to fight for equality in Arizona.

## **Protecting Water and Land: Standing Rock Experiences – ED 130**

**Luke Black, Marlena Robbins (Diné), and Lance Nace**

This panel will discuss the ongoing situation for water and land defenders at the Standing Rock Sioux site in North Dakota. Please join us for a short video made by New Mexican water defenders, and sharing of first-hand accounts from Standing Rock. We will then discuss methods and actions that we can take on a local level to support efforts to protect and sustain not only these critical resources and environments, but also those who are trying to defend them.

## **Baha'i Community Resistance: From Underground University to Forming Alliances with Iranian Feminists – Coor 186**

**Leila Asadi**, Justice and Social Inquiry, School of Social Transformation, ASU

**Dorsa Sobhani**, University of Calgary

**Nizam Missaghi**, Baha'i Community's Resilience in Iran, Underground University Behrang Foroughi, School of Community Resources & Development, ASU

**Behrang Foroughi**, School of Community Resources and Development

The Baha'i is Iran's largest non-Muslim religious minority. While the faith espouses such principles as obedience to the government, non-violence, and non-involvement in political affairs, it has faced significant persecution in its 177 year history. Focusing on Baha'i resistance strategies to the systematic oppression, highlighting the role Baha'i activists engaged in education and Baha'i women intergenerational resilience through storytelling and building strong community ties with other groups of women, this panel will explore some of the challenges of social and political movements seeking for justice in taking inclusive strategies. The presenters would reflect upon the *One Million Signature Campaign*, instigated by Iranian feminists, and the Baha'i Higher Education Institute in Iran, to unfold the concept of social movement learning and explain how integrating deliberate learning and reflective processes contribute to the sustenance and success of social movements.

## **Building Bridges, Breaking Walls: Israelis and Palestinians Reach Out – Coor 120**

**Victor Aronow**, Central Arizona Chapter, National Lawyers Guild; Jewish Voice for Peace

This workshop is based on my personal observations as a result of a “dual narrative” tour of a number of Israeli and Palestinian organizations in Israel and the West Bank. These organizations have been working across cultures, languages and borders to promote peace efforts among Israelis, Moslems, and Palestinians both inside Israel and in the West Bank. My presentation will begin in Tel Aviv, move north to the Galilee area, south through the West Bank, then to a Palestinian refugee camp, and finally to Jerusalem.

## **Saturday Session 3 – 11:40 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.**

### **Youth Keynote: Community Action for Youth – ED 130**

**Anna Rose Mohr-Almeida and Isabella Abadia**

The Youth Keynote Panel will present the high impact, local and national climate crisis work of two young women. The presenters will discuss campaign ideas, design, implementation, and evaluation. Mature attendees will gain insight and information on how to engage young people in activist projects, while younger attendees will learn how to become involved and contribute to social movements effectually.

#### **Anna Rose Mohr-Almeida**

Anna Rose Mohr-Almeida is a 14 year old “kick-activist.” Involved in climate issues since age 10, Anna has considerable experience with campaign design, implementation and evaluation. Additionally, she received the Outstanding Youth Award from the Grand Canyon Sierra Club (GCSC) in 2014. Anna regularly contributes to the GCSC quarterly newspaper, *The Echo*. Anna has lobbied in Arizona and D.C. for clean air with Moms Clean Air Force, and marched in NYC in the 350.org climate march. Anna is a seasoned demonstrator, public speaker, and community organizer.



#### **Isabel Abadia**



Isabel Abadia is an 18 year old change-maker. Isabel is a councilmember of Earth Guardians, a national non-profit organization focused on youth leadership in relation to climate issues. Isabel was the recipient of the 2016 Sierra Club SPROG scholarship. Her passion for the Earth comes from her deep spirituality and connection with animals. Isabel's activism started when she collected signatures for The Great Whale Conservancy at age 15. Isabel loves inspiring others to come out into the world to be their own heroes in the fight against climate change.

### **Film Screening: When Elephants Fight – Coor 170**

**Anique Stroud**, Justice and Social Inquiry, ASU

“When elephants fight...it is the grass that suffers.” This ancient African proverb reminds us of who suffers most when there is war. In the case of the Democratic Republic of Congo, it is women and children who are raped, mutilated and killed due to the conflict. Since 1996, the DRC, has seen civil war which has killed and displaced many. The largest Congolese refugee community in the US is in Arizona, making this issue not only a global humanitarian issue, but a local issue as well. Second to this, much of the mineral wealth that is a key component of the war, is used to produce western technologies that we all rely on. This film will help publicize the atrocities that are being faced by Congolese people who are in essence “forgotten” and suffering at the hands of neo-colonialism in the DRC, and the discussion following the documentary is a crucial step to promote activism and to shed light on this issue which should not be ignored.

## **Featured Speaker: The Process and Outcome of Political Socialization: The Meaning of Palestinian Youth Political Agency – EDC 117**

**Presenter:** Janette Habashi, Oklahoma State University, A Child's Cup Full

**Discussant:** Areej Mawasi, ASU



Janette Habashi is an Associate Professor in the Department of Human Relations at the University of Oklahoma. She teaches courses with concentrations in the areas of local and global human diversity issues and educational developmental theories, and is committed to advocating for social policy that reflects youth and social justice. She strives to build on students' background and experiences and provide an avenue for them to recognize the relationship between educational research, theory, and practice. This method of *dialogue in teaching praxis* which crosses cultural borders, builds trust, and explores individual learning patterns and assumptions informs her discussion of children and Indigenous populations, where she examines socialization, national identity, political participation/resistance, and children's rights-based approaches in policy and research.

In 2012, she founded the Child's Cup Full Association, a non-profit social enterprise that aim to empower refugee and marginalized women through creating lasting economic opportunities. This organization employs and trains women to develop products that compete in international marketplaces. Recently, she also published a book, *Youth Political Socialization: A Palestinian Case Study*, based on a longitudinal study of Palestinian youth and children.

## **Saturday Lunch and Music – 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.**

**Food catered by Green New American Vegetarian – Farmer Atrium**

**Blessing of event by Anthony Gray**, Tribal Education Culture Coordinator, Gila River Indian Community.

### **The Sugar Thieves Trio**

The Sugar Thieves Trio consisting of Mikel Lander, Meridith Moore, and Ray Thiry have performed music together in the valley and beyond for almost ten years. Everything from Blues to Folk, Jazz to Country, they do it all, and they do it well. You'll hear original music, as well as covers dating back to the 20s and 30s.

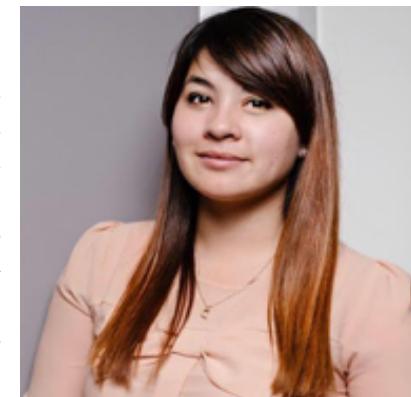


## **Saturday Local Keynote – 2:00 to 3:30 p.m.**

**Local Keynote: Community Action and Immigration Justice – EDC 117**

### **Reyna Montoya, Aliento**

Reyna E. Montoya is the founder of Aliento, a community organization that provides community healing through art for children and youth impacted by the immigration/detention system. Aliento is focused on undocumented and dreamer-led organizing, and committed to people who are directly impacted by the unjust laws of immigration and provide community healing through art for those who face the trauma of detention, deportation, and threat of separation. She is also a 2016 Soros Justice Fellow. Reyna holds a MEd in Secondary Education and B.A. Political Science, B.A. Transborder Studies, Minor in Dance.



### **Angeles Maldonado, Justice and Social Inquiry, ASU and The Institute for Border Critical Theory: Social Justice Education & Research**

Dr. Angeles Maldonado is a mother and scholar activist. She was born in Salvatierra, Guanajuato, Mexico and came to the United States at the age of eight. She has spent the majority of her life advocating for migrant rights in Arizona and has an extensive background in community and labor organizing. She is passionate about direct action, counter narratives, critical pedagogy, and resistance. Dr. Maldonado holds a doctorate from Arizona State University in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies, a Master in Public Administration, and Bachelors in Justice Studies and Philosophy. Her research interests focus on discourse, immigration, policing, social movements, and community organizing. She applies Critical Race Theory and "Border Crit Theory," a new and emerging theoretical framework she introduced for developing research in the borderlands. She is presently the Operations Director for the Law Office of Ray Ybarra Maldonado, a Faculty Associate at ASU, and is serving on the Community Advisory Board in the racial profiling lawsuit Melendres vs. Arpaio.



**Luis Fernandez, Northern Arizona University, Repeal Coalition Arizona**

Luis A. Fernandez is a professor at in Criminology and Criminal Justice at Northern Arizona University. He received his Ph.D. in Justice Studies at Arizona State University. He is a co-founder of Local to Global Justice, an activist around immigration issues, and works with a variety of social justice issues and organizations, including the Repeal Coalition. Luis is also the author and editor of several books, including *Policing Dissent* (2008), *Contemporary Anarchist Studies* (2009), and *Shutting Down the Streets* (2011). His work also appears in various book chapters and journals, including *Social Justice*, *Contemporary Political Theory*, and *Qualitative Sociology*. His most recent research focuses on insurgency control, crimigration, surveillance, and other issues in the social control of late modernity.



**Ray Ybarra Maldonado, Human Rights and Immigration Attorney**

Ray A. Ybarra Maldonado is a human rights activist, author, filmmaker, and public speaker. As a lawyer, Ybarra Maldonado is an aggressive trial attorney who has attained not guilty verdicts for his clients in both state and federal courts as well as attaining victories at the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals. In the immigration context he has attained cancellation of removal, U Visas, asylum, VAWA, and adjustment of status for many clients and he has also been local counsel on major civil rights lawsuits against the former Sheriff of Maricopa County. Ybarra Maldonado co-wrote and co-produced the award-winning documentary, *Rights on the Line*, and his book *Born on the Border* has been used as a required reading at various universities across the country including in an immigration class at Harvard Law School. He graduated from ASU with a degree in Religious Studies and from Stanford Law School. He has previously worked for the United Farm Workers of America and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU). He currently serves as on the Board of Los Abogados, co-chairing the civil rights committee and serves as the Federal Litigation committee co-chair for the Arizona Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyer's Association.



**Saturday Closing Dialogues – 3:45 to 5:00 p.m.**

Afternoon Snacks & Beverages – Farmer Atrium  
From 3:30 to 5:00 p.m.

**Civil Dialogues – EDC 117**

Civil Dialogue (CD) is a structured format for public dialogue that provides a tool to build bridges across the chasm of public viewpoints. CD can be used in multiple contexts to help people communicate in civil and productive ways, especially when they face “hot topics” and need to employ “cool heads.”

**Katherine Roxlo, MS, The Institute for Civil Dialogue**

Katherine Roxlo, MS, is an adjunct professor at Scottsdale Community College and has a passion for community and civil dialogue. She is a board member and facilitator for the Institute for Civil Dialogue. She has facilitated Civil Dialogues across the Valley at junior high and high schools, universities, libraries, and non-government organizations. She enjoys community work in her neighborhood and downtown Phoenix where she worked with other volunteers and the City to paint abandoned houses, plant trees and create a butterfly garden. She works tirelessly to remind people to register, educate themselves, and vote each and every election.



**Brenda Rubio Sanchez**

Born in Mexico, graduating from the Hugh Downs School of Human Communication at Arizona State University, Brenda Rubio Sanchez received her degree in Communication. A proud Latina, Brenda is a strong bilingual advocate for her passions of Continuous Learning, Civil Communication and Cultural Diversity. She has also worked with Fresh Start Women's Foundation, Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America, the Association of Human Communication and The Institute for Civil Dialogue. Brenda is currently a proud Public Ally, AmeriCorps member placed as an Outreach Coordinator for the Children's Museum of Phoenix where she continues to make impact in the community.



***Help with clean up always appreciated!***

***Tablers - feel free to store your display materials in Farmer overnight - just ask at Registration***

## Sunday Morning

**Check-in beginning 8:15 a.m.** – Farmer Education Atrium

### Yoga for All Bodies – 8:30 to 9:20 a.m. – Outside or ED 130

This all level yoga class will encourage the union of diversity through movement, meditation and ceremony honoring our shared humanity.

**Robin Afinowich**

Robin has been a committed meditation and yoga practitioner for 17 years, and her work is rooted in years of dedicated study to various schools of psychology, philosophy, restorative therapies, and holistic wellness. She earned her Yoga Alliance Certification under Senior Para Teacher Mary Bruce and has studied Iyengar, Ashtanga and Restorative yoga and Vipasana meditation/Buddhist mindfulness. She has served as guest facilitator for teacher trainings, has led numerous retreats and workshops, been a guest presenter on somatic healing and movement with ASU dance and theater undergraduate/graduate students and faculty. Robin has also studied with many traditional medicine and shamanic healers, integrating indigenous practices into her teachings and therapies.



### **Morning Food and Beverages**

Food for breaks/snacks are again donated in part by **Tempe Farmers Market** (Stacey and Daryle Dutton) and **Cortez Coffee** (Ron Cortez-owner, providing organic, fair trade coffee each morning), and **King Coffee**. Other food provided by Local to Global Justice donors and volunteers.

## Sunday Session 1 – 9:30 to 10:20 a.m.

### Looking Back and Looking Ahead: Local to Global Justice, Student Engagement, and Community Activism – ED 210

**Flora Farago, Beth Swadener, Jen Richter, Pieter Turley and Jon Dunn**

As part of this panel, current and former Local to Global Justice (LTGJ) planning team members will reflect on LTGJ's organizational history, as well as current and future directions. The panel will loosely draw on a survey conducted in the summer of 2015 about participants' educational experiences and related activism pertinent to planning the annual Local to Global Justice Forum and Festival. Themes that emerged include the roles activism played in the development of scholar-activism, critical thinking, professional development, applied learning, leadership skills, and community engagement/organizing. Panelists will discuss their experiences of involvement in LTGJ and the challenges and opportunities that multi-issue activism presents, as well as opportunities for further activism.

### Protecting Democracy for Community Justice: Lessons from Turkey and the Middle East – ED 204

**Dr. Semiha Topal**, Anatolia Cultural Centers

A lecture/discussion on the story of failed democracies in Turkey and the Middle East. Unraveling the steps of falling into authoritarianism and majoritarian rule while aiming for a pluralist and inclusive democracy, this lecture will invite the audience to ponder on the lessons that can be taken from the lived experiences and ask 'what can/should I do?' to protect themselves and their communities. Topics include: the role of civil society in resisting authoritarianism and how the eroding of civil liberties is made possible by the silencing of the civic voices and the suppression of social activism by the state through different methods, such as the control of mass media and social media, the discourse of national security and fear mongering, the constant creation of dividing lines between different segments of the society, and the use of religious discourse to undermine democracy and rule of law.

### Renaissance-Era New World Communities: How More's Utopia Led to American Dystopia – ED 202

**Sharonah Fredrick**, Arizona Center for Medieval and Renaissance Studies, ASU

This presentation analyzes the idea of community, action and formation in its historical context in the 16th-18th century New World. We will see how ideas of Utopia and Dystopia recated with Native, European, and African populations in the framework of empire, and how those ideas sometimes questioned the political and religious imperialism of England, Portugal and Spain.

### Community Justice: New Economic Models – ED 212

**Richard Starling**, Arizona Community Land Trust; Arizona Cooperative Initiative; SevaCircle

Buckminster Fuller said, "You never change things by fighting the existing reality. To change something, build a new model that makes the existing model obsolete." This session will explore emerging models that bring about community justice, creating a society that supports both people and planet.

### Workshop: Conscious and Restorative Leadership – ED 130

**Robin Afinowich**

As individuals we are growing more conscious about compassionate and mindful living and holistic healing. It is essential for this evolution of human potential to be reflected in our social systems and leadership roles. Change starts with the individual, but can have a rippling effect into greater culture and consciousness when given the directive. We are in a desperate time of renewal on an individual, social, institutional and planetary scale. This workshop will address how mindfulness, conflict resolution, compassionate communication and restorative practices can create a sense of collective restorative justice and social evolution. We will develop insights and tools to embody the change.

## Sunday Session 2 – 10:35 to 11:25 a.m.

### **Together, Can We Make Food Free for Everyone? – ED 202**

**Maha Mahalingam**, School of Community and Resources Development, ASU

**Richard Starling**, Arizona Community Land Trust; Arizona Cooperative Initiative; SevaCircle

This panel will discuss alternative economic models, which are community-based responses to grow food. These models are ideally suited to address the challenge of local and global food insecurity.

### **Collective Action and the Pro-Choice Movement – ED 216**

**Katherine Montgomery, Meagan Swart, Bree Brydenthal, Hayden Hilliard, Sarah Lemelman, and John Burnett**, ASU Law School and Liberty Project

Liberty Project is a think tank made up of young lawyers, law students, and other professionals dedicated to the preservation of reproductive rights and sexual health. This panel will examine the pro-choice movement from a legal and social justice perspective, highlighting how community action has led to and sustained a pro-choice movement. Also, we will discuss opportunities in the community to become involved in Women's Rights movements.

### **Fair Justice for All: The State of Justice Reform in Arizona – ED 212**

**Donald Jacobson**, Arizona Supreme Court

For years before Ferguson there has been an understanding of the need to reform our monetary bail system and financial obligations in sentencing within the court system. In the last few years this has gained a new momentum nationwide. Come and discover the status of reform in these areas and what is being done in Arizona to provide fair justice for all.

### **Disability Rights, Advocacy and Community Organizations – ED 218**

**Dr. Annamaria Oliverio**, Curriculum Coordinator, Disability Studies, School of Social Transformation: Justice and Social Inquiry

**Edward Myers**, Esq, Former Deputy Director for the Arizona Center for Disability Law

**Phil Pangrazio**, President and CEO, Ability360

**Greggory Ohannessian**, Speaker & Autism Advocate, and Kris Dean, Founder, Coach, Disability Advocate; SEEthePOSSIBILITIES.org

**Janna Breunig**, Autistics on Campus

**Facilitator: Amina (Donna) Kruck**, Vice President of Advocacy programs, Ability360

This session addresses current challenges to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the Individuals with Disabilities Act (IDEA) as well as providing information on local community organizations that support and advocate nationally (hence, globally) for disability culture.

## **“Justice is Love in the Public Space”: Enhancing Civility and Community Justice in Public Spaces – ED 204**

**Katherine S. Roxlo**, MS, RG, Institute for Civil Dialogue

**Mikulas Pstross**, Local to Global Justice Organizing Committee

In this workshop, we will invite attendees to brainstorm how public spaces in the Phoenix Metropolitan area can be used to express justice and a sense of belonging for all and to enhance civil dialogue, education, artistic expression, and a higher public consciousness. Ideas from the workshop will be fodder for future proposals to the City of Phoenix for enhancing public space.

### **Legislative Advocacy 101 – ED 210**

**Protecting Arizona's Family Coalition (PAFCO)**

The Arizona State Legislature can seem like a daunting place, but with a basic understanding of the legislative process advocates can effectively educate their stakeholders and organize for collective action.

### **Youth Workshop: Young Hearts for Animal Rights and Justice – ED 130**

**Aysegul Ciyer**

Led by Aysegul Ciyer, this workshop offers a selection of educational and fun books about animal rights and justice for children of all ages, story time, and activities. Aysegul will share books and related activities for children on the playground until 12:30pm.

## Sunday Session 3 – 11:40 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### **Regard/Disregard: A Design-Based Approach to Avoiding Deadly Consequences of Police Enforcement Action – ED 202**

**Robert G. Wertz**

This presentation will introduce an artwork created in response to the spate of deadly police enforcement actions. Regard - Disregard illustrates the emotions felt by the affected individuals and communities. The exposure of this work to line officers may result in a subliminal imprint that forestalls the impulse to resort to the use of deadly force.

### **Community Capacity Building through Community-based Art Practice – ED 204**

**Chia-mei Hsai**, Partnership of Community Development/ School of Community Resources and Development/ ASU

This presentation aims to explore the potential of community art practice as an aid toward community capacity building and collective community identity formation. The major concern of this topic revolves around the inquiry of how community art practice can serve as a catalyst and tool to address community concerns and justices.

**Featured Workshop: Alliances for Action on Environmental Protection at the Arizona Legislature – EDC 117)**



**Sandy Bahr**, Director, Sierra Club Grand Canyon Chapter

This workshop will focus on how we can engage in forming alliances around environmental protection and social justice at the Arizona Legislature. It will include some basic information on the Legislature, what kinds of activities are most effective, and provide opportunities for action. Panelists will include Sierra Club staff and volunteers who have been advocating for environmental protection via grassroots organizing and direct and indirect advocacy.

**Sunday Lunch and Music – 12:30 to 2:00 p.m.**

**Food catered by Cafe Lalibela – Farmer Atrium**

**DJ Ray Thiry**

Ray Thiry is a graduate of ASU’s music school (‘07 BM, ‘15 MM). Ray has been active in the Phoenix music scene as a bass player for many groups including The Sugar Thieves, Big Bang Theory, Nate Williams Band, Phoenix Children’s Chorus, and others. He also enjoys helping parties and events run smoothly as an MC and DJ.



*Please use this lunch to network, visit the tables and meet activists you don’t yet know!*

**Sunday Global Keynote – 2:15 to 3:30 p.m.**

**Drugs, Narco Wars, and Us – CDN 60**

**Ioan Grillo**, author of *Gangster Warlords: Drug Dollars, Killing Fields, and the New Politics of Latin America*

The global drug trade is worth \$300 billion, according to the United Nations. That money has financed drug cartels with paramilitary wings that battle with armies, causing a humanitarian tragedy in chunks of Latin America and the Caribbean. Tens of thousands have fled this violence and applied for refugee status in the United States. We live in an exciting time of drug policy reform, where the prohibition that creates this drug money being questioned. But we also live amid a resurgence of radical nationalism calling for closed borders and a breakdown of the international system. In this turbulent era, how can we tackle the drugs and drug wars, from the cocaine and heroin on American streets to the mass graves south of the border?



Ioan Grillo is a journalist and writer based in Mexico City. He has covered Latin America since 2001 for media including Time Magazine, the New York Times, BBC World Service, Al Jazeera, Letras Libres and many others. He is the author of *Gangster Warlords: Drug Dollars, Killing Fields and the New Politics of Latin America* and *El Narco: Inside Mexico’s Criminal Insurgency*. Check him out at [www.ioangrillo.com](http://www.ioangrillo.com)

**Sunday Global Dialogues/ Closing Conversation – 3:45 to 5:00 p.m.**

**“World Café” discussion – Farmer Atrium**

**Jorge Morales Guerrero, Nick Pstross, Kathy Almeida-Mohr**

This workshop will be in the style of a “World Café” discussion, and is intended to be a space for networking in which attendees and organizations create an environment for possible alliances for action. We will be discussing themes raised over the weekend and making connections with opportunities for collective action around the Valley, the state and the world. The World Café is an easy-to-use method that provides a friendly environment to establish a dialogue around a set of open-ended questions. Please share your ideas, listen to other points of view, learn from others in our community, and create alliances for action. Do not miss this activity at the end of this year’s Local to Global Justice!

*All are urged to help us with clean up at the conclusion of the Forum & Festival.*

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