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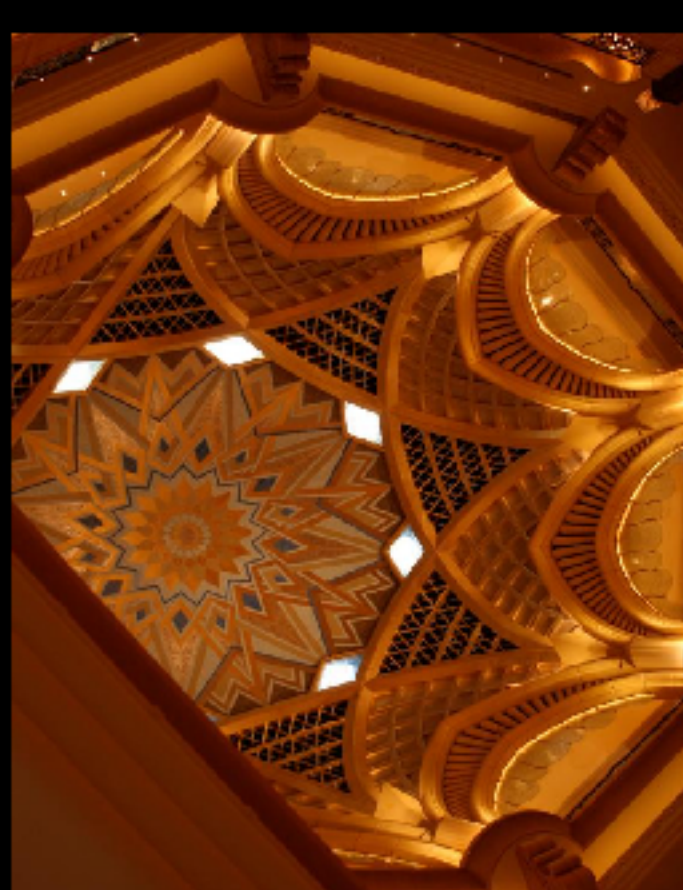
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## STUDENTS FROM THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES CALL FOR COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP TO MEET GLOBAL CHALLENGES

At an RCLA leadership session, top college students selected for the inaugural class of NYU's Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed Scholars program said that our interconnected world requires moving beyond strictly individual or "heroic" leadership to a collective approach.

"Our discussion with these emerging leaders was an exciting reminder that a collective model of leadership resonates globally," said Bethany Godsoe. "We look forward to building on this work with students at the NYU Abu Dhabi Institute and around the world as they take up leadership on global issues."

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## THE NEW YORK ACADEMY OF MEDICINE AND RCLA MAP A PLAN TO CREATE AN ALUMNI NETWORK

The New York Academy of Medicine and RCLA are partnering on an action planning process to create a robust alumni network for the Robert Wood Johnson Health and Society Scholars Program. The aim of the program is to build the nation's capacity for research, leadership and policy change to address the broad range of factors that affect health. The alumni network will support and sustain the field's leaders and create a community of practice among alumni and current scholars. [» Learn More.](#)

## News & Events

- RCLA is proud to welcome [Shifra Bronznick as a new senior fellow](#). Shifra brings a wealth of leadership, management and consulting experience to strategic planning at the Center. She is the founding president of Advancing Women Professionals and the Jewish Community; co-author of *Leveling the Playing Field*; and her newest initiative, "Women Rule," is a groundbreaking leadership program of the White House Project and *O, the Oprah* magazine.
- RCLA congratulates the [NAACP on celebrating its 100th Anniversary](#), February 12, 2009
- RCLA has received a Wagner Faculty Research Challenge Fund grant for a project on Leadership Development and Democratic Governance that will explore how a leadership development program in Colombia has prepared local public servants to become agents of government accountability in their municipalities. [» Email us for more information.](#)
- The Women of Color Policy Network event "[Are We There Yet?: Affirmative Action in the Age of Obama](#)," will feature Alan Jenkins, president of the Opportunity Agenda, and John Payton, president of the NAACP Legal Defense and Education Fund, February 12, 2009
- At "[Social Change Organizations and Public Leadership: The Role of Social Change Organizations in Deepening Democracy](#)," scholars will highlight innovative leadership practices that can transform public service at a time when, as Katrina vanden Heuvel has written in *The Nation*, "The President will only be as brave as ordinary citizens move him to be," February 20, 2009
- "[Critical Perspectives in Policy Formation: The Impact of Race, Class, Gender and Other Markers of Difference on Policymaking](#)," a Women of Color Policy Network panel discussion, will bring together Makani Themba from The Praxis Project; Andrea Batista Schlesinger from the Drum Major Institute for Public Policy; and Ingrid Ellen Gould, Rachelle Brun, and C. Nicole Mason from NYU Wagner, February 23, 2009
- Dr. Robert Kaufman from Rutgers University will address "[The Rise and Performance of Leftist Governments in Latin America](#)," as part of RCLA's series on Democratic Governance and Sustainable Development in Latin America, March 12, 2009
- RCLA Faculty member Erica G. Foldy and Women of Policy Network Executive Director C. Nicole Mason will join other leading scholars and activists in addressing how gender and race must be taken into account in policies related to economic recovery and the persistent problem of poverty at "[The Economics of Identity: How Poverty is Gendered and Raced](#)," April 7, 2009

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## RCLA ANNOUNCES 2009 TRAININGS TO EQUIP NONPROFIT LEADERS WITH MUST-HAVE SKILLS FOR COMMUNITY ORGANIZING AND SOCIAL ACTION

RCLA's Social Change Leadership Network is announcing its yearlong series of free learning sessions to strengthen individuals, organizations and coalitions advancing social justice. The topics reflect the contributions of those who generously took time to weigh in on the most critical sessions for '09.

### April 13: The Multi-Generational Landscape of Leadership

Explore core issues related to generational shifts in leadership with Frances Kunreuther, co-author of the new book: *Working Across Generations: Defining the Future of Nonprofit Leadership*.

### May 11: Training for Trainers

Bring your own experiences to examine and practice the essentials of designing effective workshops and trainings.

### October 7: Community Organizing Basics

Consider how different types of organizations and practitioners can best participate in organizing for justice in this new political moment, with Joan Minieri, co-author of *Tools for Radical Democracy: How to Organize for Power in Your Community*.

### December 2: Collaborations That Work

What are techniques for forming collaborations that allow organizations to accomplish together what they can't do alone? Tap into the experiences of practitioners and insights from RCLA's examination of these questions.

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## ON THE MOVE: WOMEN OF COLOR POLICY NETWORK RELAUNCHES ITS WEB SITE AND ANNOUNCES 2009-2010 SCHOLARS & PRACTITIONERS

This month, the Women of Color Policy Network, an RCLA affiliate, launches its new Web site and announces its 2009-2010 roster of distinguished of scholars and practitioners. The [Web site](#) is home to the Network's latest research and the nation's most comprehensive nongovernmental data repository on women of color and their communities.

In its inaugural year, the [Affiliate Scholars and Practitioners program](#) highlights groundbreaking research produced by scholars and practitioners on issues of economic and human security, health disparities, education, and leadership development. Network affiliate scholars and practitioners are leading experts committed to working across sectors to advance inclusive public policies. Irasema Garza, President of Legal Momentum, Melissa Harris-Lacewell, Associate Professor at Princeton University, Lateefah Simon, McArthur Fellow, and Julianne Malveaux President of Bennett College For Women are among this year's notable cohort.

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