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LEARNING SESSIONS TO HELP SOCIAL CHANGE LEADERS EXCEL IN 2009

Between the deepening economic crisis and the opportunities a new presidential administration presents, 2009 marks a pivotal moment for nonprofits. RCLA is designing a series of learning sessions through the Social Change Leadership Network to help grassroots leaders develop new skills, strengthen their organizations, learn strategic approaches to tough management challenges, and connect with other dynamic and committed individuals. Please take five minutes to [weigh in now](#) on the most critical learning sessions to help social change organizations meet their goals in 2009. Thank you.

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WORKING ACROSS GENERATIONS: NEW BOOK OFFERS INSIGHT INTO THE FUTURE OF NONPROFIT LEADERSHIP

A new book by RCLA Senior Fellow Frances Kunreuther with Helen Kim and Robby Rodriguez offers a comprehensive look at leadership and generational shifts in the nonprofit sector. [Working Across Generations: Defining the Future of Nonprofit Leadership](#) presents ideas and suggests strategies for how to approach generational changes in leadership so that the contributions of long-time leaders are valued, new and younger leaders' talent is recognized, and groups are better prepared to work across generational divides. In addition to research findings, the book includes practical tools and advice for leaders on how to assess warning signs of generational conflict and the organization's readiness to talk about generational change.

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MORAL COURAGE PROJECT EVENT SERIES TO PREMIERE WITH SALMAN RUSHDIE

RCLA Visiting Scholar Irshad Manji, the Muslim reformer whom *The New York Times* calls "Osama bin Laden's worst nightmare," will launch a series of public conversations about moral courage in journalism, politics, religion and beyond with international leaders. The Moral Courage Conversations are hosted as part of the Moral Courage Project, an RCLA affiliate and NYU Wagner program. The series will premiere with Salman Rushdie on January 18, 2009, the 20th anniversary of Iran's fatwa against him. The second guest in the series will be Christiane Amanpour, on February 18, 2009.

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RCLA WELCOMES NEW STAFF AND VISITING SCHOLARS

RCLA is pleased to begin 2009 with several new faces. **Champa Chonzom** joined the Center as finance manager in December 2008. Champa holds a BA in Education from Bangalore University, India and a Master's in Public Administration from NYU Wagner. She has managed finances for the Center for Health and Public Service Research at NYU Wagner for seven years. **Michael Edwards**, the director of the Governance and Civil Society program at the Ford Foundation from 1998-2008, joined the Center as a senior visiting scholar in January 2009. He will be advising RCLA on development and strategic visioning as well as advancing international coursework and initiatives for the Center and NYU Wagner. **Alejandra Boni Aristizabal**, PhD, assistant professor and leader of the Development Studies Group at the Technical University of Valencia, Spain, is visiting RCLA in January to do collaborative research on Cooperative Inquiry. She was recently awarded the National Award for Quality Research on Cooperation for Human Development and the National Award on Technology for Human Development.

News & Events

- RCLA Executive Director Bethany Godsoe is serving on the Professional Development Task Force of the Association of Performing Arts Presenters and will be a panelist at their annual conference, ["Our Future: Building Knowledge and Identity through Professional Development,"](#) January 9-13, 2009
- Women of Color Policy Network Executive Director C. Nicole Mason has been invited to blog for the *Huffington Post*. She has recently published a look at President-elect Barack Obama's [proposed stimulus package](#) and a [year-in-review](#) of leadership failures among elected officials.
- The [Fellowship for Emerging Leaders in Public Service](#) will host a Class of 2009 Orientation, January 25, 2009
- RCLA to host ["Violence, Citizenship and Public Security in Contemporary Latin America"](#) with Dr. Deborah Yasher from Princeton University, January 28, 2009
- Save the date! At "Leading Social Change in Hard Times," RCLA scholars will discuss what the public sector can learn from social change organizations' leadership practices in the midst of economic scarcity, February 20, 2009
- The Women of Color Policy Network will host "Critical Perspectives in Policy Formation: The Impact of Race, Class, Gender, and Other Markers of Differences on Public Policy Outcomes," February 23, 2009
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RCLA AND WOMEN OF COLOR POLICY NETWORK PARTNER WITH ADVOCATES TO ADDRESS RACE AND SOCIAL CHANGE AT THE WORLD SOCIAL FORUM

RCLA and Women of Color Policy Network (WOCPN) scholars and prominent social change leaders will host a "Dialogue on Leadership and Race" at the World Social Forum in Belém, Brazil from January 27 – February 1, 2009. The session will highlight important Participatory Action Research findings on race and social change leadership through the Leadership for a Changing World program and WOCPN research. The presenters will examine the role race plays in social change organizations and how these dynamics influence establishing coalitions across differences, ensuring organizational sustainability, and building movements. Speakers include Amparo Hofmann-Pinilla and Jennifer Dodge from RCLA, Diana Salas from WOCPN, Cidra Sebastian from Brotherhood/Sister Sol, and Richard Moore from the Southwest Network for Environmental and Economic Justice.

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