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LEADING SCHOLARS EXPLORE SOCIAL CHANGE LEADERSHIP THAT DEEPENS DEMOCRACY

RCLA convened scholars from a variety of disciplines to participate in a symposium about social change leadership at a time when a dormant American democracy is awakening. Discussions included a look at emerging models of leadership, what makes these organizations effective, arenas of high intensity democracy, and a preview of RCLA findings about the intersection of leadership, change and democracy based on seven years of research with social change organizations.

» [Learn more about the Symposium](#)

» [Learn about the Scholars](#)

SPURRING DYNAMIC DISCUSSIONS AMONG NY OFFICIALS & OTHER EXPERTS THROUGH A "FISHBOWL"

When senior officials gather to discuss how to manage [large-scale change projects](#) in the highly political, volatile and visible world of New York City and State government, RCLA faculty member Dennis Smith sets the stage for people "to learn from doers." The conversations start with an inner circle of experts, then other participants join with questions and their own hard-earned lessons. A new RCLA Practice Note shows how to use this "fishbowl" technique to facilitate collegial exchanges as an alternative to panel presentations of prepared remarks.

» [Download the Practice Note](#)

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CNN'S CHIEF BUSINESS REPORTER, A FORMER WALL STREET INSIDER AND IRSHAD MANJI TALK ABOUT MORAL COURAGE IN THE MONEY INDUSTRY

Is it possible to exhibit moral courage -- the willingness to speak truth to power -- in the money industry? This and other urgent questions of our time will be explored with fierce honesty by Irshad Manji, director of the Moral Courage Project at RCLA, CNN's chief business correspondent Ali Velshi, author of the just-released *Gimme My Money Back*, and famed former Wall Streeter Henry Blodget, who penned *The Atlantic Monthly's* recent cover story about why financial insiders always blow it. Join us for "Moral Courage in the Money Industry: Pipe Dream or Key to the American Dream" on March 26, 2009.

» [Learn More and Get Tickets](#)

WOMEN OF COLOR POLICY NETWORK SERIES TO EXAMINE TOP PRIORITIES FOR IMMIGRATION REFORM

The Women of Color Policy Network is announcing a new event series, "With Liberty and Justice for All: Immigration Reform in a Down Economy," co-sponsored with the nonpartisan Migration Policy Institute and the National Council of La Raza. The series will kick off in April with a look at the most pressing issues for the Obama Administration and the prospects for reform in today's economic climate. It will also spotlight overlooked issues of how immigrant women are faring and how immigrants are transforming US suburbs.

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News & Events

- RCLA releases a [five-page guide](#) by Erica G. Foldy, Laurie S. Goldman and Sonia M. Ospina on how shaping perceptions of problems, solutions and people is at the heart of public service leadership
- RCLA Visiting Scholar Irshad Manji receives the 2009 National Organization for Women NYC's [Susan B. Anthony Award](#), which honors grassroots activists dedicated to improving the lives of women in New York City
- C. Nicole Mason, executive director of the Women of Color Policy Network, an RCLA affiliate, is quoted in the latest [Essence magazine](#) on "A Woman's Place Is in the (White) House"
- ["Weathering the Perfect Storm: Strengthening City Government & Nonprofit Relationships,"](#) part of the Leading-Large Scale Change briefing series for government executives, focused on the City's work with its nonprofit partners and vendors in this nearly perfect storm of financial downturn; with opening remarks by Deputy Mayor Linda Gibbs and experts from a mix of human, cultural and central agencies, March 3, 2009
- ["What's Role Got To Do with It? Leadership Tools for Grantmakers"](#) offers a chance for foundation officers and other grantmakers to use GrantCraft's Role Deck to explore useful concepts about role, person and systems that can be applied to how one takes up leadership when challenged, March 6, 2009; [Read the RCLA Practice Note](#) with lessons from a workshop of the Role Deck
- RCLA Faculty Director Sonia M. Ospina will moderate ["A Dangerous Dilemma: The Impacts of the Global Gag Rule,"](#) a panel with leading health policymakers and providers on a United States executive order that impacts broad swaths of international health care, March 6, 2009
- ["Race, Reproductive Rights Policy, and the New Administration: A Moderated Conversation between Dorothy Roberts and Iris López,"](#) from Northwestern University Law School and City College, respectively, hosted by the Women of Color Policy Network, March 11, 2009
- RCLA will host ["Governing from the Left: Latin America's Left Parties in Boom Times and Busts"](#) with Dr. Robert Kaufman, professor of Political Science, Rutgers University, part of RCLA's event series on Democratic Governance and Sustainable Development in Latin America, March 12, 2009
- RCLA will host a Leadership Learning Circle for people who directly manage or fund leadership development programs on how their programs can support the emerging call to public service, part of the quarterly series co-sponsored with the Leadership Learning Community, March 25, 2009; [Please email](#) for more info.
- The 13th Annual Kovner/Behrman Health Forum, ["Changing the Culture of Large Organizations,"](#) will feature Denise Rousseau from Carnegie Mellon University and Dr. Bernard Birnbaum from NYU Langone Medical Center, with Anthony R. Kovner from NYU Wagner as moderator, March 31, 2009
- ["Power and Authority in Groups and Organizations: Going Global,"](#) a three-day experiential learning conference, is designed to help participants understand the complexity of dynamics motivating their behavior in groups and organizations so that they may transform their organizations and themselves by becoming "responsible reflective citizens of the world," Apply by March 23 for the conference April 3-5, 2009
- RCLA's 2009 [Social Change Leadership Network Learning Sessions](#) launch in April with an exploration of the multi-generational landscape of leadership. [Email](#) for more info.

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