



OPENING EVENT

6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m.

Kimmel Center, New York University
Rosenthal Pavilion

Open and Free to the Public

What's at stake for women, racial and ethnic minorities, the LGBTQ community and middle- and low-income families in 2012?

In the 2008 presidential election, voter turnout was the highest in forty years and culminated in the election of Barack Obama, the nation's first African American president. With historic unemployment, a persistent economic crisis, and attacks on many of the civil rights gains of the last 40 years, the change hoped for by many in 2008 has not come soon enough.

As organizations continue to press for progressive policies in the remaining two years of the current Administration and as 2012 approaches, re-engagement of youth, women, first-time voters, people of color, and Independents will be critical to both Democratic and Republican candidates seeking to take the White House.

The opening event for Engage2012 will bring together a cross-section of leading national civil rights leaders to discuss what it will take to get the country back on track, the role of government and the Administration in rebuilding the national economy, and strategies to mobilize communities and reenergize voters.

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Engage2012

hosted by the Women of Color Policy Network at New York University's Robert F. Wagner Graduate School of Public Service and co-sponsored by leading civil rights and human rights organizations, is a national summit of policy experts, practitioners, thought leaders, and key stakeholders working on issues related to immigration, racial justice and equity, economic security, LGBT rights and reproductive and environmental justice working together to build a progressive, unified agenda for change.

OPENING EVENT SPEAKERS



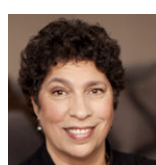
Cornell Belcher, President of Brilliant Corners Research and Strategy, is one of the nation's most highly sought-after pollsters. In the past, he has conducted polls for the Democratic National Committee and President Barack Obama's 2008 presidential election campaign.



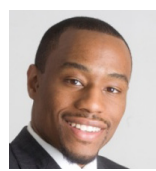
Rea Carey, Executive Director of the National Gay and Lesbian Task Force, is the LGBT movement's progressive voice on Capitol Hill and has helped a record number of states pass LGBT-positive legislation.



Cheryl Contee, Co-Founder of the award-winning Black political blog *Jack and Jill Politics*, influences the national narrative and global dialogue on race through her insightful social and political commentary.



Susan Herman, President of the ACLU, leads the nation's premier legal advocacy organization for populations that have been historically denied their rights, including women, people of color, LGBT people, immigrants, prisoners, and people with disabilities.



Marc Lamont Hill, host of the nationally syndicated television show *Our World with Black Enterprise* and Columbia University professor, is an award-winning writer and leading intellectual on culture, politics, and education.



Avis Jones-DeWeever, Executive Director of the National Council of Negro Women, is an accomplished scholar, writer, and public speaker who galvanizes the collective power of 34 national African American women's organizations.



Maria Teresa Kumar, Executive Director and Co-Founder of Voto Latino, creates and directs Voto Latino's award-winning civic engagement campaigns and was recently named one of the most notable 20 US Hispanics under 40 years old by *PODER Magazine*.



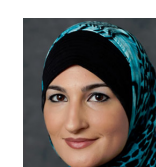
Clarissa Martinez de Castro, Director of Immigration and National Campaigns at the National Council of La Raza (NCLR), is an expert on immigration legislative advocacy and oversees NCLR's efforts to expand opportunities for Latino engagement in civic life and national public policy debates.



Anika Rahman, President and CEO of the Ms. Foundation for Women, is a lifelong proponent of reproductive justice and the leader of a national social justice foundation committed to building women's power to ignite change.



Rashad Robinson, Executive Director of ColorOfChange, is an expert on the media's impact on civil rights issues and recently led campaigns against Fox News and Donald Trump after their derogatory remarks aimed at President Barack Obama.



Linda Sarsour, Director of the Arab American Association of New York, is a fierce advocate of Arab Americans' civil rights. Her fiery passion to serve the Arab American community has been featured on PBS and NY1, among other domestic and international media outlets.



Miriam Yeung, Executive Director of the National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum, leads the country's only multi-issue Asian and Pacific Islander women's organization and spearheads national campaigns for reproductive justice, immigration reform, and human rights.



Reverend Al Sharpton,** Founder and President of the National Action Network and host of MSNBC's *PoliticsNation*, is one of the nation's leading civil rights leaders and has worked for decades to promote racial and economic justice.



Kimberly Teehee,** Senior Policy Advisor for Native American Affairs, White House Domestic Policy Council, advises President Barack Obama on issues affecting Indian Country. Prior to her appointment by the President, she served as the Senior Advisor to Congressman Dale Kildee, Co-Chair of the Congressional Native American Caucus.

** Invited



MODERATOR Sheryl Huggins Salomon, Managing Editor of *The Root*, is a seasoned editor and journalist. She was previously the Managing Editor of AOL Black Voices, the Editor-in-Chief of NiaOnline.com, Co-Editor of the *Nia Guide for Black Women* series of books, and the publisher of *Shade* magazine.

LEAD UP EVENTS



LEADING FROM BEHIND:

RACE, CLASS, AND THE PROMISE OF EDUCATION REFORM

November 4, 2011 3:30-5:00 PM NYU Wagner
Event Announcement:
http://wagner.nyu.edu/wocpn/news/events_files/11.1.11_Education_Reform_Event.pdf

Discussants:

- Zakiyah Ansari, Parent Leader, NYC Coalition for Educational Justice
- Lorretta Johnson, Ed.D., Secretary-Treasurer, American Federation of Teachers, AFL-CIO
- Edward Fergus, Ph.D., Deputy Director, Metropolitan Center for Urban Education (Moderator)
- Carlos Pérez, President and CEO, New Jersey Charter Schools Association
- Warren Simmons, Ph.D., Executive Director, Annenberg Institute for School Reform



ACROSS PARTY LINES:

VOTING AND CIVIC ENGAGEMENT IN COMMUNITIES OF COLOR

November 8, 2011 12:30-2:00 PM NYU Wagner
Event Announcement:
http://wagner.nyu.edu/wocpn/news/events_files/11.8.11_Civic_Engagement_Event_REVISED.pdf

Discussants:

- Terry Ao Minnis, Director of Census and Voting Programs, Asian American Justice Center
- Christina Baal, Director of Civic Engagement and Field Operations, New York Immigration Coalition
- LaTosha Brown, Senior Advisor, Black Women's Roundtable, National Coalition on Black Civic Participation
- Donita Judge, Redistricting Project Director, Advancement Project
- Myrna Pérez, Senior Counsel, Brennan Center for Justice (Moderator)
- Diana Sen, Senior Counsel, LatinoJustice PRLDEF



BEYOND BORDERS AND DETAINMENT:

BUILDING SUPPORT FOR IMMIGRANTS' RIGHTS AND IMMIGRATION REFORM IN THE U.S.

November 15, 2011 3:30-5:00 PM NYU Wagner
Event Announcement:
http://wagner.nyu.edu/wocpn/news/events_files/11.15.11_Immigration_Reform_Event.pdf

Discussants:

- Kemi Bello, Dream Activist, Undocumented Students Action and Resource Network
- Jessica González-Rojas, Executive Director, National Latina Institute for Reproductive Health, Co-Founder of the National Coalition for Immigrant Women's Rights
- Joanne Lin, Legislative Counsel, ACLU Washington Legislative Office
- Ali Noorani, Executive Director, National Immigration Forum
- Suman Raghunathan, Director of Policy and Strategic Partnerships, Progressive States Network (Moderator)

Register today at: <http://wagner.nyu.edu/events/wocpn-12-08-2011>