

Roots and Reality: Grassroots Organizing, Law and Public Policy

Presented by the WCL Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild

April 14th & 15th 2009

American University Washington College of Law
4801 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, Room 603, Washington, DC

- April 14th**
6:00-7:30 **Symposium Kickoff Event: Reading and Book Signing**
Thomas Glave, Activist and Writer and MLK Writer in Residence at MIT, 2009 Lambda Literary Award Nominee Busboys and Poets 14th & V in downtown DC (more info www.wcl.american.edu/go/Roots)
- April 15th**
10:00-10:15 **American University Washington College of Law Rm. 603**
Welcome
Dekera Greene, Activist, Member of National Lawyer's Guild AU Chapter, WCL 2L
- 10:15-10:30** **Opening Remarks**
Bill Quigley (via Skype) Recently Appointed Director of Center for Constitutional Rights, Activist, Professor of Law, Loyola Law
- Panel II**
10:30-11:45 **Organizing Around Crime, Justice and Injustice**
Raymond Coates Housing Coordinator of Edgewood/Brookland Family Support Collaborative DC; **Brian Roberts**, Coordinator, Institutional Services Program, DC Public Defender Service; **Taij Motellal** Community Organizer, NYC; **Shaunte' Preer**, Activist, Marshall Brennan Teaching Fellow, WCL 2L
- Panel III**
12:00-1:30 **Organizing Around Intimacy: Sex, Sexuality and Reproduction**
Loretta Ross, National Coordinator, Sistersong: Women of Color Reproductive Health Collective, Atlanta; **Tina Latham**, Researcher, School of Public Health Emory University, Atlanta; **Tracy Lloyd**, Lawyer and Women's Health Activist, DC; **Kenyon Farrow**, National Public Education Director, Queers for Economic Justice, NYC
- 1:30-2:45** **Lunch**
- Panel III**
3:00-4:00 **Art as Activism, Activists as Artists**
Seema Sadanandan, Activist, Documentary Filmmaker (Coolie Nation) and WCL 2L ; **April Silver**, Founder Pres., Akila Worksongs (a PR firm for activists, artists & advocates (NYC)); **Ajit Shai**, Activist and Journalist (India)
- Panel IV**
4:10-5:10 **Activist Lawyering, Law Teaching and Law Learning**
Tayyab Mahmud, Past Pres. SALT, Prof. of Law and Assoc. Dean, Seattle Law; **Thomas Ruffin**, Public Education Coordinator and Instructor **Priscilla Huang**, Program and Policy Director of National Asian Pacific American Women's Health Forum; **Shari D'Andrade**, Clinic Student Attorney, WCL 2L
- 5:15 pm** **Closing Remarks**
Pamela Bridgewater, Activist and Professor of Law WCL

General Registration no charge; To register, CLE Accreditation will be applied for - \$55.

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