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Dear Friends:

It is my pleasure to congratulate and welcome all of the participants of The John Lewis Fellowship Program, a Humanity in Action Fellowship in partnership with The National Center for Civil and Human Rights.

You are an exceptional group of young people. I hope that the knowledge and relationships you gain from this fellowship will develop you into the change agents that our society so desperately needs. We are at a pivotal time in our history. The lessons of the past mean more than ever now. It is my hope that your participation in this incredible fellowship, will spark that light in you that makes you the headlight and not the taillight in the future of our world.

May you have a wonderful time during your stay here in the beautiful city of Atlanta and I wish you continued success in your pursuit of justice and equality for all.

With all good wishes,

John Lewis
Member of Congress

HUMANITY IN ACTION

Dear Friends:

It is an honor to share with you this document of our dreams, ambitions and plans for the 2020 John Lewis Fellowship. On the pages that follow, you will see an agenda intended to cultivate a fertile ground for compassion, critical engagement, and deeply collaborative learning around some of the most urgent issues of our time.

Atlanta and the wider US South are special landscapes for experiential inquiry into the nature and long-term effects of structural oppression. But these landscapes also serve as beacons, retreats and sites of struggle for all who would fellowship together to resist the mire of defeat. To fellowship is to gather and build friendship toward a purposeful end. The fundamental purpose of the John Lewis Fellowship is to nurture understanding and civil dialogue through community formation. In times of trial, fellowship is ever more crucial.

John Lewis once wrote that “ours is the struggle of a lifetime - maybe many lifetimes - and each one of us in every generation must do our part.” His words ring as true and clear as ever. With the lessons learned and friendships made this summer, may we ready ourselves for a new generational struggle toward the manifestation of a universal peace, justice and joy that animates our wildest aspiration for humankind.

In peace and solidarity,

Kali-Ahset Amen
Director, John Lewis Fellowship
Humanity in Action - Atlanta



ABOUT THE FELLOWSHIP

The John Lewis Fellowship in Atlanta is one of Humanity in Action's six annual Fellowship programs. In partnership with The National Center for Civil and Human Rights, Inc., Humanity in Action brings together a group of European and US university students and recent graduates for an intensive program about the civil rights movement and current human rights challenges in the US. The program honors Congressman John Lewis, an icon of the Civil Rights Movement.

The John Lewis Fellowship looks at the regional experiences, cultures and institutions of the US South through a different thematic lens every year. The 2020 Fellowship will place a greater emphasis on experiences of resilience and self-reliance amidst crisis to explore the role of justice in collective

survival and freedom, through this year's theme, "Just Justice."

Fellows will interrogate the validity of 'crisis narratives', and explore major world historical events that have shaped the language and landscape of justice-seeking in the U.S. and Europe today.



25 NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL FELLOWS

This year the John Lewis Fellowship brings together a group of 25 young people who are passionate about civic engagement, human rights, social justice, equity and democratic values. Fellows based in

or from the US will learn alongside Fellows from Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, the Netherlands, Poland, and Ukraine.

FELLOWSHIP THEME: **JUST JUSTICE**



Justice can be elusive. Unkind, even. It can be a destination we hope to reach. Or, a principle that guides our steps on the roads we travel. A shining beacon to the optimist. A grey shadow to the cynic.

When and why do we call for justice? Is justice ever fully done, felt, known?

Ethics tells us how we should treat others. Justice tells us the rewards and punishments that people deserve. We apply our standards of right, wrong and fairness to the application of justice. Though laws are passed to formalize our sense of fairness, laws are not the source of justice. We are.

At the peak of the COVID-19 outbreak, we witnessed a desperate urgency to quell the pandemic around the world. In many contexts, efforts to manage the spread of disease revealed institutional frailties within health systems and the political infrastructures that provision them. In the U.S. South, as elsewhere, the outbreak exacerbated ongoing race, gender and class inequities. Confronted with disparate rates of sickness and death linked to those historical oppressions, the crisis has also raised fundamental concerns about the problem of justice.

By what methods do people survive a crisis when justice is just beyond reach? In the absence of justice, is all of life always a task of survival? Is justice the precondition for survival or the actual practice of it? Simply put, how do justice and survival coalesce, and what does their unity constitute?

In politically progressive circles, the harsh realities of COVID-19 have sparked important conversations at the nexus of health, economic insecurity, educational access, ageism, and racism. Citizen demands for state intervention to ensure public safety, job security, and the protection of vulnerable populations are aligning with renewed visions of justice on a societal scale.

With a focus on the U.S. South, the 2020 John Lewis Fellowship will take a close look at experiences of resilience and self-reliance amidst crisis to explore the role of justice in collective survival and freedom. Our journey begins with a curriculum of shared learning, alongside Humanity in Action Fellowship cohorts in Warsaw, Berlin, Amsterdam, and Copenhagen. We will interrogate the validity of ‘crisis narratives’, and explore major world historical events that have shaped the language and landscape of justice-seeking in the U.S. and Europe today. From there, John Lewis Fellows will explore how Native Americans of the southeastern region maintain the sovereignty of their lands and cultures. We will learn about the long struggle for Black freedom in the South, its legacy and contemporary horizons, and Black-Latinx alliances for racial justice. Fellows will also have opportunities throughout the program to build practical skills through online workshops with their international counterparts.

Culminating in the development of a group project by the end of the summer session, Fellows will apply and extend their learning through the implementation of a webinar series entitled “Just Justice”. The series will present perspectives from the U.S. South and Fellows’ home localities on the following six dimensions of justice: **(1) Historical Justice:** redress of historical wrongs, especially through truth-seeking and reconciliation; **(2) Intergenerational Justice:** justice between generations that addresses the obligations of present generations to future generations; **(3) Distributive Justice:** the socially just allocation of (usually economic) goods and resources; **(4) Restorative Justice:** repairing harm through cooperation between victims and perpetrators; **(5) Healing Justice:** applying a framework of healing to generational and collective trauma; and **(6) Social Justice:** equity of access and fairness of outcome for everyone in every aspect of society.

Ultimately, John Lewis Fellows will complete the summer program equipped to tackle the individual Action Projects they will implement over the remaining 11 months of the fellowship period. Most vitally, however, Fellows will leave their “virtual Atlanta” experience able to analyze crisis from a structural and anti-racist perspective, and to incorporate a holistic framework of justice in their own work for social change.

ABOUT REPRESENTATIVE JOHN LEWIS



Often called "one of the most courageous persons the Civil Rights Movement ever produced," John Lewis has dedicated his life to protecting human rights, securing civil liberties and building what he calls "The Beloved Community" in America. His dedication to the highest ethical standards and moral principles has won him the admiration of many of his colleagues on both sides of the aisle in the United States Congress.

As a young boy, he was inspired by the activism surrounding the Montgomery Bus Boycott and the words of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr., which he heard on radio broadcasts. In those pivotal moments, he made a decision to become a part of the Civil Rights Movement. Ever since then, he has remained at the vanguard of progressive social movements and the human rights struggle in the United States.

While still a young man, John Lewis became a nationally recognized leader for his work with the Civil Rights Movement. By 1963, he was dubbed one of the Big Six leaders of the Movement. At the age of 23, he was an architect of and a keynote speaker at the historic March on Washington in August 1963.

Despite more than 40 arrests, physical attacks and serious injuries, John Lewis remained a devoted advocate of the philosophy of nonviolence. In 1981, he was elected to the Atlanta City Council. While serving on the Council, he was an advocate for ethics in government and neighborhood preservation. He was elected to Congress in November 1986 and has served as U.S. Representative of Georgia's Fifth Congressional District since then.

John Lewis lives in Atlanta, Georgia. He has one son, John Miles.

ABOUT THE CENTER FOR CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS



Located in the heart of downtown Atlanta, the National Center for Civil and Human Rights is an engaging cultural attraction that connects the American Civil Rights Movement to today's Global Human Rights Movements. The purpose of the Center is to create a safe space for visitors to explore the fundamental rights of all human beings so that they leave inspired and empowered to join the ongoing dialogue about human rights in their communities.

The Center was first imagined by civil rights legends Evelyn Lowery and former United Nations Ambassador Andrew Young. It

was launched by former Mayor Shirley Franklin. The effort gained broad-based corporate and community support to become one of the few places in the world educating visitors on the bridge between the American Civil Rights Movement and contemporary Human Rights Movements around the world.

Established in 2007, the Center's groundbreaking 43,000-square-foot facility is located on Pemberton Place, adjacent to the World of Coca-Cola and the Georgia Aquarium, on land donated by the Coca-Cola Company.

SCHEDULE



WEEK 1:

“We share a common interest, survival, and it cannot be pursued in isolation from others simply because their differences make us uncomfortable.”

— AUDRE LORDE

WEDNESDAY JUNE 3, 2020

Getting to know You, Getting to know the Fellowship Experience

The first full day of the Fellowship is devoted to getting acquainted and building a sense of community within the cohort. Fellows will receive an orientation to the program content and policies. We will collectively establish ground rules for individual and group conduct, personal accountability, and communication. The latter sessions will be plenary-style, in the company of the other program cohorts. We will learn about the mission and ethics of Humanity in Action and hear a presentation on "Health and Social Justice: The Case of COVID-19."

Program of the day	EST Time	CEST Time
Team Welcome & Technicalities	09:00 - 09:10	15:00 - 15:10
Announcements/Updates	09:10 - 09:15	15:10 - 15:15
Sharing expectations, theme, & group work	09:15 - 09:30	15:15 - 15:30
Developing virtual ground rules	09:30 - 10:30	15:30 - 16:30
Break	10:30 - 11:00	16:30 - 17:00
International programming		
Welcome to the 2020 Fellowship Programs <i>Antje Scheidler</i>	11:00 - 11:10	17:00 - 17:10
Humanity in Action - "From an Idea to a Vibrant Community" <i>Dr. Judith S. Goldstein</i>	11:10 - 11:40	17:10 - 17:40
Health and Social Justice - The Case of COVID-19 <i>Dr. Nathan Furukawa & Dr. Aakash Shah</i>	11:45 - 12:45	17:45 - 18:45
Wrap Up	12:45 - 13:00	18:45 - 19:00
Break	13:00 - 13:15	19:00 - 19:15
John Lewis Fellowship Group Reflection	13:15 - 13:30	19:15 - 19:30

International programming

International Director of Humanity in Action European programs Antje Scheidler will welcome the full cohort to the 2020 Fellowship programs.

Interview: Humanity in Action - “From an Idea to a Vibrant Community”

The Founder and Executive Director of Humanity in Action, Dr. Judith S. Goldstein will be interviewed by Hanane Abouellotfi, Senior Fellow and Associate Director of the John Lewis Fellowship.

Conversation: Health and Social Justice

Senior Fellows: Dr. Nathan Furukawa, Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer at the Center for Disease Control and Prevention, and Dr. Aakash Shah (MD), Practicing Emergency Room Doctor, will discuss how health and social justice relate in the current pandemic.

THURSDAY JUNE 4, 2020

Colonialism, Sovereignty & Resistance Today, Part 1

In this two-day session, we will investigate the colonial histories and legacies of three fellowship countries: Denmark, the Netherlands, and the USA.

Program of the day	EST Time	CEST Time
Group check-in	08:45 - 09:00	14:45 - 15:00
Team Building	09:00 - 10:00	15:00 - 16:00
Break	10:00 - 10:30	16:00 - 16:30
Fellow Presentations: (Eda, Magdalena, Mahir. James and Vanessa)	10:30 - 11:30	16:30 - 17:30
Break	11:30 - 11:45	17:30 - 17:45
International programming		
Introduction & Welcome <i>Kali-Ahset Amen</i>	11:45 - 11:50	17:45 - 17:50
An Indigenous Person's History of the United States and the Structure of Settler-Colonialism <i>DeLesslin George-Warren</i>	11:50 - 12:30	17:50 - 18:30
Break	12:30 - 12:45	18:30 - 18:45
"Caribbean Perspectives: From Colonialism to Liberation" <i>Ajamu Baraka & Raissa Biekman</i>	12:45 - 13:45	18:45 - 19:45

“Decolonization can only be complete when it is understood as a complex process that involves both the colonizer and the colonized.”

- SAMIA NEHREZ

International programming

John Lewis Program Director Kali-Ahset Amen will deliver brief remarks explaining why Humanity in Action engages with colonialism and its legacy in our fellowship programs.

An Indigenous Person's History of the United States and the Structure of Settler-Colonialism

This presentation is a whirlwind overview of the United States' relationship with indigenous peoples told from the perspective of a Catawba person. Senior Fellow DeLesslin George-Warren's talk will focus on a few significant historical events and will help Fellows develop models and language for understanding a variety of different colonial contexts and events.

Caribbean Perspectives: From Colonialism to Liberation

Panelists will discuss the European construction of the transatlantic slave trade, African genocide during the Middle Passage, and the making of a global economic system based on the subjection of African and Indigenous peoples. Additionally, our speakers Ajamu Baraka and Raissa Biekman will lead a wide-ranging discussion on the realities of colonial domination in the territories once claimed by our fellowship countries. Finally, this panel will address forms of local and international resistance that ultimately dismantled the system. This conversation will explore the questions: *What common structure did colonial societies share? What were the stakes of liberation for the oppressed? What were the challenges of postcolonial nation-building? Whose voices were elevated and silenced in the postcolonial moment, and how were social inequalities reproduced anew?*

FRIDAY JUNE 5, 2020

Colonialism, Sovereignty & Resistance Today, Part 2

On this second day of our exploration of the legacies of settler-colonialism, we will consider contemporary struggles for cultural and political autonomy among minority groups in Denmark, the Netherlands, and the USA.

Program of the day	EST Time	CEST Time
Breakfast/Lunch Screening of <i>Black in Rembrandt's Time</i>	08:30 - 08:45	14:30 - 14:45
Group Reflections	08:45 - 09:00	14:45 - 15:00
Fellow Presentations (Mina, Piper, Sarah, Kenzo, Zulejka and Naili)	09:00 - 10:30	15:00 - 16:30
Break	10:30 - 11:00	16:30 - 17:00

International programming

Black Europe and the Cultural Politics of Citizenship <i>Stephanie Archangel</i>	11:00 - 11:45	17:00 - 17:45
Break	11:45 - 12:00	17:45 - 18:00
Self-Determination, Sovereignty & Resistance Today <i>Rachael Lorna Johnstone, DeLesslin George-Warren, and Mitchell Esajas</i>	12:00 - 12:45	18:00 - 18:45
Break	12:45 - 13:00	18:45 - 19:00
Breakout Session: Your Turn: Taking a Stance	13:00 - 14:00	19:00 - 20:00

International programming

Denmark National Director Mikaela von Freiesleben and Program Coordinator Rukiatu F. Sheriff will guide you through the day as moderators.

Black Europe and the Cultural Politics of Citizenship

Interactive Dialogue: Rijksmuseum Curator Stephanie Archangel will engage Fellows in an interactive discussion with Raissa Blekman, Program Manager Amsterdam Fellowship. They will talk about the documentary film and current debates within The Netherlands about museums, cultural appropriation, and discourses of race and citizenship in Europe.

Self-Determination, Sovereignty & Resistance Today

This panel discussion with Senior Fellows Rachael Lorna Johnstone, Roo George-Warren, and Mitchell Esajas will examine contemporary movements for cultural sovereignty and social and reparative justice in Suriname and Curacao (former Dutch Caribbean), Greenland (Danish territory), and indigenous Nations of the US. Panelists will address ongoing struggles for autonomy, truth and reconciliation, reparations, and ecological rescue.

Breakout Session: Your Turn, Taking a Stance

The full cohort will form small breakout groups to discuss the following question prompts: *Do colonial relations persist in the structure of our societies, and if so, how do we decolonize our societies? What is the relationship between social justice and decolonial practice?*

WEEK 2:

“Then you realize that your suffering does not isolate you, your suffering is a bridge.”

- JAMES BALDWIN

MONDAY JUNE 8, 2020

International Programming: The Shoa and WWII

Program of the day	EST Time	CEST Time
Check-In/Announcements	09:00 - 09:30	15:00 - 15:30
International programming		
Introduction of the Day	09:30 - 10:00	15:30 - 16:00
"Genocide As Moral Endeavour" <i>Konstanty Gebert</i>	10:00 - 11:30	16:00 - 17:30
Break	11:30 - 12:00	17:30 - 18:00
"National Socialism and the Shoah - On Dealing with the Nazi Past Germany" <i>Sybilie Steinbacher</i>	12:00 - 13:00	18:00 - 19:00
Break	13:00 - 13:30	19:00 - 19:30
John Lewis Fellowship Group Reflection	13:30 - 14:00	19:30 - 20:00

International programming

Poland National Director Monika Mazur-Rafał will moderate the day's programming about The Shoa and WWII.

Genocide As "Moral Endeavour"

One of the intellectual touchstones for Humanity in Action has been the study of acts of resistance—and lack thereof—during the Second World War and the Holocaust. As Marian Turski, Auschwitz survivor, said the "Holocaust did not happen out of the blue". His speech on the occasion of the 75th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz is an urgent appeal to not be indifferent.

For the first lecture today, we welcome Konstanty Gebert, a renowned journalist at *Gazeta Wyborcza* and the founder of Midrasz, a monthly Polish Jewish intellectual publication. He will address the question of moral responsibility and the role of institutions which exist in most post-Enlightenment societies.

National Socialism and the Shoah - On Dealing with the Nazi Past Germany

Sybill Steinbacher, Professor of Holocaust Studies at Goethe University Frankfurt and Director of the Fritz Bauer Institute, will share insights into how Germany copes with its National Socialist past and the Shoah. *What shapes the country's remembrance culture? How does this part of history impact the collective memory in Germany? What does it mean for questions of identity to this day?*

TUESDAY JUNE 9, 2020

Fellow Presentation Day

Program of the day	EST Time	CEST Time
International Announcements	09:00 - 09:30	15:00 - 15:30
Fellow Presentations (Dorothy, Grace, Alexandra, Keely, Sonja, Zaynab, Kerim and Tamara)	09:30 - 11:30	15:30 - 17:30
Break	11:30 - 12:15	17:30 - 18:15
Group Project Planning	12:15 - 13:45	18:15 - 19:45

WEDNESDAY JUNE 10, 2020

The Long Civil Rights Struggle

Fellows will hear a keynote address by esteemed historian, Dr. Carol Anderson, on the roots of the modern American Civil Rights Movement. Anderson's talk will also explore the crisis of U.S. democracy today, focusing especially on the racial politics of voter suppression. Fellows will then learn about the African American history of Atlanta. Historian Dr. Maurice Hobson will explain the city's rise as a hub of black achievement in education, business, politics, media, and music, earning it the nickname "the Black Mecca."

Program of the day	EST Time	CEST Time
Group Reflection	09:00 - 09:30	15:00 - 15:30
"Civil Rights Then and Stolen Democracy Today" <i>Dr. Carol Anderson</i>	09:30 - 11:00	15:30 - 17:00
Break	11:00 - 11:30	17:00 - 17:30
"Race, Politics and Class in the Making of Modern Atlanta" <i>Dr. Maurice Hobson</i>	11:30 - 12:30	17:30 - 18:30
Break	12:30 - 12:45	18:30 - 18:45
Group Discussion	12:45 - 13:15	18:45 - 19:15
Fellow Presentations (Mery, Sonja (NL), Amy)	13:15 - 13:45	19:15 - 19:45

THURSDAY JUNE 11, 2020

Foundations of Racial Justice

Racism shows up on three levels: personal/interpersonal, institutional, and cultural. This means that liberation shows up on all three as well. Working for racial justice means we need to work on each of these three levels. In our first session of the day, Janvieve Williams Comrie will provide an introduction to the concepts of racism, racial formation and intersectionality. Fellows will learn how oppression works and will explore how to break the cycle through anti-racist thought and practice.

Allyship plays a critical role in our efforts to create a socially just world. It is also a powerful instrument, and when harnessed effectively, can create new pathways and opportunities for social transformation. The second interactive session, led by Dr. Durryle Brooks, will provide participants with core principles of inter-racial allyship, strategies to build stronger connections across difference, and tools to effectively leverage the insights from their social identities to lead in more inclusive ways.

Program of the day	EST Time	CEST Time
Announcements	09:00 - 09:15	15:00 - 15:15
"Race, Anti-Racism + Intersectionality" <i>Janvieve Williams Comrie</i>	09:15 - 10:30	15:15 - 16:30
Break	10:30 - 11:00	16:30 - 17:00
"Allyship for a Beautiful and Socially-just World" <i>Dr. Durryle Brooks</i>	11:00 - 12:30	17:00 - 18:30
Break	12:30 - 12:45	18:30 - 18:45
Group Discussion/Reflection	12:45 - 13:15	18:45 - 19:15
Fellow Presentations (Beth, Margot, Jinan)	13:15 - 13:45	19:15 - 19:45

FRIDAY JUNE 12, 2020

International Programming: Skill-building Workshop

We will discuss the mission and ethics of Humanity in Action, and outline expectations for the Fellows' Action Projects. We will then join the international cohorts for a skill-building workshop. Fellows may select from a menu of workshop options.

Program of the day	EST Time	CEST Time
Announcements/Sorting into workshop groups	09:00 - 09:15	15:00 - 15:15
"Planning Your Action Projects" <i>Yael H. Agbabiaka, HIA U.S. National Director</i>	09:15 - 10:00	15:15 - 16:00
Break	10:00 - 10:15	16:00 - 16:15

International programming

Workshops	10:15 - 14:15	16:15 - 20:15
*Optional Webinar: "Beyond the Gender Binary" <i>ALOK Vaid-Venon, Senior Fellow</i>	14:30 - 16:00	20:30 - 22:00

International programming

Workshop 1: Project Planning and Management

Magdalena Krasowska-Igras, TechSoup Global

Participants will learn how to map the correlations between the essential elements of project design and their influence on the overall design of your project. The activities you are considering to organize should resonate with the main assumptions of the project, moreover they should be drafted as smart solutions, appealing and efficient. The last part of our workshops will be dedicated to creative techniques facilitating the process of project design.

Workshop 2: How to Write Op-Eds

Saim Seed, Journalist at Politico, Senior Fellow

Being an activist and policymaker requires good communication skills. This op-ed writing workshop will present some writing tips and tricks for getting your op-ed published.

Workshop 3: Podcasting

Mark Leon Goldberg, Host at Global Dispatches Podcast, Senior Fellow

Thinking about starting a podcast? This workshop will offer practical guidance and instruction on starting a podcast, building an audience- and hopefully, changing the world.

(Optional) Webinar: “Beyond the Gender Binary”

ALOK Vaid-Venon: Writer and Performance Artist, Senior Fellow

Recent contributions of non-binary and gender non-conforming activists and scholars have fundamentally challenged core assumptions of gay, feminist, and trans politics. Is the goal of gender justice simply equality for women, or is it about challenging how billions of people come to be divided into men or women to begin with? In this webinar ALOK will outline an intersectional transfeminist approach to move beyond gender binaries and better understand the root causes of gender-based violence.

WEEK 3:

“Radical simply means ‘grasping things at the root.’”

— ANGELA DAVIS

MONDAY JUNE 15, 2019

Black Radical Traditions of the US South

Rooted in the legacy of the Southern Freedom Movement, Project South is a Southern-based leadership development organization. Their work creates spaces for community organizing and bottom-up movement building through popular political and economic education for personal and social transformation. In this workshop, Fellows will learn about Black Radical Traditions of the U.S. South, exploring historical cases and models of people-centered human rights organizing practiced by legendary organizers like Cesar Chavez, Ella Baker, and Fannie Lou Hamer.

Fellows will also learn to apply Project South's participatory methodology for popular education, designed to cultivate the indigenous knowledge of people most affected by oppression. Finally, the session will incorporate exercises exploring a variety of outreach methods that help individuals, communities, and groups to organize for mutual aid and survival when crises restrict access to broader social supports.

Program of the day	EST Time	CEST Time
Group Share: Friday Workshop Results	09:00 - 10:00	15:00 - 16:00
"Building a Movement in the Black Radical Tradition" <i>Project South</i>	10:00 - 13:00	16:00 - 19:00
Group Reflection	13:00 - 13:30	19:00 - 19:30

TUESDAY JUNE 16, 2019

Free the Land, Free the People: Community Resiliency through Cooperative Economics and Sustainable Farming

The day begins with a cultural “excursion” to the Delta Region in the form of a “Morning Blues” concert. Alabama Rhythm & Blues Hall of Famer Jock Webb will perform and talk about blues music tradition and the aesthetics of revolution.

Fellows will then participate in an interactive workshop to learn how to establish a cooperative enterprise for community development. As part of the workshop, Fellows will engage in a team problem-solving activity, a coop organizing challenge!

Finally, Fellows will learn about food sovereignty struggles and solutions among Black urban residents, historically and currently.

Program of the day	EST Time	CEST Time
Announcements	09:00 - 09:05	15:00 - 15:05
"Morning Blues" <i>Jock Webb</i>	09:05 - 09:30	15:05 - 15:30
Workshop: "Coop 101" <i>Terence Courtney</i>	09:30 - 10:45	15:30 - 16:45
Break	10:45 - 11:15	16:45 - 17:15
"Stewarding the Land: Civic Agriculture and Urban Inclusive Food Systems" <i>K. Rashid Nuri</i>	11:15 - 12:15	17:15 - 18:15
Lunch/ Dinner Break	12:15 - 13:00	18:15 - 19:00
Group Reflection	13:00 - 13:30	19:00 - 19:30

WEDNESDAY JUNE 17, 2020

Education for Liberation

The history of education in the United States is rife with inequities based on race and class. In response, the pursuit of quality education has always been at the forefront of the Black freedom movement, both in the courts and in popular protest. Our panelists, Aminata Umoja and Dr. Akinyele Umoja, will discuss the long struggle for black education in the South, focusing on the history of the Freedom School movement. They will also share their own experience as educators committed to creating institutions and curricula designed to liberate people from oppression through culturally-relevant education.

Program of the day	EST Time	CEST Time
Announcements	09:00 - 09:15	15:00 - 15:15
Talent/No Talent Show & Poetry Share	09:15 - 10:15	15:15 - 16:15
Wellness Break: Qi Gong Moving Meditation <i>Mahlia Joyce</i>	10:15 - 10:45	16:15 - 16:45
"The Freedom School Movement: From Slavery to the Present" <i>Dr. Akinyele and Aminata Umoja</i>	10:45 - 12:00	16:45 - 18:00
Break	12:00 - 12:30	18:00 - 18:30
Group Project Planning Session	12:30 - 13:30	18:30 - 19:30
Group Reflection	13:30 - 13:45	19:30 - 19:45

THURSDAY JUNE 18, 2020

Intersectional and Transformative Organizing for Immigrant and Prisoner Justice

Adelante Alabama Worker Center, a member of the National Day Laborer Organizing Network, will serve as our host for the first session of the day. Adelante aims to unite day laborers, domestic workers, and other low-wage and immigrant workers and their families to defend their rights, promote their dignity, and pursue justice for all. Fellows will hear about Adelante's efforts on behalf of people detained at Etowah Immigration Detention Center in Gadsden, Alabama, and will be urged to think proactively about ways to support the human rights of all migrants.

In the next session, Dr. Rafa Solorzano will illustrate how GLAHR (Georgia Latina/o Alliance for Human Rights), SONG (Southerners on the New Ground) and Project South have forged a local and statewide mobilization against white supremacy, while stopping migrant raids, racial profiling, detentions and deportations, and advocating for prison abolition and transformative justice. By highlighting their current #FREEALL campaigns, Solorzano will illustrate tools and technologies at the forefront of transformative organizing efforts in Georgia. In addition, Solorzano will highlight how gender and queerness shapes the tools, technologies and movidas within campaigns as participants negotiate their identities and geography.

Our final session is an engaging workshop on decarceration and prisoner justice led by the Southern Poverty Law Center. The Southern Poverty Law Center is dedicated to fighting hate, bigotry, and unjust criminalization. During the workshop, Fellows will design policy and campaign strategies to transform and/or eliminate the criminal justice system.

Program of the day	EST Time	CEST Time
Announcements & group share about projects	09:00 - 09:30	15:00 - 15:30
"Immigrant Justice Activism in the Southeast: A View from Birmingham" <i>Adelante Alabama</i>	09:30 - 10:30	15:30 - 16:30
Break	10:30 - 10:45	16:30 - 16:45
Ideas Forum: "Queer of Color Critique and Intersectional Politics: Analytics & Discussion" <i>Dr. Rafa Solorzano</i>	10:45 - 11:45	16:45 - 17:45
Break	11:45 - 12:15	17:45 - 18:15
Collaborative Visioning Exercise: "Toward Prison Justice: What Does Decarceration Look Like?" <i>Southern Poverty Law Center</i>	12:15 - 13:30	18:15 - 19:30
Group Reflection	13:30 - 13:45	19:30 - 19:45

FRIDAY JUNE 19, 2020

International Programming: Skill-building Workshops

Program of the day	EST Time	CEST Time
Announcements/Sorting into workshop groups	09:00 - 09:15	15:00 - 15:15
Group Project Meetings	09:15 - 10:00	15:15 - 16:00
Break	10:00 - 10:15	16:00 - 16:15
International programming		
Workshops	10:15 - 14:15	16:15 - 20:15

International programming

Workshop 1: Manifesting Our Utopia

Marie Nele Wolfram

This workshop consists of three parts and is perfect for Fellows who are not quite sure about their Action Projects yet. We will start with a Dreaming Journey: Imagine, you are old and had a perfect life. *How do you live? How do people interact with each other in your world? And what is your contribution to this beautiful society?* In a dreamy state of mind we'll explore the world of our dreams. Afterwards, we'll flow-write. With our intuition activated, We will look at our lives today. Using guided questions from Theory U, you will write down what you can do today to accomplish your contribution to the community that surrounds you and start the project that you always wanted to bring into life. At the end you will be able to share your experience and realizations with two fellows using a great active listening practice.

Workshop 2: Activism in the Post-COVID World

Erik Miltiadis Edman, Campaigner, Senior Fellow

The corona-crisis has plunged the world into unknown, deep waters. Our societies, economies, and therefore our politics stand to change forever. Or not. Crises are windows for change, not guarantees for it. Organizers must adapt to the new opportunities and challenges or become irrelevant. The challenges presented by our current circumstances range from adapting our communication content and style to this new reality, while at the same time creating the structures and processes that will allow us not only to continue our important work, but to harness the awesome power for change offered us. Failing to do so leads to either a victory for the far-right, or a return to the "normal" that led us to this crisis in the first place.

Workshop 3: Community Organizing 101

Tara Dickman, Community Organizer, Senior Fellow

In this workshop, participants will look at the steps needed to achieve systemic change, and identify their next moves to make sure their projects not only materialize, but contribute to a longer term fight for the world they want to live in. They will also look at community organizing principles to troubleshoot through issues they anticipate could make the implementation of their project difficult.

Workshop 4: Paper Cut Art

Andrew Benincasa, Paper-Cut and Stop Motion Animation Artist

In this workshop, Benincasa will share his story and teach basic skills for paper-cut art. He will focus on portraits. If you wish to learn how to make a portrait of a person you love or a role model you admire, please join the workshop. Paper cut art can be a powerful means to illustrate campaigns or videos.

WEEK 4:

“Holding each other close across differences, beyond conflict, through change, is an act of resistance.”

- bell hooks

MONDAY JUNE 22, 2020

Pursuing Restorative Justice through Fearless Dialogue and Grounded Leadership

A key mentor to prominent leaders of the civil rights movement, theologian Howard Thurman once argued that hatred begins when there is social contact without fellowship. Thurman contends that in the absence of purposeful connection, repeated contact magnifies the fears we have about ourselves and others, leading to a lack of sympathy, and even hatred, in extreme cases. In advancing the goals and missions of social justice organizations, leaders often come into contact with one another, without being given an opportunity to develop meaningful and grounding relationships. Dr. Georgette Ledgister will facilitate an interactive workshop, “Just Leadership: Transforming Human Connection Across Difference and Distance” to assist Fellows in navigating common leadership fears, and fostering networks of connection and mutuality as a foundation for healthy leadership.

Program of the day	EST Time	CEST Time
Group Share: Friday Workshop Results	09:00 - 10:00	15:00 - 16:00
Break	10:00 - 10:30	16:00 - 16:30
Dialogue and Leadership Workshop: “Just Leadership: Transforming Human Connection Across Difference and Distance” <i>Dr. Georgette Ledgister</i>	10:30 - 13:30	16:30 - 19:30
Group Reflection	13:30 - 14:00	19:30 - 20:00

TUESDAY JUNE 23, 2020

Share Your Group Project


Presenting the capstone project of the summer program, Fellows will deliver a 20-minute multimedia presentation, allowing ten additional minutes for peer feedback. All group members are expected to participate in the presentation.

Program of the day	EST Time	CEST Time
Announcements	09:00 - 09:30	15:00 - 15:30
Final Fellowship Group 1 Presentation	09:30 - 10:00	15:30 - 16:00
Switch and set up time	10:00 - 10:10	16:00 - 16:10
Final Fellowship Group 2 Presentation	10:10 - 10:40	16:10 - 16:40
Switch and set up time	10:40 - 10:50	16:40 - 16:50
Final Fellowship Group 3 Presentation	10:50 - 11:20	16:50 - 17:20
Break and switch and set up time	11:20 - 11:40	17:20 - 17:40
Final Fellowship Group 4 Presentation	11:40 - 12:10	17:40 - 18:10
Switch and set up time	12:10 - 12:20	18:10 - 18:20
Final Fellowship Group 5 Presentation	12:20 - 12:50	18:20 - 18:50
Break	12:50 - 13:00	18:50 - 19:00
Group Reflection	13:00 - 13:30	19:00 - 19:30

WEDNESDAY JUNE 24, 2020

Fellowship Conclusion: International Programming Day

Final day of programming	EST Time	CEST Time
Fellowship Presentations	10:30 - 11:30	16:30 - 17:30
Group Reflections: Debrief the Humanity in Action Fellowship Experience	11:30 - 12:30	17:30 - 18:30
Next Steps: Join the HIA Senior Fellow Network <i>Hanane Abouellotfi</i>	13:00 - 13:15	19:00 - 19:15
Closing Remarks: "Where do we go from here?" <i>Judith S. Goldstein</i>	13:15 - 13:30	19:15 - 19:30
Break	13:30 - 13:45	19:30 - 19:45
Group Farewell	13:45 - 14:15	19:45 - 20:15



“Even after all this time, the Sun
never says to Earth, ‘You owe me.’
Look what happens with a love like
that. It lights the whole sky.”

- HAFIZ



FELLOWS





JINAN ABUFARHA

University of Michigan | United States

Jinan Abufarha is a rising junior at the University of Michigan majoring in Public Policy with minors in Gender, Race and Nation Studies and Political Philosophy. Through her work in her university's writing center, Jinan aims to address educational inequities for multilingual students. She is currently researching how to integrate a translingual lens into writing center pedagogy. As a facilitator for the Intergroup Dialogues Program, Jinan brings together students' lived experiences in order to deepen their understandings around identity, discrimination and privilege. In her free time, Jinan is extremely passionate about studying how art functions as a means of resistance for marginalized communities. She spent part of last summer volunteering with Halal Metropolis, an exhibition series that explores the history of Muslims in Michigan. She is currently a research assistant on a project revolving around how Palestinian artists use their practice to challenge life under occupation.



MARGOT ARMBRUSTER

Duke University | United States

Margot Armbruster is a rising junior at Duke University who grew up in The Hague but now calls Milwaukee, Wisconsin home. She majors in English while pursuing academic interests including critical and decolonial theory, theology Latin and Ancient Greek, environmental science and economics. Outside of the classroom, she runs communications for her local Sunrise Movement hub, edits the *Duke Chronicle's* opinion section, serves as co-president of the Duke Classics Collegium, engages with local refugee populations, and sings in an a cappella group. She's worked for the National Humanities Center, the Institute for Christian Socialism and the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and her poetry has featured in outlets including The Guardian. In her spare time, she enjoys baking, nature walks, and live music. She's interested in graduate study at the intersection of literature, climate justice, and theology.



BETH AWANO

University of Chicago | United States

Beth Awano is a rising senior at the University of Chicago majoring in Sociology and minoring in Inequality, Social Problems, and Change. As Chair of Engage, Beth collaborates with NGOs, non-profits, and advocacy groups that support Chicago's Immigrant and Refugee communities to facilitate volunteer opportunities for a cohort of undergraduate students. Beth also founded a student task force to address food insecurity at the university. Passionate about education, Beth has taught students of all ages through Chicago Public Schools, AmeriCorps, and the Phillips Brooks House Association. In recognition of her leadership and contributions to the university community, Beth was honored with the 2020 Jane Morton and Henry C. Murphy Award. In her free time, she works as a barista at the student-run coffee shop, Hallowed Grounds. Twice a quarter, the shop transforms into a concert venue for The Double Shot series, a program she founded to showcase local musicians.



AMY BIEDERMANN

Texas State University | United States

Amy Biedermann is a Ph.D. student in the College of Education at Texas State University whose research focuses on adult learning and pedagogies of social transformation. She recently spent five months in Santiago de Chile collecting women's stories of activism and resistance for her research on the Educación No Sexista protest movement. She has also studied abroad in the Czech Republic and the People's Republic of China and has interned with human rights organizations in Uganda and Kenya. Amy served two years with AmeriCorps VISTA in New Orleans where she led a team of twenty AmeriCorps members working in education, affordable housing, food justice, and immigrant rights. In her spare time, Amy enjoys making jewelry, reading the latest selection from her book club, and going on walks with her senior rescue dog, Winston.



SONJA BIŠĆAN

Â University of Banja Luka | Bosnia and Herzegovina

Sonja Agata Bišćan holds an LLB from Hague University and is currently obtaining an MA in Musicology and LLM in Public International Law and Human Rights at Utrecht University. During her undergraduate studies, Sonja spent one semester at the Southwestern Law School in Los Angeles where she attended human rights courses and was awarded for her written and oral advocacy. Most notably, Sonja has been acknowledged at the National Model United Nations Conference for a Position Paper. She continued to practice her legal skills later through an internship with DLA Piper in Vienna. Sonja is also a musician who has performed internationally as a singer, pianist, and flutist. This has sparked her growing interest in using art to promote human rights.



MERY CONCEPCIÓN

Yale University | United States

Mery Concepción is a graduating senior at Yale University majoring in Ethnicity, Race, and Migration from Queens, New York. Her work on Black cultural productions, critical university studies, and abolition are informed by Black Feminist Theory and the Black Radical Tradition. At Yale, she served as an Undergraduate Fellow with the Yale Prison Education Initiative where she supported the program's Yale-accredited courses for incarcerated students in Connecticut. This past fall she was named the inaugural Gannett Editorial Fellow at the James Beard Foundation where she wrote on issues at the intersection of food justice and culture. She's a writer and poet, an ambitious home cook, and an unabashed lover of books.



TAMARA HARTMAN

Wageningen University | The Netherlands

Tamara Hartman, originally from the Netherlands, holds a BA in International Development from Wageningen University. After developing an interest in postcolonial and black feminist theory, Tamara chose to continue her studies at Utrecht University where she is currently obtaining an MA in Gender studies. For her internship and thesis she is researching the archive of Joan Ferrier, a pioneer in the Black Migrant Refugee Women's Movement in the Netherlands. Tamara enjoys writing articles as a freelance journalist in her search to understand her Hindu-Surinamese Dutch identity. Her plans for the future include enrolling in a second Masters in Colonial History, where she hopes to further research blind spots in our history books.



KERIM HODŽIĆ

School of Economics and Business Sarajevo| Bosnia and Herzegovina

Born and raised in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kerim Hodžić currently studies marketing management at the School of Economics and Business Sarajevo. As a member of NGOs such as the *Youth Initiative for Human Rights* (Bosnia) which strives to heal post-conflict societies through intentional and inclusive dialogue, Kerim seeks to address and raise awareness about human rights inequalities through innovative and creative ways. Kerim organized a project known as "Paint your Culture" where he hosted workshops on human rights and utilized street art to encourage expression. In his spare time, Kerim paints and volunteers in local humanitarian non-profit organisations. After obtaining his Bachelor's degree, Kerim plans to pursue an MSc in product design and marketing management.



ZAYNAB (ZEE) KASMI

Utrecht University | The Netherlands

Zaynab (Zee) Kasmi was born and raised in a small town in the Netherlands where she currently studies International Law at Utrecht University. Her academic interests are multidisciplinary and center on the intersections of law, political sciences and philosophy. Zee wishes to bring empathy and awareness into the realm of education which she hopes will enable us with the words to create spaces of understanding.



SONJA KOSANOVIĆ

University of Banja Luka | The Netherlands

Sonja Kosanović is a senior of legal studies at the University of Banja Luka where she maintains a focus on human rights and International Law. During her time at University, Sonja attended a legal clinic allowing her to further understand the involvement and impact of the European Convention on human rights. She is also a member of the Centre for Environment where she aims to reduce the damage individuals inflict on the environment. In her spare time, Sonja enjoys writing fiction, some of which have already been published.



KEELY KRIHO

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill | United States

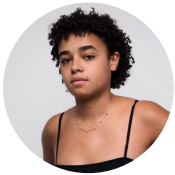
Originally from Illinois, Keely Kriho graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where she double-majored in Health Policy & Management and American Indian & Indigenous Studies. Before college, Keely traveled and volunteered in Ecuador, Peru, and South Africa through UNC's Global Gap Year Fellowship. The year abroad deepened her curiosity about the complex interactions that exist among people, places, and systems, largely inspiring her coursework. At UNC, Keely worked with individuals seeking housing and financial freedom at a local nonprofit, the Community Empowerment Fund (CEF), and increased access to health insurance information as Co-Director of Get Covered Carolina. After graduating, Keely stayed at CEF as a staff member and studied Spanish in Oaxaca, Mexico. Keely's future plans are to keep learning, building relationships, and pursuing work that illuminates and challenges the perpetuation of US settler colonialism and imperialism.



ALEXANDRA MCDOUGLE

University Hawai'i at Manoa | United States

Alexandra McDougale holds a BA in Anthropology with High Honors from the University of Hawai'i at Mānoa where she researched the potential for subadult skeletal analysis as a means of understanding agricultural shifts in the Southeast Asian Neolithic. Shortly after graduating, Alexandra was named a 2016-2017 Henry Luce Scholar and spent a year in Phnom Penh, Cambodia working with the Ministry of Culture and Fine Arts. Her work there includes collaborations with The Tuol Sleng Genocide Museum and the National Museum of Cambodia. Alexandra currently attends American University where she is obtaining an MA in Anthropology and focuses on Black Feminist Theory in Bioarchaeological Perspectives on Racism and Structural Violence.



GRACE HENNESSEY MCMICKENS

Lewis & Clark College | United States

Grace Hennessey McMickens was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York before moving to Portland, Oregon to attend Lewis & Clark College where she majored in Sociology & Anthropology and minored in Gender Studies. She graduated in 2019 after completing a thesis entitled "Good Mothers & Others: Policing Marginalized Motherhoods in the Carceral State". Through this research, Grace began volunteering with Girl Scouts Beyond Bars which provides transportation for girls whose mothers, grandmothers, and aunts are incarcerated in Coffee Creek Correctional Facility. She is a member of Liberation Literacy, a reading group and advocacy network based in Columbia River Correctional Institution in North East Portland. Since 2016 Grace has worked closely with the grassroots organization Brown Girl Rise. As a volunteer, board member, and now program coordinator for BGR, she has developed a fierce commitment to youth and family advocacy especially for youth living in the intersections of multiple marginalized identities.



DOROTHY MUKASA

Whitman College | United States

Dorothy Mukasa, originally from Everett, Washington, graduated from Whitman College with a degree in Rhetoric Studies and Music. In her final years at Whitman, Dorothy served as Creative Director of the annual Freedom Songs Concert, inviting community members to a night of storytelling, music, and dance on the theme of Home & Belonging. Dorothy wrote and performed an original song Homage to the Village, accompanied by an exhibition of eight portraits. In addition to these projects, Dorothy completed her thesis on the graphic novel trilogy *March*; highlighting the importance of visual rhetoric in grassroots movements historically and currently. Ultimately, Dorothy plans to continue creating and collaborating with other artists and cultivate the next generation of artists promoting humanity.



NAILY NEVAREZ

University of Oregon | United States

Raised in Oregon and daughter of Mexican immigrants, Nailly Nevarez is a graduating senior at the University of Oregon majoring in Art & Technology and double minoring in Computer Information Technology and Business Administration. In 2017, she circumnavigated the world through Semester at Sea, traveling to 10 countries across Asia and Africa. Nailly's artwork explores storytelling as a tool to help others build empathy for the lived experience of marginalized communities. Her commitment to empowerment has led her to intern with organizations such as MEChA, ThinkShout, Majesty Digital, CMAE and more recently, Nike Valiant Labs - Nike's business incubator that creates sustainable services for underrepresented groups. For her thesis, Nailly is partnering with Detention Watch Network to create an interactive storytelling website that reveals the injustices of immigration detention in the United States. Within the next couple of years, Nailly plans to pursue graduate studies in social innovation design.



ZULEJKA NOWICKA

Poland

Born and raised in Warsaw, Zulejka Nowicka is a Philosopher and User Experience Designer. She seeks the best way to use her professional skills and empathy for 'the other' to work against social inequalities and towards sustainability. While studying in Poland, she co-created camps for young people and designed meaningful experiences for them. She was a member of the Diversity & Inclusion task force while working at a startup in Berlin. Zulejka plans to use art creation as a method of bringing people together and building an understanding of their differences.



KENZO OKAZAKI

Middlebury College | United States

Kenzo Okazaki is from Salt Lake City and is currently pursuing a double major in History and Philosophy at Middlebury College. He spent his spring semester studying at the University of Oxford. Kenzo is an editor for Middlebury College's independent newspaper and serves on the Academic Judicial Board. He has also served on the board of Asian Students In Action, a group that serves to promote a sense of community for Asian students at Middlebury. In his spare time, Kenzo works at Middlebury's observatory and is an amateur beekeeper. After graduating, he intends to pursue a master's degree in political thought and intellectual history.



SARAH POMERANZ
Rutgers University | United States

Originally from Boston, Sarah Pomeranz is a recent alumna of Rutgers University, where she graduated summa cum laude as an Honors College Scholar with a BS in Global Business, Entrepreneurship, and Social Justice. She is the co-founder of Sulis, a social venture which develops solar-water cleaning technology for communities in India. Sarah led Sulis to the finals of the \$1 million Hult Prize Accelerator, spearheaded a crowdfunding campaign to pilot the teams' technology, and was recently named one of 2019's Top 3 American student entrepreneurs by Entrepreneur Organization. Sarah has traveled to over 30 countries and is most proud of the TED Talk she delivered this past winter entitled, "How Not To Ruin the World with Your Good Intentions." Sarah believes firmly in business as a vehicle for social change and will be moving to Washington D.C. to begin working as an Accenture Strategy Consultant in the fall.



PIPER PROLAGO
University of Tulsa | United States

Born and raised in Wichita, Kansas, Piper Prolago is a rising junior at the University of Tulsa where she studies art history and anthropology. At TU, she is part of the Global Scholars and Honors programs, as well as a violist in the University Symphony Orchestra and section editor for the student newspaper, The Collegian. Through her work as a research fellow at the Oklahoma Center for the Humanities and as a research assistant at the Center for Health and Arts Measurements Practices, Piper has studied the intersections between public art projects and community involvement. After graduating, Piper plans to pursue a graduate degree in art history specializing in Middle Eastern and North African art, with which she hopes to study global cultural heritage preservation efforts.



MINA GAUME

University of Copenhagen | Denmark

Born in Afghanistan and raised in Denmark, Mina Gaume is currently pursuing her Master's degree in Political Science and Government at the University of Copenhagen. Mina works as a student assistant at the Danish Immigration Service and co-leads From Street to School where she is dedicated to providing marginalized groups in Afghanistan with access to education, clean water and relief aid. Beyond these roles, Mina has served as a research analyst and an ambassador for Dialogue at the Danish Youth Council. Her interests include youth empowerment, sustainable development, human rights and global affairs. Mina's personal vision is to see a world that works for everyone and not a privileged few and hopes to spend her life working towards this goal.



VANESSA SORIANO

New York University | United States

Born and raised in Elizabeth, New Jersey, Vanessa Soriano is a graduate student at New York University-- pursuing her Master's in Secondary Education with a concentration in teaching Social Studies. Vanessa holds a BA from Montclair State University in Political Science with a minor in Latin American/Latino Studies. Her senior capstone project was on colorism in Latin American institutions with a focus on social programs. While pursuing her undergraduate degree, she worked as a constituent services advocate for the House of Representatives, building expertise on cases from the Department of State and Health & Human Services. In 2019, she participated in MSU's Human Rights Education Project to create a curriculum on the Venezuelan health care crisis. She also presented a paper proposal at Nuestra America: Justice and Inclusion, Latin American Studies Association 2019 Congress. Through her work, Vanessa continues to fight for the liberation of all through political and education reform.



JAMES SYKES

Saint Louis University | United States

A St. Louis native, James Sykes is a first-generation college graduate from Saint Louis University having obtained a BA in Biochemistry. A firm believer in the power of storytelling, James spent much of his collegiate life focused on college access within low-income communities. As a part of the Young People For Fellowship, he founded OverMatch Mentoring – an organization focused on empowering the narratives of high school students through essay writing. Currently, he is pursuing a MA in Education from the University of Missouri – St. Louis, while teaching Algebra through Teach for America. As an Aspen Young Leaders Fellow, he is engaging with local community leaders to enact greater change in St. Louis. James understands the intellectual power of the social sciences to contextualize issues of systemic inequity and hopes to utilize this perspective in his pursuit of an MD/MA in Medical Anthropology, eventually bringing about better informed and culturally responsive medical practices.



MAHIR TÜRKMEN

University of Passau | Germany

As a son of a former "Gastarbeiter", Mahir Türkmen remains very much in touch with his Turkish/Kurdish culture. After his voluntary year in Haifa, Israel, he studied political science and sociology at the University of Passau. During his bachelors, he spent a semester abroad in Cordoba, Argentina and learned a lot about the struggle of the Indigenous Mapuche against discrimination and exploitation. Already during his bachelor's degree, empowerment work and organizing BI_PoC was one of his focal points, which is why he organized the festival Contre Le Racisme twice and co-founded a BI_PoC university group. He also worked at different antiracist projects for the diversity company Vielfaltsprojekte. After several internships, among others at the MdB Ulla Jelpke in the field of migration and asylum, Mahir has started his Master in Social Sciences at the Humboldt University of Berlin this year.



MAGDALENA WILCZYŃSKA

University of Lodz | Poland

Born in Warsaw, raised in Łódź and living in Upper Silesia, Magdalena Kolczyńska is a graduate of the College of Inter-Area Individual Studies from the University of Warsaw with a BA in the Humanities and Social Sciences. In addition, she holds two MAs in Law and Philosophical Ethics and is a PhD. candidate in Law at the University of Lodz. Magdalena is involved in the activity of the Association for Persons with Disabilities (SPES) and she worked with the leading Polish legal firm on the implementation of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities in Poland. In her academic work, she is focused on the problems of human rights, nationalism, citizenship and the law of foreign aid. In addition, she investigates the question of what is beyond justice, exploring the legal realms of forgiveness and reconciliation. Next fall, Magdalena is starting her LLM studies on the International Law of Human Rights in Lund, Sweden.



EDA NUR YILAR

Humboldt University Berlin | Germany

Born and raised in Berlin, Eda Nur Yilar holds an MA in Global Studies from Humboldt University. As part of her education, she lived in Ireland, Thailand, India, and South Africa. Her professional experience is based at the intersection of the public and private sector, where she has worked for a number of institutions such as the Federal Foreign Office, Volkswagen the Konrad-Adenauer Foundation and Microsoft. As the Director of the Sakura Peace Institute in India, she has worked to raise awareness about the importance of education for marginalized communities. Hence, she hosted an event on the subject of “Education for Transformation” at the sidelines of the 50th Annual World Economic Forum in Davos. She is involved in supporting underprivileged youth in Berlin and contributed to the public discussion of identity and integration through different volunteering organizations. Eda is fluent in German, Turkish, and English and considers herself a Global Citizen.

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Kali-Ahset Amen is the John Lewis Fellowship Program Director of Humanity in Action. She holds a B.A. in African Studies (Columbia University), a PhD in Sociology (Emory University) and a Graduate Certificate in Museum Studies (Harvard University). She is an Assistant Professor of Sociology at Johns Hopkins University and Associate Editor of City & Community, the urban section journal of the American Sociological Association. Kali-Ahset's scholarship and intellectual activism focus on black subjectivities and citizenship inequality in Central America and the US South. She has received multiple fellowships in support of her research, including most recently, a 2018 Beinecke Library Postdoctoral Fellowship from Yale University. Previously, Kali-Ahset was Associate Director of the James Weldon Johnson Institute for the Study of Race and Difference at Emory University and served on the faculty of Emory's Master's program in International Development Practice. Beyond the academy, Kali-Ahset has worked as a policy researcher, award-winning radio journalist and exhibition curator for libraries and museums. She has lived and worked in South Africa, Zimbabwe, Panama and France.



HANANE ABOUELLOTFI
Associate Director
Amsterdam, Netherlands

Born and raised in Heerlen, the Dutch equivalent of Texas, Hanane moved to Amsterdam in 2000. She attended the VU Amsterdam University to obtain her BA degree in Political Science. In 2014 she attended the University of Amsterdam where she obtained her Master's degree in Political Communication. Hanane has been involved in numerous youth civic engagement organizations, such as Mosa (youth radio and debate) and Hi5 (now IZI solutions). Hanane is a 2014 Amsterdam Senior Fellow and has worked as the program intern for the Humanity in Action John Lewis Fellowship in 2017 and 2018. She is also a Fulbright Summer Institute Alumni and has worked as technical manager at a Vote Advice Application company. She is currently working at an organization that facilitates innovation in terms of organizational and educational change at over 200 secondary schools in The Netherlands.



ADAMA KAMARA

Program Assistant

Lexington, VA, United States

Adama Kamara is the Humanity in Action John Lewis Fellowship Program Assistant. She graduated Magna Cum Laude from Emory University after the completion of her honors thesis in the department of Anthropology, titled “The Politics of Empowerment and Black Female Sexuality: Perceptions Through the Lens of Atlanta’s Counter-Trafficking Networks”. A firm believer in the power of storytelling, she served as editor-in-chief of *BLACKSTAR, Emory’s first and only Black student publication, and was a research and curatorial assistant for The James Weldon Johnson Institute of Race and Difference. She was also inducted into Emory’s Class of 2020 Senior Honorary, received a Graduating Woman of Excellence Award, and was selected as the 2020 Class Orator. Previously, Adama collaborated on the documentary films, “Home” (Forthcoming) by Warsan Shire, and “The Burning” (2020) by Dr. Isabella Alexander-Nathani. Lastly, she is currently a Venture for America Fellow and a digital media strategist for ISE-DA, a platform promoting visual arts culture for young creatives, collectors and enthusiasts of the Black and African diaspora.



KENDELL MILLER-ROBERTS

Senior Fellow Volunteer

Dallas, TX, United States

Kendell graduated from Southern Methodist University with a B.F.A. in Dance Performance, a B.A. in Human Rights, and a minor in Women’s and Gender Studies. During the spring of her junior year, she studied abroad in the Netherlands and Morocco focusing on gender and sexuality. She has traveled to Europe to study the Holocaust and WWII, across the United States Midwest to study Indigenous Rights, and through the Deep South to understand the modern Civil Rights Movement and the death penalty. She most recently served as a Post-Baccalaureate Fellow for the SMU Human Rights Program and was a Group Leader for the Experiment in International Living. Her choreographic work, *Thoughts and Prayers* was performed at the 2018 Dallas Dance Festival. She is also a 2018 Copenhagen Senior Fellow. This fall, she’ll be attending the University of Michigan to earn her Master’s of Integrative Design with a focus on equity and access. She hopes to center her design work on urban equity and housing justice.



Yael Herskovits Agbabiaka

**National Director
Frankfurt, Germany**

Yael is the US National Director of Humanity in Action. She has worked across the private, public and nonprofit sectors in Germany, France, China, Belgium and the US before joining Humanity in Action. Her recent work has focused on advancing educational equity both in the cultural education field and in human rights education. Yael holds a BA in Comparative Politics and International Law from the American University of Paris, an MA in International Affairs from the New School and a Post-Graduate Certificate in Organization Development. She is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Berlin 2011 and Pat Cox Fellow 2012). Yael bridges the European and US context through her work, family, and lived experience. Her husband and her have deep connection internationally and have chosen to build their home in Brooklyn, NY.



JUDITH S. GOLDSTEIN

**Founder and Executive Director
Great Neck, United States**

Judith S. Goldstein founded Humanity in Action in 1997 and has served as its Executive Director ever since. Under Judith's leadership, Humanity in Action has organized educational programs on international affairs, diversity and human rights in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, France, Germany, Poland, the Netherlands and the United States. She received her PhD in history from Columbia University and was a Woodrow Wilson Scholar for her MA studies. Judith has written several books and articles about European and American history, art and landscape architecture. She is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and several boards and advisory groups. Judith grew up in Great Neck, Long Island.



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SPEAKERS





DR. CAROL ANDERSON

Carol Anderson is a Charles Howard Candler Professor of African American Studies at Emory University. Professor Anderson's research and teaching focus on public policy; particularly the ways that domestic and international policies intersect through the issues of race, justice, and equality in the United States. Professor Anderson is the author of *Eyes Off the Prize: The United Nations and the African-American Struggle for Human Rights, 1944-1955*, which was published by Cambridge University Press and awarded both the Gustavus Myers and Myrna Bernath Book Awards. In her second monograph, *Bourgeois Radicals: The NAACP and the Struggle for Colonial Liberation, 1941-1960*, also published by Cambridge, Professor Anderson uncovered the long-hidden and important role of the nation's most powerful civil rights organization in the fight for the liberation of peoples of color in Africa and Asia.

Professor Anderson's most recent work, *White Rage: The Unspoken Truth of Our Nation's Divide*, published by Bloomsbury, is a *New York Times* Bestseller, and was a *New York Times* Editor's Pick for July 2016. Her most recent book *One Person, No Vote: How Voter Suppression is Destroying our Democracy* was released in 2018. Professor Anderson was a member of the U.S. State Department's Historical Advisory Committee and is currently on the Board of Directors of the National Economic and Social Rights Initiative. She is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Miami University, where she earned Bachelor's and Master's degree in Political Science, International Relations, and History. She earned her PhD in History from The Ohio State. Professor Anderson is a close friend of Humanity in Action, having spoken in the Fellowship every year, at conferences and in webinars for Senior Fellows.



STEPHANIE ARCHANGEL

Stephanie Archangel is a junior curator at the History department of the Rijksmuseum in the Netherlands. She co-curated the exhibition "80 Years of War, The Birth of the Netherlands" and "Here: Black in Rembrandt's Time." At the Rijksmuseum, she is committed to translating the collection to address contemporary social issues. She is also working on a terminology project in which the Rijksmuseum takes a critical look at existing titles and descriptions of its collection.



AJAMU BARAKA

Ajamu Baraka is a geopolitical analyst, organizer, writer, and human rights defender with over 48 years of movement work in the U.S. and internationally. Ajamu is on the Executive Committee of the U.S. Peace Council, the leadership body of the United National Anti-War Coalition, the steering committee of the Black is Back Coalition and National Organizer for the Black Alliance for Peace. He is an editor and contributing columnist for the *Black Agenda Report* and contributing columnist for *Counterpunch*. He was recently awarded the U.S. Peace Memorial 2019 Peace Prize and the Serena Shirm award for uncompromised integrity in journalism. In 2016, Baraka was the Green Party's Vice-Presidential candidate with Jill Stein in the 2016 U.S. presidential race.

Baraka has taught political science at various universities and has been a guest lecturer at academic institutions in the U.S. and abroad. A frequent commentator on a number of domestic and international issues, Baraka has appeared on and been covered in a wide-range of print, broadcast, and digital media outlets such as CNN, BBC, the Tavis Smiley Show, Telemundo, ABC's World News Tonight, TeleSur, Black Commentator, Russia Today, *The Washington Post*, and *The New York Times*.



RAISSA BIEKMAN

Raissa Biekman holds Bachelor's and Master's degrees in Political Science, and a Master's degree in Public Administration. She specializes in International Relations. After her graduation in 2013, Raissa worked in higher education in Surinam as a lecturer and education coordinator. Her passion for international social issues has always been a common thread in her career. In the past, Raissa also served as a moderator for local political events, delegation visits from international organizations, such as the International Monetary Fund, and international conferences. In addition, she worked as a consultant and political analyst for local media (STVS) and international organizations.



DR. DURRYLE BROOKS

Durryle Brooks, PhD, MA is an interdisciplinary researcher and a social justice practitioner from Baltimore, Maryland. He is the Founder of Love and Justice Consulting LLC, an organization that provides leaders with diversity and social justice learning opportunities. He is also a W. K. Kellogg Community Leadership Network Fellow. Currently, Durryle Brooks is a Research Associate in the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in the Department of Epidemiology. Durryle is deeply invested in love as liberation work and believes that we can create a world where everyone is mentally, physically, emotionally, and spiritually secure. He strives to live up to his father's favorite maxim: "If I can help somebody as I pass along, if I can cheer somebody with a word or song, if I can show someone they have traveled wrong, then my living has not been in vain."



JANVIEVE WILLIAMS COMRIE

Janvieve Williams Comrie is a Black and Latina human rights strategist, trainer, and organizer with a deep commitment to assist in the building of powerful social movements for racial justice and human rights. She has worked in a variety of fields and for several human rights institutions, including the Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights Regional Office Central America, where she coordinated a regional program on race and racism. Janvieve is internationally recognized for her work with Afrodescendent communities. Janvieve sits on the Board of Directors of Praxis Project, and on the Regional Advisory Committee for Planned Parenthood Federation/Western Hemisphere Region (IPPF/WHR). She has recently been awarded a Soros Equality Fellowship (2018-2020). She is mother to two amazing children and lives in the Bronx, New York with her life partner.



GABRIEL CABÁN CUBERO

Richard Gabriel first came to Adelante as Organizing Fellow for the Shut Down Etowah Campaign. Their first taste of organizing began when they fought against Amendment 1, an anti-LGBTQ constitutional amendment proposed in North Carolina. This passion for organizing developed into advocacy opposing HB2 (anti-Trans bill in North Carolina), pressuring decision makers to make Wake Forest University a Sanctuary Campus for undocumented students, and educating peers in organizing and power building. Continuing to push for justice, they are incredibly excited to be directly addressing immigration detention and mass incarceration with this amazing group of people, both in Adelante and the Shut Down Etowah Campaign.



TERENCE COURTNEY

Born and raised in Atlanta Georgia, Terence has been an advocate for equity for twenty years. He began this work with the Service Employees International Union (SEIU) where he brought together African American, Latino, and Asian workers to improve their lives in Atlanta, Los Angeles, and San Francisco. Terence led union campaigns in the public and private sectors and later was appointed to be the State-wide Union Representative for SEIU in Georgia.

Expanding his movement-building work from City-wide to Southern Region-wide, Terence became the Southeastern Regional Organizer for the Black Alliance for Just Immigration (BAJI).

Currently, Terence serves as the Director of Cooperative Development & Strategic Initiatives, where he supports the cooperative economic development of newly emerging cooperatives, while organizing with members to strengthen existing cooperatives.



TARA DICKMAN

Tara Dickman worked for Humanity in Action France from 2007 to 2012. She joined Humanity in Action after receiving an MA in Comparative Politics from New York University (NYU), where she focused on the impact of the monopoly of cultural approaches to minority rights in international law on the understanding of the 2005 riots in the French suburbs. Tara grew up between Paris and its suburbs, where she has been and remains involved in social, artistic, and civil rights issues. Prior to attending NYU, she had received a BA in Information and Communication followed by a graduate program at the Institute for European Studies of Paris 8 University before doing comparative research on race and urban politics at Brown University. From 2010 to 2016, she organized a nationwide campaign against racial profiling in France involving several Humanity in Action Senior Fellows. The campaign resulted in France being found guilty of racial discrimination and several bills presented in the French Parliament on collecting data on stop and search practices. Today, with her non-profit organization Le Next Level, Tara is a strategist and a community organizer for projects fostering equal rights and opportunities and social cohesion. She is also a certified civil servant trainer on inclusive management, discrimination, and the implications of secularism in the workplace. Tara is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Paris Fellowship 2007).



ERIK MILTIADIS EDMAN

Erik is a Greek-Swedish Athenian who left Greece in 2010. He received his BA in History and Politics from the University of Exeter in the UK, and MSc on Political Sociology from the London School of Economics and Political Science (LSE). He moved to Brussels during the difficult year of 2015 and worked for three years for various NGOs in Brussels, while remaining an activist for human rights and against climate catastrophe. In 2016, he became a member of the Democracy in Europe Movement 2025 (DiEM25); the pan-European movement for the democratisation of the EU. In 2017 he became a member of the movement's Coordinating Collective. He returned to Greece in August 2018 to resume the responsibilities of Campaign Manager for MeRA25, DiEM25's electoral wing (political party) in the country, led by Yanis Varoufakis. He traveled the length and breadth of the country in order to set-up the foundation of the party and prepare for the European and National elections of 2019.



MITCHELL ESAJAS

Mitchell Esajas (the Netherlands, 1988) is co-founder of New Urban Collective, a network for students and young professionals from diverse backgrounds with a focus on the Surinamese, Caribbean, and African diaspora. Esajas studied Business Studies and Anthropology at the Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam. In 2016 he co-founded the Black Archives in Amsterdam, a cultural center based on a unique collection of books, documents and artifacts documenting the histories of Surinamese and Black people in the Dutch context. The Black Archives develops exhibitions and public programs based on the collections and urgent societal issues.



DR. NATHAN FURUKAWA

A 2009 New York Fellow, Dr. Nathan Furukawa is currently an Epidemic Intelligence Service Officer at the United States Center for Disease Control and Prevention and works in the Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention. It is an exciting time as the necessary tools exist now to prevent new HIV infections. The United States has launched an ambitious plan on ending the HIV epidemic in the next 10 years. As a part of this larger effort, Nathan is working on promoting the widespread implementation of pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP), reducing healthcare stigma among men who have sex with men, and investigating and responding to expanding clusters of HIV infection among people who inject drugs. This work represents the intersection of his passion for medicine, public health, care for vulnerable populations and human rights. To say it is his dream job is an understatement!



KONSTANTY GEBERT

Konstanty Gebert was born in Warsaw (1953) and is a Psychology graduate of Warsaw University (1976). He is currently an international reporter and columnist with leading Polish daily *Gazeta Wyborcza*. He was a Democratic opposition activist in the Seventies, and underground journalist (as Dawid Warszawski) in the Eighties. He is the Co-founder of the underground Jewish Flying University, and of the Polish Jewish intellectual monthly *Midrasz*. He is also a Board member of the Einstein Forum, Potsdam; Paideia, Stockholm; and Dutch Jewish Humanitarian Fund, The Hague. He has taught at Hebrew University, Jerusalem, UC Berkeley and Grinnell College, USA, and is the author of eleven books in Polish, some translated into English, Italian and Bosnian, which covers Poland's round table negotiations of 1989, on the Yugoslav wars, on Israeli history, and commentaries on the Torah. His essays have been published in dozens of collections around the world, and his articles have appeared in media worldwide. His most recent publications are "Poland: Living Apart", in: Anders Jerichow and Cecilie Felicia Stockholm Banke (Eds): *Pre-Genocide. Warnings and Responsibility to Protect*, 2018; "Poland Since 1989 – Muddling Through, Wall to Wall" in: Sabrina P. Ramet, Christine M. Hassenstab (Eds): *Central and Southeast European Politics Since 1989*. His most recent award is the American Jewish Press Association Rockower Award, 2018.



DR. MAURICE HOBSON

Dr. Maurice Hobson is an Associate Professor of African-American Studies and Historian at Georgia State University. He earned a Ph.D. in History, focusing in African-American History and 20th Century U.S. History from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. His research interests are grounded in the fields of African-American history, 20th Century U.S. history, comparative labor, African-American studies, oral history and ethnography, urban and rural history, political economy, and popular cultural studies. He is the author of award-winning book titled *The Legend of the Black Mecca: Politics and Class in the Making of Modern Atlanta* with the University of North Carolina Press.



DR. GEORGETTE "JOJO" LEDGISTER

Dr. Georgette "Jojo" Ledgister is a Congolese-American scholar and champion of diversity, equity and inclusion. She serves as the Executive Director of Fearless Dialogues, an organization that specializes in creating unique spaces in which unlikely partners can gather to have hard and heartfelt dialogue about difficult subjects. She holds undergraduate and Master's degrees from Emory University, where she also earned a PhD in Social Ethics and Comparative Religions. She is an incoming research associate and visiting lecturer in the Women's Studies in Religion Program at Harvard Divinity School. Her research lies at the intersection of conflict, social ethics, and gender. Her scholarship assists organizations, companies, foundations, universities, schools, and faith communities, to develop the skills and strategies to tap into the creative and constructive possibilities of conflict. She resides in Atlanta, Georgia, with her spouse, André, and their daughter, Zuri.



DELESSLIN "ROO" GEORGE-WARREN

DeLesslin "Roo" George-Warren is a queer artist researcher and organizer from Catawba Indian Nation whose work ranges from performance to installation art to community education to food sovereignty to language revitalization. He is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow (Copenhagen 2014). Since 2017, he has been the Special Projects Coordinator for the Catawba Cultural Preservation Project where he facilitates the Catawba Language Project, several food sovereignty initiatives and other community education projects. He has performed lectured and exhibited throughout the US including the Utah Museum of Fine Arts, College of Charleston, Vanderbilt University, Ithaca College and more. In 2018 DeLesslin was recognized as a 2018 "40 Under 40" by the National Council on American Indian Enterprise Development. In 2017 he was selected as a Dreamstarter by Running Strong for American Indian Youth and in 2016 he was recognized as a "25 Under 25" by United National Inter Tribal Youth.



ESTEBAN GIL

Esteban Gil is the Program Associate for the Criminal Justice Reform Practice Group at the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC). Prior to working at SPLC, he was a worker, paralegal, and a community organizer focusing on community research, outreach, and direct action: particularly to expose, confront, and dismantle state surveillance policies, apparatus, and tactics. He is a graduate of the University of California, at Berkeley and grew up in Pasadena, California, from an Argentine immigrant family; raised by his mother: a union organizer and a nurse.



MARK LEON GOLDBERG

Mark Leon Goldberg is a writer, blogger and podcaster. He is the editor of the United Nations and global affairs blog UN Dispatch and host of the Global Dispatches Podcast. He is co-founder of the global humanitarian news clips service DAWNS Digest. For three years running, he's been named one of *Foreign Policy* magazine's Top 100 "Twitterati."

From 2004-2006 Mark was a writing fellow at *The American Prospect* where he wrote numerous articles on foreign policy. Prior to joining the Prospect, Mark was a research assistant at the New America Foundation. Mark is a senior fellow with Humanity in Action and a proud former Dan Dutko Memorial Foundation Public Policy Fellow.

Mark's work has been featured in *The New York Times*, *The Guardian*, *The American Prospect*, *Foreign Policy*, *The Globe and Mail*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *Newsweek*, *The New Republic*, PSI IMPACT, USAID Frontlines, and *The Daily Beast*. He has appears regularly as an on-air guest for Al Jazeera English, National Public Radio, the BBC and HuffPost Live.

He has a Master of Arts in Security Studies from the Georgetown University School of Foreign Service and a Bachelor of Arts from Tufts University. Mark is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow of the 2001 Amsterdam Program.



LISA GRAYBILL

Lisa Graybill is the Deputy Legal Director for the Criminal Justice Reform Practice Group at the Southern Poverty Law Center (SPLC). Their work is focused on disrupting mass incarceration and eliminating the structural racism that fuels over-policing, prosecution, imprisonment, and oppression of people of color, immigrants, young people, women, low-income people, and the LGBTQ+ community.



LESLIE FAITH JONES

Leslie Faith Jones, a Philadelphia native and graduate of Temple University Beasley School of Law, considers herself a People's Lawyer, using what she has learned in nearly 25 years of movement building to empower communities (youth, adults, families) to challenge criminal justice and environmental policies which adversely affect and impact their lives.



MAHLIA JOYCE

Mahlia Joyce credits her deep familial roots in Carroll County, Maryland, as starting her on a journey towards recognizing nature as medicine and in cultivating tools of liberation and justice. She has dedicated over 20 years of her life to social justice and education and, in fact, sees the transformative potential of empowered living as a continuation of that work. Now a proud resident of Baltimore City, she can occasionally be found out and about around town at a cultural event or laughing with friends, though her most precious times are spent at home with her wife and cat or in nature. A graduate of Maryland University of Integrative Health, Mahlia also holds a Masters of Science in Counseling.



K. RASHID NURI

K. Rashid Nuri had a powerful “burning bush” revelation while a student at Harvard. The experience set him on a global food odyssey, managing agricultural operations throughout the U.S. and 35 countries in Europe, Asia, and Africa. Rashid saw, up close, the abuses and inefficiencies of Big Ag. His vision of community food sovereignty and food equity emerged with full clarity. He brought that vision to Atlanta in 2006, founding Truly Living Well Center for Natural Urban Agriculture (TLW). TLW became Atlanta's premier urban agricultural organization, growing tons of chemical-free, nutritious food, providing jobs, and educating communities about food, nutrition, and self-sufficiency. Now, as the CEO of The Nuri Group, Rashid is working to expand equitable access to the tools for success in urban centers through education, funding, partnerships, and appropriate regulations for urban agriculture. Rashid is the author of *Growing Out Loud: Journey of a Food Revolutionary*, which chronicles his journeys, the failing state of the food supply, and offers guidance for the new food movement.



SUZANNE DEL ROSARIO

Suzanne del Rosario is an advocate and organizer. She currently works at the Southern Poverty Law Center as an Outreach Paralegal. She works with a team of advocates and attorneys committed to investigating and monitoring conditions issues at immigrant detention centers – including access to counsel and access to medical and mental health services. Suzanne manages client communications and fosters meaningful partnerships with grassroots organizations focused on criminal justice reform and immigrant rights in the Southeast. She has previously interned with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC), Institute of International Education, and Make the Road New York. She received her Bachelors of Arts in Public Policy & Law and Human Rights from Trinity College (CT) in 2018.



SAIM SEED

Saim Seed is a Breaking News Reporter for POLITICO based in Brussels. Before joining, he worked at The Express Tribune, an English language daily in Karachi, Pakistan – his hometown – writing mostly about South Asian politics, security and terrorism. He has also worked as a writing assistant at the World Policy Institute in New York, and an editorial assistant at The American Interest in Washington, DC. Saim has written for *The New York Times*, *Al Jazeera*, *The Diplomat*, *Haaretz*, and numerous publications in South Asia. He has an undergraduate degree from Bard College and a Master's from Oxford.



DR. AAKASH SHAH

Aakash Shah (HIA Senior Fellow, Amsterdam 2010) is a practicing emergency room doctor who treated the earliest confirmed cases of COVID in New Jersey and has advised correctional facilities, community-based organizations, state government officials in responding to the pandemic. His advocacy work focuses on the intersection of criminal justice and healthcare reform.



ANTJE SCHEIDLER

Antje Scheidler has been with Humanity in Action since 2001, when she became Program Director of the, then new, German Program. Antje was born in East Germany and has lived for almost her entire life in Berlin, where she experienced the fall of the Berlin Wall as a teenager. Antje studied English and American Studies and Social Sciences at Humboldt University Berlin and the University of Toronto, and became very interested in immigration related issues and matters of social cohesion. She worked as a researcher at Humboldt University at the Department of Demography from 2000-2007 and as editor-in-chief of the newsletter “Migration and Population” from 2000-2011. Apart from being the National Director of Humanity in Action Germany she also oversees the international programs of the organization.



DR. RAFAEL SOLÓRZANO

Dr. Rafael Solórzano will be joining California State University-Los Angeles as an Assistant Professor in the Department of Chicana(o) and Latina(o) Studies in the fall of 2019. He is a social movement historian whose teaching interest include Latina/o/x research, racial geographies, and queer of color critique. His current book project, *Trail of Dreams; Forging New Visions of Migrant Justice*, documents the political ingenuity led by undocumented youth along the Trail, a four-month, 1,500 mile walk from Florida to DC.



AYINDE SUMMERS

Ayinde Summers grew up in the green metro area of Atlanta, Georgia, developing a love for the great outdoors and fun education. In 1999 he began fostering a career in Experiential Education as a program director for NFL-Youth Education Town Atlanta where he designed his first program Georgia Explorers Camp. This project allowed students to navigate the geography and archeology of Georgia while engaging academic challenges. Ayinde began learning the science of experience learning as an apprentice with, industry pioneer Tony Coppage who has 34 years of facilitating and challenge program design. By 2004 Ayinde was designing and facilitating programs and workshops for corporations, educational institutions, and student groups. He also formed Cultural Expeditions that develops service crews and give youth character development through skill development and cultural awareness using Kurt Hahn and Howard Gardner pedagogies. Through this company he has been able to discover social technologies that now encompass literacy, math, science, and service learning. Ayinde Summers has also made presentations at the South Eastern Regional Board's, High Schools That Work, International Dyslexia Conference and has been recognized by the National Parks Service.



RESHA SWANSON

Resha first arrived in Alabama in 2015 to attend the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, where she graduated with a Bachelor's of Social Work and Bachelor of Arts in Spanish. Her professional background is in intercultural relations, victim services, and policy analysis. Before beginning as a full-time staff member at Adelante, Resha served as the organizer for Shut Down Etowah, where she used her social work background to advocate for prison abolition. Resha's work is informed by her own experiences as a black woman in the South and in Latinx spaces. She is extremely interested in how organizations can use policy as an organizing tool and strengthening the alliances between brown and black folks through strategic communication.



DR. SYBILLE STEINBACHER

Dr. Sybille Steinbacher is a German historian and author. She has been director of the Fritz Bauer Institute and has held the newly established Chair for Research on the History and Impact of the Holocaust since May 2017. From 2010 to 2017, she was a university professor of contemporary history and dictatorship, violence, and genocide comparative studies at the University of Vienna. She studied history and political science in Munich and was a research fellow at the Institute for Contemporary History in Munich and at the German Historical Institute in Warsaw. She was a research associate at Ruhr University Bochum, where she earned her doctorate, and at Friedrich Schiller University Jena, where she obtained her *Habilitation* in the department of history at both universities. As a Feodor Lynen Research Fellow sponsored by the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation, she carried out research at Harvard University in 2004/2005. In 2010, Steinbacher held the Fritz Bauer Institute visiting professorship for interdisciplinary Holocaust research. In 2012/2013, she was the Ina Levine invitational scholar at the Mandel Center for Advanced Holocaust Studies at the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C.



DR. AKINYELE UMOJA

Akinyele Umoja is an activist scholar, Professor of African-American Studies at Georgia State University and author. He is the author of the award-winning, *We Will Shoot Back: Armed Resistance and the Mississippi Freedom Movement* (New York University, 2013) and the co-editor of the *Black Power Encyclopedia* (Greenwood Press, 2018), which has also won significant recognition. Umoja has been an organizer for over four and a half decades and is a founding member of the Malcolm X Grassroots Movement.



AMINATA UMOJA

Aminata has been a classroom teacher and professional developer in urban school districts for over 30 years. She has also served as a Model Teacher Leader and is the founder and director of a home school tutorial project. Aminata's areas of focus include developing Data Coaches and high-performing Data Teams, helping struggling readers achieve success, equity, culturally relevant curriculum and pedagogy, differentiated instruction, transforming schools into professional learning communities, and inquiry science for elementary and middle school students.



ALOK VAID-VENON

ALOK (they/them) is a gender non-conforming writer and performance artist. Their distinctive style and poetic challenge to the gender binary have been internationally renowned. As a mixed-media artist ALOK uses poetry, prose, comedy, performance, lecture, fashion design, and portraiture to explore themes of gender, race, trauma, belonging, and the human condition. They are the author of *Femme in Public* (2017) and *Beyond the Gender Binary* (2020). In 2019 they were honored as one of NBC's Pride 50 and Out Magazine's OUT 100. They have presented their work at 500 venues in more than 40 countries. They were a Humanity in Action Fellow (2011) in Amsterdam.



JOCK WEBB

Jock Webb Sr. is an Alabama native Blues Harmonica Musician. On his Jack Dappa Blues Heritage Podcast Jock Webb Sr, speaks on the truth of the Blues, the experience of The Blues and African Americans.



MARIE NELE WOLFRAM

Marie Nele Wolfram is a trainer for social activism, political participation, personal development, and project management. In 2014, she was elected as a member of the city council of her hometown Plauen, located in Eastern Germany, where she has been active in work against right wing extremism for many years. In 2017, she started the political campaign Informationen für Deutschland, using posters and social media to challenge anti-democratic assumptions and stereotypes before the national election. Nele studied International Relations in Dresden, where she founded a social charity network. As a project manager and co-founder of Impulse Boost Camp, she annually creates a space for young social change makers from all over the world to share experiences and learn together on how to make political activism fun.

Nele has lived in the USA, Paris, Burundi, and Tunisia before she moved to Berlin where she recently worked for the German Federal Foreign Office.

ABOUT HUMANITY IN ACTION

Humanity in Action is a transatlantic non-profit organization that educates, inspires and connects a community of students and

young professionals committed to the values of pluralism, social justice, human rights and civic engagement in their own communities and around the world. Our goal is to inspire responsible leadership to meet the local and global challenges of social division and social conflict.

Antisemitism, racism, islamophobia, trans- and homophobia, misogyny, and other forms of discrimination and hatred are testing pluralistic and democratic societies. Our programs address these issues head-on. Since its founding over two decades ago, Humanity in Action has engaged over 2,000

leaders in a variety of educational human rights programs in Europe and the United States. They now form a unique international alumni

community committed to social justice and human rights.

Our programs are testing grounds for thinking anew with activists, experts, policymakers, artists and business leaders about complex issues of pluralism. We identify new generations of

social, cultural, political and other change makers and offer them multifaceted and collaborative education that bridges the historical with the contemporary.

Humanity in Action's annual Fellowship brings together about 150 European and US college and university students,

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as well as young professionals based in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, France, Germany, Greece, Poland, the Netherlands, Ukraine and the United States. Throughout a four-week, on-site program, Humanity in Action Fellows meet emerging and established leaders of diverse backgrounds and collectively look at historical and contemporary social justice issues.

Upon completing the on-site component of the Fellowship, Fellows return to their communities and implement an Action Project as a way of giving back and sharing their newly acquired knowledge and skills. Action projects are as diverse as Humanity in Action Fellows; they are a valuable resource to the communities in which they are rooted.

Humanity in Action maintains an international alumni community students, young professionals, established leaders and experts in various fields, providing Fellows and Senior Fellows with a range of educational and career opportunities. These have included seminars, workshops, study trips and other Professional Fellowships at leading civic and political institutions, such as the European Parliament, the U.S. Congress, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP) and the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Ohio and Georgia. Through its programs and partnerships with outstanding

civic and educational organizations including the National Center for Civil and Human Rights, The New School, The POLIN Museum of the History of Polish Jews, the Anne Frank House and the Bertelsmann Foundation North America, Humanity in Action contributes in innovative ways to advance human rights and democratic freedoms.

Humanity in Action is a non-profit organization with governing and advisory boards in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Denmark, France, Germany, the Netherlands, Poland, and the United States. Humanity in Action's international headquarters are in New York City. Major supporters of Humanity in Action have included the Ford Foundation, the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the William H. Donner Foundation, the Richard and Rhoda Goldman Fund, the Foundation Remembrance, Responsibility and Future (EVZ), the Stavros Niarchos Foundation, the Dutch Ministry for Health, Welfare and Sport and the U.S. Department of State.

“Humanity in Action is one of the great organizations that is making a great contribution, not just to America, but to people around the world. As members of the human family, it is our mission to respect the dignity and the worth of every human being.”

- U.S. Representative John Lewis.

FELLOWSHIP FUTURE ENGAGEMENT

A LIFE-LONG ENGAGEMENT

The John Lewis Fellowship may only last for a year, but engagement with Humanity in Action lasts much longer. The John Lewis Fellowship serves as an entryway into a global network of people dedicated to advancing human rights, pluralism and active citizenship around the world. There are many ways to engage in the Humanity in Action Network. The diagram below shows each Fellows' progression through Humanity in Action, starting with the on-site Fellowship, the planning and execution of the Action Project, and the Senior Fellow opportunities available to them afterwards.

