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Welcome to the 7th annual Campus Progress National Conference.

If you are engaged in activism or journalism work to bring positive change to this country or your community, or if you're thinking about doing so, this conference is for you. You'll be able to hear from inspiring speakers, listen to contentious debates, make your own voices heard, and meet potential allies for future work.

This work is urgent. In the past year, young people were tested by political winds that threatened the interests of your generation. Young people won some key victories and showed determination and courage time after time.

Campus Progress is fortunate to be part of many of these efforts:

Young people are leading the way on immigration reform, because for millions of young immigrants, the United States is the only country they know, yet they find themselves living in the shadows. Campus Progress worked with a coalition of groups and undocumented people in an effort that nearly brought passage of the DREAM

Act to give young immigrants a path to citizenship. That fight continues.

Young people are leading the way on LGBTQ equality, because they are outraged that prejudice by older people can still be allowed to translate into discrimination. Campus Progress has worked on efforts around the country, including a successful 2010 voter drive in Bowling Green, Ohio, that doubled student voting as compared with 2008 and secured passage of LGBTQ nondiscrimination laws.

Young people are leading the way on affordable college, because they don't want to live in a world where family wealth determines access to an education, hurting students and our economy. Campus Progress has worked with other youth organizations to protect the Pell grant, while also helping to build a coalition of civil rights, consumer, and other groups to face off against a furious lobbying campaign by for-profit colleges that have been ripping off students and taxpayers.

Young people are leading the way on clean energy, because climate change and pollution harm our planet and commu-



nities, and corporate lobbying prevents meaningful change. Campus Progress supports local activism and is a proud member of the Energy Action Coalition, which again this year brought thousands of young people to DC for the PowerShift conference to reaffirm your generation's resolve to win this fight.

Young people are leading the way on the right to vote, because that's the foundation of our democracy. Campus Progress is working with allies to fight back against the conservative effort to impose Voter ID laws and other barriers to voting—and to make sure that young people turn out to the polls in large numbers in 2012.

Young people are leaders on jobs and the economy, reproductive rights, free speech, Internet freedom, health care, building a more peaceful world, and other key issues, because you have so much at stake and so much to contribute.

Justice is on your side. The facts are on your side. What is needed, urgently, is to take these compelling truths and turn them into powerful reports and messages, turn them into activism and journalism that can defeat the distortions and lobbying of the special interests, turn them into power for your generation.

Turning truth to power—that's what this conference is about.

We're proud that since 2005 Campus Progress has been active on more than 600 campuses and communities, has supported more than 100 national and local activism campaigns and student publications, has trained thousands of activists and journalists, has held more than 900 events, and has brought millions of visitors to our CampusProgress.org online magazine. Please look through this program and at CampusProgress.org to learn how we can bring activism and journalism support, events, trainings, and other opportunities directly to you.

We hope you enjoy the conference. We hope you will learn from—and challenge—the views of the speakers. We hope you will take advantage of the opportunity to connect with Campus Progress, our partner organizations, and, most importantly, each other.

We look forward to working with you as your generation continues the critical work of turning truth to power and working for positive change.

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KELLY ZEN-YIE TSAI

STACEYANN CHIN

PLENARY PANELS



Reclaiming democracy

Overcoming special interest domination of politics

Unshackled by the Supreme Court's *Citizens United* decision, corporate special interests are using aggressive lobbying, campaign contributions, "astroturf" campaigns, lawsuits, and dirty tricks to tilt politics and policy in their direction, even when the facts and the interests of the American people

demand a different result. This panel will discuss how we can take back our democracy—and how young people can lead the way.

LEE FANG

Researcher, ThinkProgress.org, Center for American Progress Action Fund

ROBERT WEISSMAN

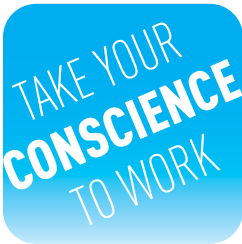
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KATRINA VANDEN HEUVEL

Editor and Publisher, *The Nation*

ANGELA PEOPLES

Policy and Advocacy Manager, Campus Progress, Moderator



Careers in Social Change

Let's face it: For most young people, finding any job is tough in today's economy. The message of this panel is that one strategy for success is dreaming big. Panelists will discuss how they have pursued their own visions and launched successful careers doing work that has changed the world.

VIKRUM AIYER

Senior Speech Writer and Communications Advisor, Office of the Secretary/Under Secretary of Commerce for IP

JESSICA MATTHEWS

Co-Inventor and CEO, sOcket

NATASHA BOWENS

Sustainable farmer

ERICA WILLIAMS

Senior Strategist, Citizen Engagement Laboratory, Moderator





..... PANELS



Green Jobs and the Political Impediments to a Clean Energy Economy

President George W. Bush started talking about a promising future of green jobs back in December 2007. Two years ago, President Obama deepened that vision with a plan to invest \$150 million over ten years to create 5 million green-collar jobs. But since then, clean energy legislation has stalled, unemployment has remained high, and green jobs remain a hope, not a large-scale reality. How can we create real green jobs now? Or must real progress await deeper structural changes in the energy economy? If so, how do we get there?

BRACKEN HENDRICKS

Senior Fellow, Center for American Progress

ELIZABETH LINDSEY

Managing Director, The DC Project

LILIAN MOLINA

Environmental Justice Director,
Energy Action Coalition

KATE SHEPPARD

Reporter, *Mother Jones*, Moderator



The State of LGBTQ Movements

Recent substantial victories in the fight for LGBTQ equality that would have seemed impossible twenty years ago have resulted in concrete improvements in the lives of many, but much more needs to be done, and some have benefited more than others. In particular, the reforms so far have not achieved enough for people who are transgendered, working class, or of color. However, the LGBTQ movement is at last fighting for justice in a more inclusive way. Elitism, transphobia, and racism are far from over in LGBTQ movement, but people are developing creative strategies to address them. The panelists will discuss the state of LGBTQ work, the shape of less-visible alternative movements, developing trends in political struggle, and opportunities to fight oppression.

KENYON FARROW

Writer, Speaker, Activist

TRINA OLSON

Senior Training Manager, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force

MARA KEISLING

Executive Director, National Center for Transgender Equality

SAM MENEFFEE-LIBEY

LGBTQ Advocacy Associate, Campus Progress,
Moderator



Immigration: The Battle in the States

Political gridlock in Washington continues to block progress on fixing our nation's broken immigration system. But meanwhile, from California to Florida, immigrant youth have been organizing for access to higher education for DREAMers, and to stop Arizona copycats and other anti-immigrant laws in their tracks. What strategies have these young people been using in their state-wide battles for immigrant rights? What lessons can we learn from these fights to win immigration rights at the national level?

ANGELA MARIA KELLEY

Vice President for Immigration Policy and Advocacy,
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GABY PACHECO

Education Not Deportation (E.N.D.)
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TOLU OLUBUNMI

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EDUARDO GARCIA

Immigration Advocacy Associate,
Campus Progress, Moderator



America's Role in the World after Two Wars

Since 9-11, U.S. security policy has focused heavily on the Arab and Muslim worlds. President Obama pledged to wind down the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, bin Laden is dead, and some U.S. officials and commentators talk about putting more emphasis on issues like China and the global economy. But strong winds of change across Arab nations, the Libya crisis, the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, unrest in Pakistan, and the continued threat of terrorism keep pulling America back in. Where is U.S. policy headed?

AMAR CHOPRA BAKSHI

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National Security Columnist, Boston Globe
and Former Assistant Secretary, Department
of Homeland Security

MATTHEW YGLESIAS

Fellow, Center for American Progress, Moderator



Fighting for Reproductive Freedom in a Conservative Congress

Recent measures by the 112th Congress attempt to limit access to reproductive health and services. How will these measures affect women and families? What do they mean for access to reproductive services in various communities?

The discussion will address the role social media has played and can continue to play in organizing activists and gaining support for reproductive freedom.

CONGRESSWOMAN GWEN MOORE
(D-WISCONSIN)

JOS TRUITT
Contributor, *Feministing.com*

CECILE RICHARDS
President, Planned Parenthood Federation of America and Planned Parenthood Action Fund

ANNABEL PARK
Co-director, 9500 Liberty and Founder, the Coffee Party, Moderator



Jobs and America's Young People

Young people of all backgrounds are excited to enter the work force, support themselves, and make their marks. But where are the jobs? This panel will discuss the state of the work force for America's young people, including the role of education and training programs and barriers to entry.

The panel will highlight programs that are having an impact on youth unemployment in their communities.

TYNESIA BOYEA ROBINSON
CEO, Reliance Methods

MALA B. THAKUR
Executive Director, National Youth Employment Coalition

JASON FURMAN
Ph.D, Assistant to the President and Deputy Director of the National Economic Council, the White House

JULIE MARGETTA MORGAN, PH.D
Policy Analyst, Center for American Progress, Moderator

HEIDI SHIERHOLZ
Ph.D, Economist, Economic Policy Institute



Recession Generation

Tackling Challenges Facing Low-income Youth and Charting a Path toward Shared Prosperity

This panel will describe the challenges facing low-income youth in today's America, explore policy solutions to these challenges, and provide action steps that young advocates can take to build shared prosperity. With high rates of poverty among children, disproportionately high unemployment rates among low-income youth, and persistent crime, violence, and drugs in low-income communities, many young people face persistent obstacles on the road to economic well-being. This session will cover the harmful consequences of these troubling conditions on low-income young people and on America's economy and competitiveness. The panelists will discuss policy solutions that could chart a path forward and provide meaningful action steps participants can take to bring positive change.

DEEPAK BHARGAVA

Executive Director, Center for Community Change

BARLOW FLORES

Program Director, Upward Bound, Latin American Youth Center

MELISSA BOTEACH

Half in Ten Manager, Center for American Progress Action Fund

DEBORAH WEINSTEIN

Executive Director, Coalition on Human Needs, Moderator



The Journalism of Racial Conflict

(presented by Campus Progress and The Nation magazine)

Given recent major controversies over coverage of and reporting on racial conflict (Park 51, looting in Haiti, Juan Williams, use of the word "illegal," etc.), it is increasingly important for reporters to understand how race connects to their everyday work. This panel, presented by Campus Progress and our long-time partners at *The Nation* magazine, will examine the key challenges to providing news coverage of race issues and racial conflict in America today.

MELISSA HARRIS-PERRY

Professor of Political Science, Tulane University

RINKU SEN

Publisher, Colorlines.com and President, The Applied Research Center

LILIANA SEGURA

Associate Editor, *The Nation*

RICHARD KIM

Executive Editor, *TheNation.com*, Moderator



Social Media as a Catalyst for Change: Overseas and at Home

Social media has played a major role in creating change both at home and abroad. From the 2008 Obama campaign to the 2012 Egyptian revolution, the use of Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and other social networking services have affected outcomes and garnered widespread attention. How important is social media in bringing change, and what trends are on the horizon? How does online organizing connect with organizing on the ground? How are social media activists responding to government repression and censorship? What are the responsibilities of the business corporations that create and maintain social media outlets? And how is the traditional news media adapting to a social media world?

PHILIP J. (P.J.) CROWLEY

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Multimedia journalist, Moderator

JENNIFER NEDEAU

Senior Digital Manager, Public Relations TIME, FORTUNE, MONEY, CNNMoney, LIFE



Understanding Social Justice Movements

This is a “movement building moment”! Progressive leaders often use this phrase to galvanize their audience, but what exactly constitutes a social justice movement? Some say that the sweeping social change brought on by the civil rights and women’s suffrage movements, which were largely led by young people, is a thing of the past. Others see the Tea Party as a genuine social movement. With American politics broken, and corporate interests on the rise, it may take a new large-scale social justice movement to bring real progress. This panel will discuss examples of social justice movements, what we can learn from triumphs and failures of particular movements, and where we can go from here.

CARMEN BERKLEY

National Field Director, Choice USA

EVANGELINE WEISS

Leadership Programs Director, National Gay and Lesbian Task Force

JOHN HALPIN

Fellow, Center for American Progress

ANGUS JOHNSTON

Historian, City University of New York and founder, StudentActivism.net, Moderator

CPNC Issue-Based Caucus Session

From state Legislatures violating the civil rights of immigrants, women, people of color, and LGBTQ folks, to the federal government's attempts to cut student aid funding by large percentages, there is no shortage of work to be done on the issues we care about. Everyone is working in their own way to turn truth to power in their communities, and the Campus Progress National Conference is a great opportunity to connect with people around the country fighting your same fight. Don't miss out!

During the caucus session you should go to the room or area assigned to the issue you are most interested in working on. When you get to your room or area, a facilitator will help lead a conversation addressing questions like those suggested below. If you are not interested in working on any of the selected topics, please feel free to organize or join a self-facilitated group in the Regency Ballroom—go there and we'll help you get started.

Finally, we would love to help keep you in touch with others in your area. At the caucus meeting you will receive a sign-up sheet. If there is an interest in creating a listserv for your issue, just pass around the sheet, collect email address, and turn it into the room captain at the end of the session.

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Regency	Other issues / self-facilitated caucuses

Here are a few questions that your state or regional caucus could discuss:

- What work is happening around this issue on local, state, national levels?
- What resources are available, from folks in the room or others in the movement?
- What resources or support do individuals need? How can Campus Progress better support your work?
- What are our next steps? How do we stay connected?

3 tips for a Rockus Caucus

1. If many people have something to say, take a "stack" (a list of people who indicated they wanted to speak)
2. Step up / step back: don't be shy, don't dominate the conversation
3. Be respectful of different perspectives, priorities, and approaches

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..... KEYNOTE CONTEST

This April, Campus Progress and Colorlines.com launched a search for three outstanding young people to deliver keynote addresses at the Campus Progress National Conference. Contestants were asked to submit short videos responding to the question: *In your own life, how are you changing the rules of our race conversation, and creating real solutions for racial and social justice?* We received dozens of awesome submis-

sions, which were voted on by the public on the Contest YouTube page. Campus Progress and Colorlines.com staff then picked the three grand prize winners from among the top five most popular video submissions, taking into consideration the power of the message and the speaker. We're pleased to announce this year's Campus Progress National Conference Keynote Contest Winners. A big thank you to everyone who participated!

Keynote Contest Winners

DANIEL KHALESSI

Stanford University,
Stanford, CA

KIARA LEE

University of Richmond,
Richmond, VA

STEPHANIE TANNY

Graduate of Colorado State
University, Denver, CO

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County College of Morris, Randolph, NJ

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Students Working for Equal Rights,
Miami Dade College, Miami, FL

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New Haven, CT

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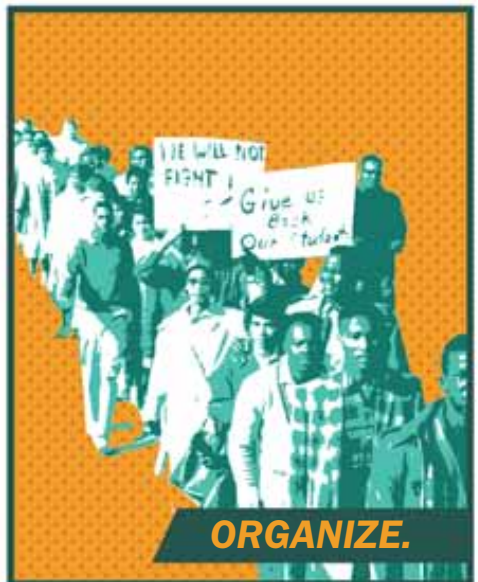
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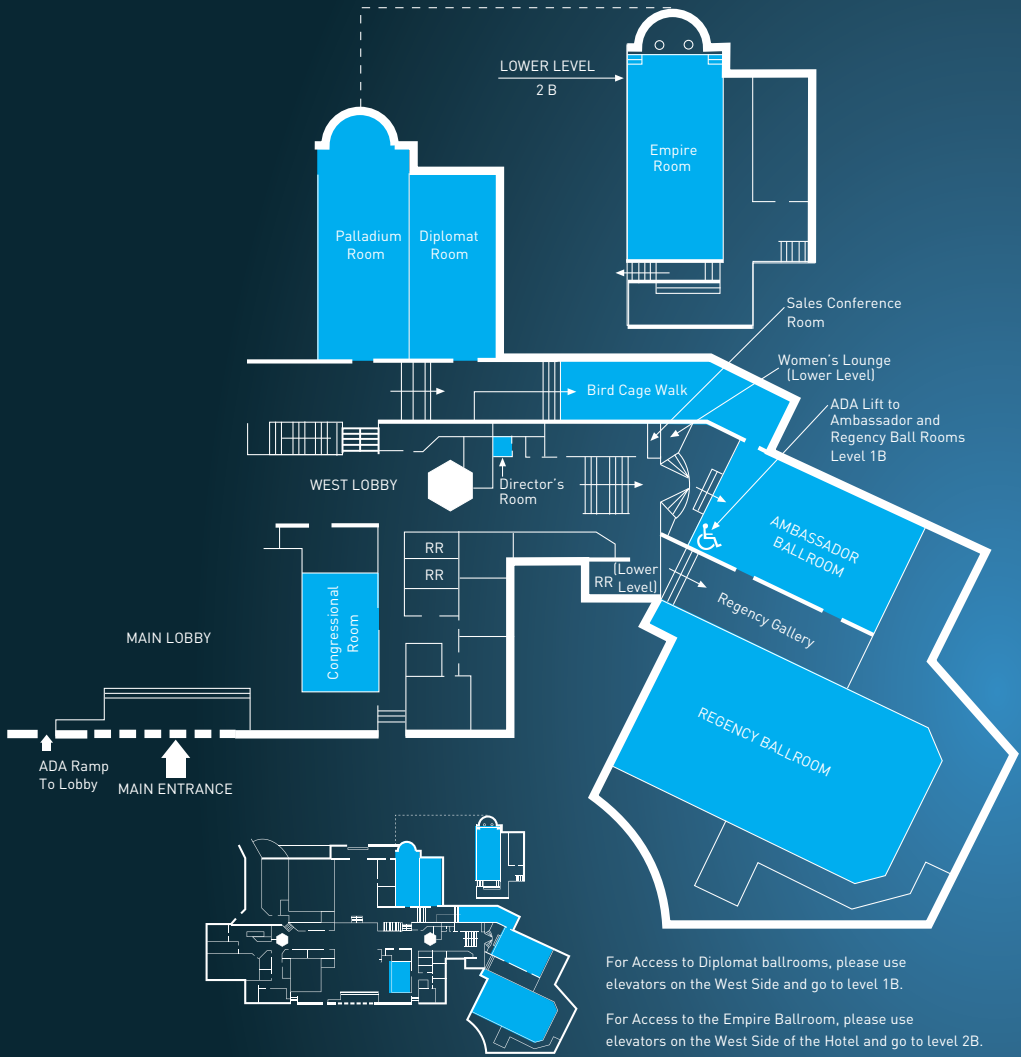


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