

Arizona MALCS Institute Strategy Sessions Facilitators

FAITH-BASED ORGANIZING

Noel Andersen is the Assistant Minister and Youth Organizer at the Good Shepherd United Church of Christ where he is a candidate for ordination in the Southwest UCC Conference. He gained his Masters of Divinity at the Pacific School of Religion at the Graduate Theological Union and has a background as an Interfaith Organizer regarding worker's rights, health care reform, immigrant rights and SB 1070. Noel is bilingual and has worked with various non-profit organizations on the U.S. - Mexico Border and Central America.

Fr. John Auther was born and raised in Phoenix. He is a Jesuit priest and serves in St. Francis Xavier parish, a parish that has very strong English-speaking and Spanish-speaking communities. Throughout his years of ministry he has been involved in work with Spanish-speakers through educational work, parish ministry, work with detained people and various organizations that advocate for social justice.

ARTS-BASED ORGANIZING

Melissa Dickman is a Master's student in Theatre and Performance of the Americas at Arizona State University's School of Theatre and Film. She is the president of Local to Global Justice at ASU and the managing director of teatro (dis)establish. She graduated from Loyola University Chicago with degrees in Theatre and English. Currently her research focuses on performance of marches and processions for social change and the performance of nation-state identity in the borderlands. Melissa also works with community organizers across the Phoenix Valley in standing up against immigration law SB1070. She is interested in creating performance in public spaces to inspire social change as well as using performance to find spaces for the community to come together and discuss complex social issues

Enza Giannone is a graduate assistant currently in her 2nd year of doctoral studies in Theatre at Arizona State University's Herberger Institute of Design and the Arts. She holds a Master's Degree in Educational Theatre from NYU's School of Education as well as a BFA in Theatre (Acting) from NYU's Tisch School of the Arts. Enza has been working with young people in CT, NYC and abroad for over 14 years. Enza recently completed a Theatre of the Oppressed facilitator training at the Mandala Center for Change in Washington. Current research interests include exploring the roles that Theatre, Drama, Acting, Physical theatre and Theatre of the Oppressed play in the development of the adolescent, particularly when utilized to devise youth-driven, socially conscious, Documentary and Ethnographic Theatre.

EDUCATING OTHERS ABOUT ISSUES

Eric Byler is an independent film director, screenwriter and political activist whose films have won 15 international film festival awards. His most recent film, *9500 Liberty*, (co-directed with Annabel Park), is a documentary about immigration and politics. Eric is known for grassroots activism and creating YouTube documentaries and videos about issues such as comfort women, and U.S. bases in Okinawa. He is the co-founder of Coffee Party USA (an alternative to the Tea Party movement).

Dr. Luis A. Fernandez is an Assistant Professor at Northern Arizona University, where he teaches in the Criminology Department. He is the author of several books, including *Policing Dissent* published in 2008 and *Out of Order*, due out in 2011 by New York University Press. His research and teaching interests include protest policing, social movements, globalization, and issues in the social control of late modernity.

LEGISLATIVE/ELECTORAL APPROACHES

Mallory Hutchison is the Phoenix Outreach Director of Arizona List and has worked closely on legislative races in Arizona for the past three election cycles. Arizona List is one of the state's largest political networks and one of the largest financial resources for women candidates. Arizona List identifies races in which a progressive woman Democrat can win and helps candidates throughout their campaign by providing the resources they need to organize, fundraise and communicate their message in order to run an effective, winning campaign.

Rosie Lopez is an ASU graduate and a retired educator. She is the founder of the Arizona Hispanic Community Forum, a civil rights and advocacy organization that focuses on policy issues at the federal, state and local levels. She has also been actively involved in numerous local, statewide and national political campaigns for many years. At present, she is working on several statewide political campaigns and is also involved in fighting against the SB 1070 law.