



A BLUE HEART INVITE: OUR FIRST SPRING 'INSIGHT SERIES'

Blue Heart's 'Insight Series' invites you to a space where we can reflect on and be in praxis around the *social, political, and racial moment* we are living in. This series is designed for Blue Heart members, prospective members, allies, and collaborators based in the Bay Area and across the country. We encourage you to join all three episodes as collectively, we will explore questions like:

- How do grassroots movements make **change**?
- What is my **relationship** with **money**?
- What is my relationship to **transformative social movements** AND how do I want that to **grow**?

We have a completely STELLAR line-up of co-facilitators and topics, including:

Part I: Grassroots Movements Today on April 7th 5-6:30p PT [REGISTER HERE](#)

- ★ **Jackie Byers**
- ★ **Sammie Ablaza Wills**
- ★ **Yuan Wang**

Part II: Accountability & My Relationships to Movements on April 20th 5-6:30p PT [REGISTER HERE](#)

- ★ **Mario Lugay**
- ★ **Rajiv Khanna**

Part III: Our Relationship with Money + Resources on May 12th 5-6:30p PT [REGISTER HERE](#)

- ★ **Mateo Nube**

Note: For folks who attend and are not Blue Heart members, we kindly invite you to [donate \\$20 to Blue Heart grassroots partners](#) for each session you attend.

Who might want to join?

1. Are you a Blue Heart member ready to be more intentional about your giving?
2. Do you want to learn from visionary leaders about grassroots action?
3. Do you want to connect with peers about how we think about our giving?

Below, find the series details and please [RSVP](#) today to reserve your spot!

In Unity,

Devon Davey, Blue Heart Program Director
Lindley Mease, Blue Heart Co-Founder



Part I: Grassroots Movements Today

April 7th 5:00-6:30p PT [REGISTER HERE](#)

Join Sammie, Yuan, and Jackie for what will be a stellar conversation covering questions like: What are the pitfalls and the potential of funding movements? What is the future of this work and how can we remain connected? What is giving you the most hope right now related to movement building work?

Sammie Ablaza Wills, Director, APIENC



Sammie is an enthusiastic, queer, non-binary Pilipinx organizer passionate about supporting people in reclaiming their inherent power and dignity. Their political journey started with witnessing xenophobia against their family, fighting budget cuts in public schools, and learning about trans Pilipinos fighting colonization. It's from these knowledges that Sammie has worked to train hundreds of young, trans, queer, Asian people to lead from values of abundance and interdependence. Their current role of Director involves supporting all those at APIENC, ensuring the organization stays a stable one rooted in abundance, and uplifting the next generation of organizers through APIENC's Leadership Development

program.

APIENC is powered by queer and trans Asian and Pacific Islander people. We are led primarily by young, trans and non-binary folks, for the entire QTAPI community. Our work is powered by volunteer members who directly understand how our lives have been shaped by different oppressions and legacies of resistance. Programs are led by leaders in volunteer committees, strategy is created by our Core Committee, and staff help to guide and facilitate our collective learning.

Yuan Wang, Community Organizer



Yuan is a trans/genderqueer second generation Chinese-American born in Fremont, California and raised in New Jersey. They were shaped by the organizing communities they worked with in New York City, where they supported housing justice campaigns and facilitated language justice workshops at CAAAV, helped create safer, queer-inclusive sexuality education workshops at the Masakhane Center in Newark, and led after-school programs for Asian American and immigrant youth at the Teen Resource Center in New York. They bring this wealth of experience, passion, and belief in strength in community to APIENC, embracing connections and uplifting those around them. Yuan's role in APIENC focuses on Trans Justice, organizing alongside trans and non-gender

conforming APIs.



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Jackie Byers, Director, Black Organizing Project



Jackie Byers has over 16 years of experience working in low-income communities of color as an organizer and trainer on a broad array of issues, including tenant organizing, youth organizing, regional equity, and more. She is the founding Director of the Black Organizing Project (BOP) in Oakland. Prior to Directing BOP, Jackie served as the Associate Director for the Center for Third World Organizing (CTWO) where she had the opportunity to support community organizing work by providing training and developing some of the most talented young organizers in the country. Jackie is a native of Minnesota where she worked as a Lead Organizer for neighborhood based organizations in Minneapolis working on affordable housing. Prior to moving to Oakland, she was the Training

Director for the Organizing Apprenticeship Project (OAP) in Minneapolis. Before leaving Minnesota she served as an active board member with Headwaters Fund For Justice. Jackie is a firm believer in the importance of community, spirit and culture as essential to the transformation of individuals as well as institutions. The Black Organizing Project is a Black member-led community organization working for racial, social, and economic justice through grassroots organizing and community-building in Oakland, California.

Part II: Accountability & My Relationship to Movements

April 20th 5:00-6:30p PT [REGISTER HERE](#)

Join Mario and Rajiv for a dynamic conversation to explore together asking the question "What is my role now?" Given this context and time we are living in, how do we remain true to our values of giving back to the community and truly deeply understand what being accountable in our actions means today.

Mario Lugay, Senior Innovation Director, Justice Funders



Mario partners with philanthropy and field practitioners to design, pilot and scale both innovation and coordinated action that advances social movements. Mario comes to the organization via Stanford University's Hasso Plattner Institute of Design (d.school), where he served as a 2016-2017 Civic Innovation Fellow. He currently holds the position of Entrepreneur-in-Residence at Guidestar, and is the founder of the technology platform, Giving Side. In 2010, Mario co-founded the New American Leaders Project, the first and only organization dedicated to training first- and second- generation immigrants to run for elected office. He has held leadership positions at the Kapor Center for Social Impact, the Funders' Committee for Civic Participation, providing leadership

around unprecedented philanthropic investments in integrated voter engagement strategies and for a fair and accurate 2010 census count. He currently is an advisor to the High Net Worth POC Donor Collaborative, Digital Impact and New Media Mentors, and previously served as board member of Resource Generation, American Prospect, and chair of the Asian Pacific Environmental Network.



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Justice Funders envision a world that honors the sacredness of our natural resources and recognizes the inalienable rights of all. We assert that philanthropy must take an active role in building this world by redistributing wealth, democratizing power and shifting economic control to communities.

Rajiv Khanna, Director of Philanthropic Partnerships, Thousand Currents



A native of Bombay, Rajiv oversees individual and institutional donor engagement, education, and fundraising. He is engaged in strategic development and effective execution of all activities related to cultivating a just, equitable, and inclusive philanthropic impact investing sector that centers local solutions, forms learning partnerships with grassroots groups, and reimagines wealth, well-being, and giving. As part of the Senior Management Team, Rajiv informs and guides Thousand Currents' overall strategy and planning, ensuring collaboration and interconnectedness across all Thousand Currents' programs. He currently serves on the Board of the Management Assistance Group, is a member of the Stewardship Circle of Thrive East Bay, and is a recovering

academic, who was professionally trained as a historian. Rajiv has led the Indian Diaspora Oral History Project at San Jose State University. Rajiv has a BA in English and History from Newman University, and a Master's in history from The Ohio State University. Thousand Currents funds local solutions and exchanges grassroots brilliance. Thousand Currents envisions a world where humanity thrives as a creative force that is reciprocal and interdependent with nature, and creates loving, equitable and just societies.

Part III: Our Relationships with Money & Resources

May 12th 5:00 - 6:30p PT [REGISTER HERE](#)

Join Mateo for a critical discussion examining questions including: What beliefs did I inherit/do I hold? How do scarcity and abundance mindsets show up in my life? What do I want to change?

Mateo Nube, Collective Member, Movement Generation



Mateo is one of the co-founders of the Movement Generation Justice & Ecology Project. He was born and grew up in La Paz, Bolivia. Since moving to the San Francisco Bay Area, he has worked in the labor, environmental justice and international solidarity movements. Mateo is the son of Barbara, and fortunate father of Maya and Nilo. He is also a member of the Latin rock band Los Nadies. Mateo is national co-chair of the Climate Justice Alliance's Steering Committee.

Movement Generation Justice & Ecology Project inspires and engages in transformative action towards the liberation and restoration of land, labor, and culture. We are rooted in vibrant social movements led by low-income communities and communities of color committed to a Just Transition away from profit and pollution and towards healthy, resilient and life-affirming local economies.