

2020 CHANGEMAKERS DINNER

PROGRAM

6:00pm - 6:30pm: Cocktail Hour

Welcome

April Sims, EOI Board Member and Washington State Labor Council Secretary-Treasurer

Opening Remarks

John Burbank, EOI Executive Director
Ray Sugarman, EOI Board President

Policy Highlights

Marilyn Watkins, EOI Policy Director
Gabriela Quintana, EOI Advocacy Director

Keynote Presentation and Q&A

Nikkità Oliver, Co-Executive Director of Creative Justice

Request for Support

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Presentation of Aubrey Davis Changemaker Awards

Award Presentation - John Burbank, EOI Executive Director
Award Recipient - Sandy Restrepo, Co-founder of Colectiva Legal del Pueblo

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AUBREY DAVIS
1917-2013

Aubrey Davis was a founding board member of EOI and a champion of progressive economic values. During his 60 years of public service, his work in health care, public transportation, politics, public administration, business, and the environment helped improve the lives of millions of Northwesterners.



APRIL SIMS

April Sims was elected Secretary Treasurer of the Washington State Labor Council, AFL-CIO by its affiliated unions in December 2018. She is the first woman of color to be elected as a WSLC executive officer. April has served as the WSLC's Political and Strategic Campaign Director since November 2017, working to develop shared agendas with labor and community partners, to advance strategic organizing campaigns, and to recruit, train and elect political champions for working people. She first joined the WSLC in September 2015 as Field Mobilization Director. Prior to joining the WSLC staff, Sims served as the Legislative and Political Action Field Coordinator for the Washington Federation of State Employees, AFSCME Council 28 (WFSE). She was a WFSE member, shop steward, elected union officer, and union staffer from 2002-15.



SANDY RESTREPO

Sandy is an immigration attorney and co-founder of Colectiva Legal del Pueblo. She represents individuals in various stages of the immigration process including family-based petitions, deportation defense, naturalization and non-immigrant visas. Sandy is committed to working with immigrant populations individually and collectively, in a capacity that empowers and informs them of their rights.

Before becoming an attorney, Sandy focused on grassroots campaigns and organizing with migrant communities for education, immigration and worker's rights. Sandy grew up in Santa Ana, California and is the proud daughter of immigrant parents. She obtained a B.A. in Latin American Studies and a minor in History from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA). Sandy graduated from Seattle University School of Law. She is the first in her family to graduate college and obtain a professional degree.



NIKKITA OLIVER

Nikkita Oliver is a Seattle-based creative, community organizer, abolitionist, educator, and attorney. Working at the intersections of arts, law, education, and community organizing she strives to create experiences which draw us closer to our humanity and invites us to imagine what we hope to see in the future.

Nikkita is the co-executive director of Creative Justice, an arts-based alternative to incarceration and a healing engaged youth-led community-based program. Nikkita was the first political candidate of the Seattle Peoples Party running for Mayor of Seattle in 2017 narrowly missing the general election by approximately 1,100 votes; coming in third of 21 candidates.

Nikkita speaks and performs for events, at universities and conferences, and facilitates trainings on equity, law and justice, education, and arts activism all over the United States.