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
Nikkita Oliver, Co-Executive Director of Creative Justice

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

Presentation of Aubrey Davis Changemaker Awards
Award Presentation - John Burbank, EOI Executive Director
Award Recipient - Sandy Restrepo, Co-founder of Colectiva Legal del Pueblo
2020 CHANGEMAKERS DINNER

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Aubrey Davis was a founder of the Equal Opportunity Institute (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 staff 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 immigrant 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.