FCCP 2012 Spring Convening
A New Era: Building State-based Power and Civic Engagement Through a Southern Lens

May 22 – 24, 2012 | Charlotte, North Carolina

TUESDAY, MAY 22ND
The Foundation For The Carolinas | 220 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina

Pre-Convening Meetings

12:00pm – 2:00pm  Steering Committee Meeting (Grigg Board Room)

2:00pm – 4:00pm  Building a Progressive Southern Strategy for Long-Term Power (Sklut Room)
A pre-conference session hosted by the Southern Organizing Working Group and the Neighborhood Funders Group (All funders invited)

4:15pm – 5:00pm  FCCP Orientation (Grigg Board Room)

FCCP 2012 Spring Convening Begins
The Levine Museum of the New South | 200 East 7th Street, Charlotte, North Carolina

Levine Museum of the New South is an interactive history museum that provides the nation with the most comprehensive interpretation of the diverse history of the South since the Civil War.

5:15pm – 6:00pm  FCCP guests may tour the museum exhibits

6:00pm – 8:30pm  Opening Dinner (Lobby and Atrium)
Welcome: Congressman Mel Watt (invited)

Keynote
From Civil Rights to DREAMers – The Fight for Justice Across Generations
Moderated by Anita Brown Graham, Institute for Emerging Issues

Speakers
• Angelica Velazquillo, North Carolina DREAM activist
• Karen Spellman, former SNCC activist

8:30pm – 9:30pm  FCCP guests may tour the museum exhibits
8:00am – 8:45am  Breakfast

9:00am – 9:15am  Welcome and Introduction

9:15am – 10:30am  Biscuits, Barbacoa and Battlegrounds: The Changing South and Why It Matters
  *Plenary*

  Moderated by Joy Vermillion Heinsohn, Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation

  **Speakers**
  - Derrick Johnson, One Voice
  - Maria del Rosario Rodriguez, Florida Immigrant Coalition
  - Chris Kromm, Institute for Southern Studies

10:30am – 10:45am  Break

10:45am – 12:15pm  Concurrent Breakout Sessions

  **Concurrent Session I**

  Social Media and Culture

  Moderated by Ludovic Blain, Color of Democracy Fund

  **Speakers**
  - Pam Morejon, Voto Latino
  - Ramon Zepeda, Student Action with Farmworkers
  - Andrew Boyd, Agit‐Pop and the other 98%

  **Concurrent Session II**

  Sleeping Giants – Civic Engagement Among Service Providers

  Moderated by Marcia Avner, Bauman Foundation (Trustee)

  **Speakers**
  - Lindsey Hodel, Colorado Participation Project
  - Clarissa Martinez-De-Castro, National Council of La Raza
  - James Perry, Greater New Orleans Fair Housing Action Center
  - Jess George, Latin American Coalition

  **Concurrent Session III**

  Criminal Justice Reform and Civic Engagement

  Moderated by David Neal, Z. Smith Reynolds Foundation

  **Speakers**
  - Norris Henderson, V.O.T.E. New Orleans (Voice Of The Ex-offender)
  - Burt Lauderdale, Kentuckians for the Commonwealth
  - Peter Wagner, Prison Policy Initiative
12:15pm – 1:45pm
Networking Lunch
*Legacy Hall & Sculpture Garden*

*Sklut Room*
Money in Politics Working Group Lunch Meeting
A candid look at the field with guest Richard Kirsch, Roosevelt Institute

1:45pm – 3:00pm
Voters in 2012: A Conversation with Pollsters
*Plenary*
Moderated by Geri Mannion, Carnegie Corporation of New York

Speakers
- Jill Hanauer, Project New America
- Robert Jones, Public Religion Research Institute

3:00pm – 3:45pm
Quick Wits
*Plenary*
Introductions by Cedric Brown, Mitchell Kapor Foundation

Speakers
- Barbara Arnwine, Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law on The Future of Voting Rights
- Bill de Blasio, New York City Public Advocate on Corporate Accountability
- Peter Murray, Accelerate Change on Models of Organizing

3:45pm – 4:00pm
Snack Break

4:00pm – 5:30pm
Concurrent Breakout Sessions

*Concurrent Session I*
The Future of Voting Rights
Moderated by Cristóbal Alex, Ford Foundation

Speakers
- Anita Earls, Southern Coalition for Social Justice
- Barbara Arnwine, Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law
- Professor Matt Barreto, University of Washington and Latino Decisions

*Concurrent Session II*
Money in Politics: All Eyes on the States

Speakers
- Bill de Blasio, Coalition for Accountability in Political Spending
- Jennifer Frye, Democracy North Carolina
- Jesse Rutledge, National Center for State Courts
- Dan Cantor, Working Families Center
Concurrent Session III

A Conversation on the Future of Organizing

Moderated by Molly Schultz Hafid, Unitarian Universalist Veatch Program at Shelter Rock

Speakers
- Peter Murray, Accelerate Change
- Denise Collazzo, PICO Network
- Rashad Robinson, Color of Change

5:30pm – 6:30pm
Break

6:30pm – 8:30pm
Networking Dinner
Hilton Charlotte City Center, 222 East Third Street, Charlotte

THURSDAY, MAY 24TH
The Foundation for The Carolinas | 220 North Tryon Street, Charlotte, North Carolina

7:30am – 8:30am
Breakfast

7:45am – 8:30am
Needs and Opportunities for the 2012 Elections
Breakfast Program A funder-only discussion led by Allison Barlow, FCCP Co-chair

8:30am – 9:15am
Reverend Dr. William Barber, North Carolina NAACP
Keynote

9:15am – 10:45am
Looking Ahead – Will We Be Ready?
Plenary A funder-only strategy discussion

10:45am – 11:00am
Snack break

11:00am – 12:30pm
Concurrent Breakout Sessions

Concurrent Session I

The Role of Communications and Messaging in State Infrastructure
Roundtables

Speakers
- Jason Salzman, ProgressNow
- Luis Toro, Colorado Ethics Watch
- Megan Van Ens, Colorado Civic Engagement Roundtable
- Denise Whinnen, Gill Foundation
**Concurrent Session II**

**Black/Brown Organizing and Alliance Building**

*Moderated by Cynthia Renfro, Marguerite Casey Foundation*

**Speakers**
- Scott Douglas, Greater Birmingham Ministries
- Reverend Dr. Nelson Johnson, Beloved Community Center
- Isabel Rubio, Hispanic Interest Coalition of Alabama

**12:30pm – 1:00pm**  
Closing

**Post-Convening Meetings**

**1:30pm – 2:30pm**  
FCCP Steering Committee convening debrief and lunch (*Sklut Room*)