SEEMA NANDA

September 20th, 2019
Keynote Speaker: Why Our Power as AAPI Women Matters? 3:10-3:20pm

Seema Nanda most recently served as Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer at The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights. Before joining The Leadership Conference, Nanda was Chief of Staff to Secretary Tom Pérez at the U.S. Department of Labor (DOL). She also served at the DOL as Deputy Solicitor and as Deputy Chief of Staff and Senior Counselor to Secretary Pérez, serving as top advisor on immigration, workforce development and internal management issues. Before joining DOL, Nanda led the Office of Employee and Immigrant Rights in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice. She currently is the Chief Executive Officer of the Democratic National Committee. She has practiced labor and employment law in the public and private sector. Nanda is a graduate of Boston College Law School and Brown University and a member of the Massachusetts Bar Association.

ASHLEY PEREZ

September 21st, 2019
Art Activism Workshop 2:10-3:25pm

Ashley Perez cares about local and national issues. As a teen in the 21st century, she believes that politics has become a part of the way people live their lives. Some of her most recent interests includes; Gender Liberation; Consent-based relationships; Access to Sex Ed; #AbolishICE; Save Our Schools, and Native Rights. She has also been working to raise awareness and battle the misuse use of the word “crazy,” by supporting others to use safe and positive Mental Health practices.
CARLA RENDON

September 21st, 2019
Art Activism Workshop 2:10-3:25pm

Carla Rendon is originally from San Fernando, Philippines and emigrated with her family to the United States in 2006. When her younger brothers were born, she found herself as a sort of translator and mediator between her parents and her siblings. In a family made up of immigrants and first-generation immigrants, Carla was well-acquainted with balancing a slight cultural divide. Carla plans to advocate on behalf of her passions in immigration reform and women’s health rights.

AMRITHA KARTHIKEYAN

September 21st, 2019
Art Activism Workshop 2:10-3:25pm

Amritha Karthikeyan is a senior at BASIS Phoenix and enjoys trying new food, random arts and crafts, and learning how to play instruments. She is passionate about environmental and social advocacy, and believes the two are interconnected. She is a strong believer that everyone and everything deserves a clean, safe earth.

LAYAL RABAT

September 21st, 2019
Art Activism Workshop 2:10-3:25pm

Layal Rabat is a third culture kid who has spent years practicing the fine art of parachuting into projects as the need for her skills arises. She takes an intersectional approach to her work in immigrant rights and public health and does not shy away from any cause where injustice is present and her contribution is welcomed and necessary. An infinitely curious researcher and an obsessive collector and assembler of information, she is often seen managing projects, playing a supportive role in the background and amplifying the voices of those directly affected by injustice in her community.
JENNIFER CHAU

September 21st, 2019
Art Activism Workshop  2:10-3:25pm

Jennifer Chau was born in Downtown Los Angeles' Chinatown and currently resides in Tempe, Arizona. It was her personal experience being born to and raised by Chinese immigrant parents that informs her interests and work today. In her career, she has been involved in and worked with organizations focused on serving the Asian American Pacific Islanders (AAPI) community as well as the youth for the past decade.

JENNIFER WANG

September 21st, 2019
Workshop: Building Successful Coalitions  2:10-3:25pm

Jennifer Wang comes to her role as Deputy Director of Programs for the National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum (NAPAWF) with a deep and longstanding commitment to the reproductive justice lens. Jennifer serves on the senior leadership team of NAPAWF, which steers the overall strategic direction and sustainability of the organization and is responsible for overseeing the policy, legal, and communications teams and improving cross-team collaboration with NAPAWF's overarching strategies front of mind.

AMELEA LOWERY

September 21st, 2019
Workshop: Blended Bodies: Grounding the Mixed Folks' Experience  3:40-5:40pm

Amelea Lowery (she/her) is Black-American and Chinese, and strives to look through a Black queer feminist lens to make strides for reproductive and racial justice for all. Amelea is a recruitment volunteer at Leadership, Education & Athletics in Partnership and hopes to one day become a doula.
SHIREEN SHAKOURI

September 21st, 2019
Workshop: Blended Bodies: Grounding the Mixed Folks' Experience 3:40-5:40pm

Shireen Shakouri (she/her) is Iranian and Italian-American, and the fire in her belly for reproductive justice work is largely defined by a commitment to affirming the leadership of earth-colored people, with direct action and direct service as her favored tools. She is the Media Coordinator and an abortion doula at The Doula Project and Senior Campaign Lead at Reproaction.

HEDY TRIPP

September 21st, 2019
Workshop: Blended Bodies: Grounding the Mixed Folks' Experience 3:40-5:40pm

Hedy Tripp is member and one of the co-founders of the St. Cloud, MN chapter that began in November 2005 and remains an active member and elder. She was on NAPAWF's National Governing Board of Directors for five years and chaired the Board 2014/2015. She is a retired professor and community organizer and presently gathering and writing her memoirs.

SANGEETA JHA

September 21st, 2019
Workshop: Blended Bodies: Grounding the Mixed Folks' Experience 3:40-5:40pm

Sangeeta Jha is a proud member of St. Cloud Chapter since 2016. She is a faculty member at St. Cloud Technical and Community College. She currently teaches sociology, gerontology, and women’s studies. Besides teaching, she serves on several committees, associations, and organizations, both, on and off college campus.
ANNA CHU

Sunday, September 22
General Session: What does RJ look like for AAPIs? 9:00-9:40 am

Anna Chu is Vice President for Strategy and Policy at the National Women’s Law Center, where she shapes NWLC’s cross-cutting advocacy and policy work and leads federal and state government relations strategy. Prior to joining NWLC, Ms. Chu served as the Vice President of Policy and Research at the Center for American Progress (CAP) Action Fund, leading its economic justice advocacy work, and was previously the Director of CAP’s Middle Out Economic Program. She has also served as the Policy Director for the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee and spent time on Capitol Hill as Policy Advisor for the House Democratic Caucus. After attending the University of Southern California Law School, she began her career as a law clerk to former Chief Judge Jane A. Restani in her sittings before the U.S. Court of International Trade and in six different federal appellate courts, and then spent time as an attorney at Paul Hastings, Janofsky & Walker LLP.

CASIE YODER

Casie Yoder is an active member of the Atlanta chapter of NAPAWF with more than a decade of experience making sure underrepresented voices are heard online and in the press at the national, state, and local levels. Before founding Casie Yoder Consulting in 2016, a strategic communications firm that works with mission-drive organizations, she was the Public Information Officer for the City of Decatur, Georgia. Casie previously worked as the first point of contact for the news media for the Making Change at Walmart campaign of the United Food and Commercial Workers (UFCW), in the legislative and political affairs department of the National Association of Letter Carriers (NALC), and as the AFL-CIO’s “new media” person (what we would now call digital) in Wisconsin during the 2008 election. A Filipina American born in Manila and raised in the American South, Casie is a dual citizen who has spent most of her life as the “only” one in the room.
PRISCILLA HUANG

September 22nd, 2019  
_Expanding RH and Sexual Health through Medicaid Expansion_  
9:40am-11:10am

Priscilla Huang is a senior attorney at the National Health Law Program where she focuses on reproductive and sexual health care issues in Medicaid and immigrant access to health care. Priscilla has nearly 15 years of experience working at various non-profit organizations focused on health equity issues, reproductive justice, and health care access for immigrants and LEP individuals. Priscilla was a former NAPAWF DC Chapter leader, DC staff member, and is currently a member of NAPAWF’s legal advisory committee.

ZARA KHAN

September 22nd, 2019  
_Southern Grit: Holding it Down in GA_  
9:40-11:10am

Zara Khan (she/her/hers) is a Pakistani-American from Houston, TX living currently in Atlanta, GA, where she works in global health research. She enjoys reading, crafting, and developing her skills in organizing with the Atlanta NAPAWF chapter.

NEGAR ESFANDIARI

September 22nd, 2019  
_Decolonizing Racial Categories: How to Make "AAPI" More Inclusive_  
1:00-2:30pm

Negar Esfandiari is an Iranian-American organizer from Oakland, CA. With a background in gender studies and feminist organizing, Negar's research and advocacy efforts focus on symbolic violence against people of color and civic engagement in Asian diasporas. Currently, Negar is part of the International Programs team at the Ford Foundation and serves as a leader of the New York City chapter of NAPAWF.
SURAIYA SHARKER

September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019
When They aren’t at the table: Solidarity w/ Muslims and Sikhs in a Post 9/11 Era
1:00-2:30pm

Suraiya is the Georgia Community organizer and NAPAWF member. She has a background in student activism, and has participated in Atlanta based movements centering around conflicts such as gentrification, voter suppression, police brutality, and reproductive justice. The daughter of immigrant parents, she is a proud first generation Bangladeshi American. She is a student at Georgia State University majoring in Political Science and Women and Gender Studies. In her previous job as a Student Assistant at the Georgia State Multicultural Center, Suraiya researched ways to create a more inclusive and inviting spaces for members of Gender and Sexual minority communities within the university system. Suraiya aspires to go to law school one day in the near future and become a Human Rights or Immigration Lawyer.

SHIVANI PARIKH

September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2019
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1:00-2:30pm

Shivani Parikh is a Teach for America Corps Member working at a ReStart Academy site within the NYC Department of Education’s District 79 Alternative Schools District and pursuing her Master of Arts in Teaching degree at the Relay Graduate School of Education. She is a recent graduate from Cornell University, where she was President of South Asian Council, the umbrella board that oversaw Cornell’s 18 undergraduate and graduate organizations, and founded the South Asian Mentorship Program. In her free time, she is a News & Politics editor for Hyphen Magazine, an ambassador for Mochi Magazine, and a founding member of the South Asian Committee of the Cornell Asian Alumni Association.
JANE LIU
September 22nd, 2019
Equipped with Knowledge: Protests and Actions 1:00-2:30pm

Jane is the Legal Director of NAPAWF, where she leads NAPAWF’s legal advocacy and litigation strategies. Prior to joining NAPAWF, Jane was a partner at Terris, Pravlik & Millian, LLP, a public interest law firm in Washington, DC, where she litigated public interest, civil rights, and employment discrimination cases.

KIMYA FOROUZAN
September 22nd, 2019
Equipped with Knowledge: Protests and Actions 1:00-2:30pm

Kimya is the If/When/How Reproductive Justice Fellow at NAPAWF, where she engages in legal and policy advocacy to build the collective power of AAPI women and girls. She received her law degree and master's degree in public health from Temple University in Philadelphia.

PRISCILLA HUANG
September 22nd, 2019
Equipped with Knowledge: Protests and Actions 1:00-2:30pm

Priscilla is a Senior Attorney in the National Health Law Program’s Los Angeles offices. She focuses on reproductive health and justice issues in Medicaid and the private insurance market. Previously, Priscilla was also the Policy and Programs Director at NAPAWF, where she led NAPAWF’s federal advocacy efforts on reproductive justice, immigrant rights, and anti-human trafficking.
JACLYN DEAN

September 22nd, 2019
Creative ways to do Intersectional Policy Making Using the Reproductive Justice Lens
2:45-4:00pm

Jaclyn is NAPAWF’s Policy Manager. Jaclyn was born and raised in Dallas, Texas and is the proud daughter of Taiwanese immigrants. She earned her BA in Political Science and Sociology with a minor in Poverty, Justice, and Human Capabilities from Rice University. She worked as a campaign staffer on a state representative campaign in Houston through Annie’s List, which helps elect progressive, pro-choice women to office in Texas. She then served as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Morocco, where she ran after-school programs focused on leadership and life skills with adolescent girls in her village. Jaclyn holds a Master in Public Policy from the Harvard Kennedy School of Government specializing in gender, human rights, and international and global affairs. During graduate school, she helped lead the Gender Policy Union and volunteered with the Everywoman Everywhere Coalition, a global grassroots movement that aims to end violence against women. She also interned with the Center for Health and Gender Equity (CHANGE), where she tracked US foreign policy on sexual and reproductive health and rights worldwide.

ERICA LAI

September 22nd, 2019
Economic Justice for AAPI's
2:45-4:00pm

Erica, Counsel in the DC office of Cohen & Gresser LLP, is a commercial litigator focused on antitrust, class actions, and white collar defense. Erica has extensive pro bono experience in cases involving immigration issues, civil rights, and reproductive justice before federal courts. This past summer, on behalf of the National Women’s Law Center and over 35 other women’s organizations, she filed an amicus brief urging the U.S. Supreme Court to confirm that Title VII’s prohibition on sex discrimination in the workplace does not exclude lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender workers.
LISA MAK

September 22nd, 2019
Economic Justice for AAPI’s 2:45-4:00pm

Lisa is an attorney at Minami Tamaki LLP in San Francisco, where she litigates cases on behalf of workers and consumers. In addition to serving on the NAPAWF Legal Advisory Board, she also currently serves on the Board for the Asian American Bar Association of the Greater Bay Area, the Bar Association of San Francisco, and Asian Pacific Islander Legal Outreach. She received her B.A. in Political Science from UC San Diego and her law degree from UC Hastings.

JENNY R. YANG

September 22nd, 2019
Economic Justice for AAPI’s 2:45-4:00pm

Jenny R. Yang served as a Commissioner and Chair of the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission from 2013 to 2018, where she launched a Select Task Force on the Study of Harassment in the Workplace to identify innovative strategies to prevent workplace harassment. As structural and technological changes transform work, Ms. Yang is developing a new initiative at the Urban Institute to build a future that advances workplace equity. Ms. Yang represented workers nationwide as a partner at Cohen Milstein Sellers & Toll PLLC and served as a Senior Trial Attorney with the U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, Employment Litigation Section. Ms. Yang serves on NAPAWF’s Legal Advisory Board, and previously served as a co-chair and member of NAPAWF’s National Board from 1999-2004 and as a founder of NAPAWF’s DC Chapter.
JI HYE KIM

September 22nd, 2019
**Immigrants vs. immigration law: how do AAPI women and girls fair when it comes to immigration policies in the United States?**

2:45-4:00pm

Ji Hye Kim, received Juris Doctorate degree from the UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON SCHOOL OF LAW in 2008 and has worked with low-income individuals and families, as well as immigrants and refugees, in various capacities. Prior to law school, Ji Hye worked for the SARGENT SHRIVER NATIONAL CENTER ON POVERTY LAW, where she managed a community economic development program and facilitated train-the-trainer workshops on a financial literacy curriculum for social service agencies. As a law student, Ji Hye clerked at the NORTHWEST JUSTICE CENTER in Seattle, Washington, assisting low-income immigrants and refugees with public benefits issues. With passion for serving underprivileged immigrants, Ji Hye joined KAN-WIN in 2010 to manage the agency’s legal advocacy program, and in 2013, became the Associate Director.

MEGAN BOONE

September 22nd, 2019
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2:45-4:00pm

Megan is a Korean adoptee who grew up in West Virginia and now lives in Seattle. She is a manager with Adoptees For Justice, an adoptee-led social justice organization that organizes transracial and transnational adoptees to bring about just and humane adoption, immigration and restorative justice systems. Adoptees For Justice is currently fighting for a bill that will provide citizenship for ALL adoptees regardless of background. She is also a board member with Asian Adult Adoptees of Washington, a nonprofit organization that provides mentoring, fellowship and educational opportunities for Asian American and Pacific Islander adoptees. In her spare time, Megan enjoys dance classes and watching movies.
DELEGATE KATHY TRAN

September 22nd, 2019
Closing Plenary

Delegate Kathy Tran (VA-42) and her parents fled Vietnam as boat refugees when she was just seven months old. On the voyage, she grew so sick she almost died at sea. Although many other countries offered them asylum, they waited 13 months for the United States to accept their application. Kathy's family risked everything to come to America because this country has always represented hope, opportunity and freedom. Now, she's fighting for the American values that brought her family here in the Virginia House of Delegates representing the people of the 42nd District in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

Kathy has devoted her career to ensuring that all working families have the opportunity to achieve the American Dream. During her 12 years of service at the U.S. Department of Labor, she served in numerous leadership positions, including as the Acting Administrator for the Office of Workforce Investment and the Director of the Division of Policy, Legislation, and Regulation. In these roles, she provided strategic national leadership and technical assistance to the public workforce system, implemented the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act, and helped veterans acquire the job training and employment services they needed to transition into the civilian workforce.

Kathy went on to work at the National Immigration Forum, one of the nation’s leading immigration advocacy organizations. There, she advocated for policies that prepare immigrants in the workforce to reach their full career potential.

Kathy graduated from Duke University and earned her Master of Social Work from the University of Michigan. The past president of her local PTA, she and her husband Matt live in West Springfield with their four children, Daven (9.5), Charlotte (7.5), Quinn (6), and baby Elise (2). They are avid Washington Nationals fans.