We mourn. We rage. We organize. We celebrate. This is a time of unprecedented mobilization for change.

Neighborhood in Portland, Oregon reclaims park marred by hate symbols.
A MESSAGE FROM ERIC K. WARD

Our problems are real. But we are winning. More Americans than ever support our vision of an inclusive, multiracial democracy.

We came together in 2020, even as we were physically apart. We came together in grief and anger over the lives taken needlessly by the pandemics of racial and economic disparity, police and hate violence.

We came together around our common values. Artists, activists, educators, elected officials, organizers, civil society leaders – locally, across our region, nationwide.

Together, we galvanized our communities in defense of democracy.

When the pandemic hit, Western States Center was one of the first organizations to shut down travel and pivot our programming. It was one example among many of how we aligned our operational decisions with our values in 2020.

I am incredibly proud of how much we did with so little, of how we rose each day in the most challenging of times.

Our work is only possible with you – the courageous partners and generous donors and foundations – who fuel our work to build movements, develop leaders, shift culture, and defend democracy.

Together, we are building the foundation of a 21st century civil rights movement.

Thank you for your steadfast partnership and support,

Eric K. Ward
Executive Director
Inclusive democracy: of, by, and for the people.
A redemptive vision of governance as the means by which we take care of each other.
Expressing our core values, protecting everyone’s basic rights, no exceptions...

On July 4th Western States’ Director Eric K. Ward and Southern Poverty Law Center Chief of Staff Lecia Brooks published “We Want the Flag Back: Celebrating Black American Patriotism” on westernstatescenter.medium.com
WHO ARE WE, AMERICA?

Including all people, and the planet, in a shared vision of health and prosperity.

It’s what we work for everyday at Western States Center.

A world where everyone can live, love, worship and work free from bigotry and fear.

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At a moment when the crisis of extremism is clear, there are few organizations that have as direct an impact. Western States Center not only provides a vital moral voice – it does the hard work of movement building that is central to the fight for justice.

~ Amy Spitalnick, Executive Director, Integrity First for America
Authoritarian State or Inclusive Democracy?

That was the question we posed six days after George Floyd’s murder ignited a global uprising for racial justice.

“America is on a precipice. Whether we go over the edge into the abyss of a full-blown authoritarian state or find firm ground on which to construct an inclusive democracy depends on what we do right now.”

~ Eric K. Ward

When unidentified federal agents snatched Portlanders off the streets into unmarked vans, we issued the clarion call “NOT HERE. NOT ANYWHERE.” and filed suit in federal court to protect protesters’ constitutional rights.
Throughout 2020 we mobilized elected and organizational leaders to speak in a unified voice against threats to inclusive democracy. We delivered a major blow to the Trump administration’s authoritarian overreach with a lawsuit that secured an injunction against federal enforcement agents in Portland and served as a litigation model for other cities. **We provided behind-the-scenes support for communities under attack**, including a two-part training on white nationalism for Portland’s city council and bureau chiefs. Our 21 Day Pledge for Inclusive Democracy, digital action platform #WeDefendDemocracy, toolkits, message guidelines, research briefings, and online presentations engaged and equipped thousands of activists, organizers, educators, and civil society leaders across the country.

“Western States Center plays an essential role in helping communities across the country organize to promote inclusive democracy and confront violent white nationalists and alt-right extremists.”

~ Wajahat Ali, Western States Center Senior Fellow
WHO WE ARE

Our staff, Senior Fellows, and consultants deliver innovative strategies through a national network of leadership cohorts and program partners, guided by our Board of Directors and supported by committed funders and donors.

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Appreciation to recent exiting board members Bookda Gheisar and Scott Winn; former staff Angela Pearson and Marley Pearce; and Common Good program consultant Jenna Weinberg for their contributions to Western States Center in 2020.
Based in the Pacific Northwest & Mountain states, we serve as a national hub to engage partners committed to strengthening inclusive democracy.

Western States Center consistently punches above its weight class, shaping narratives, crafting strategies, and developing leaders rooted in the lived experience of the Pacific Northwest & Mountain States that influence the entire country. That’s why SPLC counts on WSC as a core program partner and I’m proud to serve on the board of directors.

~ Lecia Brooks, Southern Poverty Law Center Chief of Staff
Our innovative fellowships, cohorts, and networks serve as laboratories for 21st century civil rights movement-building strategies.

**Inclusive Democracy Culture Lab**
- 15 singer-songwriters from CA, ID, KY, NY, OR, TN and TX developed strategies for Americana musicians to engage fans around anti-bigotry work

**Common Good Masterclass for Artists + Cultural Workers**
- 20 multimedia artists from around the country combating racism, antisemitism and anti-democratic movements through their art

**Leadership Initiative to Combat Antisemitism**
- NYC cohort of 27 Black, Jewish, and Muslim leaders exploring why we must address antisemitism to combat authoritarianism

**NW Racial Equity Leaders Project**
- 23 practitioners from the Pacific NW strengthening EDI capacity and building a community of practice

**Confronting White Nationalism Educator Network**
- 89 trained educators
- 151+ network participants
- 11,000+ Confronting White Nationalism in Schools toolkits distributed

**Oregon Inclusive Democracy Network**
- Uniting communications and program staff from 12+ organizations throughout the state to counter anti-democratic activity

**Senior Fellows**
- Developing multi-sector influencers as leaders on anti-hate, social inclusion and inclusive democracy in AL, DC, IL, KY, MO, NY + OR

**Defending Democracy + Movement Building Fellows**
- 10 fellows in FL, GA, ID, OH, MT and WA receiving tools, training, and building connections to peers

**Common Good Masterclass for Jewish Funders**
- 20 funders in conversation about threats to inclusive democracy from white nationalism, racism and antisemitism
Northwest Racial Equity Leaders Project

Western States Center’s 2003 Dismantling Racism Resource Book and accompanying training models were foundational for systemic racial justice work for a decade. Since then, the Equity, Diversity & Inclusion field in the U.S. has changed and grown tremendously.

Our new project engages two-dozen practitioners in (re)centering racial justice as a strategic lens that connects the Equity, Diversity & Inclusion field to systems transformation, social movements, and societal consciousness. Using a peer coaching model, the project created space (to the beat of a great soundtrack) to address real-time dilemmas of organizational leadership during a time of pandemic, racial justice uprising, and authoritarian crack-downs.

Participating in the Northwest Racial Equity Leaders Project expanded my network, gave me new tools and resources in approaching crucial work in the communities I belong to and serve, and further reinforced the importance of carving out intentional time for reflection, information sharing, and healing.

~ Tyler TerMeer,
CEO, Cascade AIDS Project

Project Participants

MOMENTUM

Supporting communities and democratic institutions to counter white nationalism

Rapid Response & Municipal Support
Local governments and democratic institutions are an essential counterbalance to rising authoritarianism. We conduct strategy sessions and emergency briefings; design creative campaigns and sign-on actions. In 2020 we delivered a two-part training on white nationalism to Portland’s elected and appointed leadership, partnered with Southern Poverty Law Center to close space for political violence in four states, and galvanized a unified response to the large white nationalist mobilizations that served as dress rehearsals for the January 6, 2021 insurrection at the U.S. Capitol.

The fellowship expanded my thinking about the intersection between white supremacy, white nationalism, reproductive health, LGBTQIA rights, immigrant rights, and the far right. It was both fascinating and frightening to see these issues play out in real time during the 2020 elections.

~ Christina Bruce-Bennion, Idaho Office for Refugees

Defending Democracy & Movement Building Fellows
Fellows from six states built relationships, strengthened skills, and designed projects with the potential to influence statewide movements. Planned Parenthood of Greater Washington & Northern Idaho’s Sarah Dixit created a training guide on the connection between anti-abortion and white nationalist movements to sharpen the focus of college-based organizing. NARAL Pro-Choice Washington’s Gabbi Nazari presented on this same nexus to staff and leadership, resulting in an action plan to mobilize coalition partners to counter far-right movements.
Research, Narrative & Strategic Leadership
We help shape the way civil society understands and acts on anti-democratic threats through participation in coalition tables, writing, public speaking, and work with the news media. Tools like our bi-weekly Democracy Alert and PlotAgainstImmigrants.com provide background and analysis developed through monitoring and original research in partnership with local anti-hate activists, the Oregon Inclusive Democracy Network, and national allies.

Confronting White Nationalism in Schools Toolkit & Educator Network
With our groundbreaking toolkit endorsed by the National Education Association, covered by The New York Times, Washington Post, and PBS NewsHour, and in use across the country, we engage on an ongoing basis with a large private online community and the 89 educators who completed our train-the-trainer certification program in 2020 to support them in delivering this material locally. One educator told us, “I joined out of heartbreak and began to feel a more realistic sense of hopefulness.” Another said of the three-day training, “I feel less and less alone and more supported.”

One of the best professional development events in my 15 years of education.
- Chris Penna, Loyola Academy, IL

“My Child Is Sharing Conspiracy Theories and Racist Memes. What Do I Say?”
With the pandemic exposing young people to more bigoted internet content than ever, we released a new set of tools on our Medium channel to empower parents and caregivers to discuss online propaganda with their kids in ways that help them discern fact from fiction, grow their empathy for others, and help them become better media consumers and overall better community members.
We began 2020 on the Brooklyn Bridge at a 25,000 person solidarity march following a spate of antisemitic violence around New York City. Hate crimes had already reached record levels. Then the global pandemic ushered in new waves of deadly conspiracy theories targeting Jews, the Asian community, and democracy itself. Understanding antisemitism as the fuel that drives white nationalism, our Common Good programming equips leaders, organizations, and communities with innovative insights, tools, and strategies to respond.

**Leadership Initiative to Combat Antisemitism**

We piloted a new approach to addressing the “hot button” issues that help to perpetuate antisemitism with our inaugural transnational cohort of two-dozen leaders from a range of sectors. In 2020, we held our first convening of our second cohort – 27 Black, Jewish, and Muslim leaders from the New York City area – just before the pandemic paused plans to travel together to civil rights legacy sites in the American south. We will resume this leadership cohort when in-person gatherings become possible.

> A united fight against antisemitism is critical to the elimination of all forms of hatred. Your leadership is critical and greatly appreciated.

— Ronna Greff Schneider, President, Cincinnati Jewish Community Relations Council

Eric’s seminal essay *Skin in the Game: How Antisemitism Animates White Nationalism* is now a video at WesternStatesCenter.org/leadership
Your ability to bring Jews and Blacks together to understand the forces that continually try to tear us apart is extraordinary. All of us left feeling inspired to take action. One person said it was the best talk she ever heard; another couldn’t wait to share the recording with her college students.

- Sara Weinberger, Congregation B’nai Israel

The Coalition of the Future: How We Combat White Nationalism & Weave the Fabric of Democracy, A Seminar in Practice
We devoted part of 2020 to developing a new college course – launched at Oberlin in spring 2021 – to help students grapple with the intersections between antisemitism and racism and engage in the difficult conversations necessary to build alliances for change.

Common Good Masterclass for Artists & Cultural Workers
Twenty multi-media artists from around the country convened over 14 weeks to develop a more nuanced understanding of the relationship between anti-Black racism and antisemitism. For research-based playwright and teaching artist Rachel Atkins, the timing was perfect. “I hope we can look back someday and see this as a period of positive transition and lasting social change,” she says.
At Western States Center we work 24/7 to reach as many people as we can with our analysis of threats to democracy and tools that organizers and civil society leaders can use to combat bigotry. But we ourselves can’t reach the one-third of Americans who are susceptible to white nationalist appeals to their anxieties and the antisemitic misinformation and stereotypes that have become so normalized. We can’t – but artists can.

Musicians and other culture-makers have always been agents of change. Their work connects through values instead of ideology and belief. Americana music, with its politically diverse fan base spanning rural and urban communities, has the potential to interrupt outdated narratives and reduce demographic anxiety.

To test this theory, we recruited 15 Americana singer-songwriters who began convening as a national cohort in 2020. The majority are continuing into 2021 to develop a music industry toolkit to share their learnings through case studies and concrete actions that other artists can take. Topics they’re tackling include resisting the myth of urban/rural divide, belonging and inclusion, breaking isolation, addressing backlash, and collaborating with justice movements.

“Being involved with Western States Center has been one of the most rewarding and enlightening experiences of my life. Our discussions and meet-ups have given a hard spine to the themes and suspicions that have run throughout my work, that exclusion contributes to all sorts of failings and dangers. Part community organizer, anti-racism team, reasonable voice, and education source, Western States Center is doing important and necessary work during this incredibly fractious time.”

~ Matthew Ryan
I believe in an inclusive democracy, the opposite of the white nationalist agenda. And I believe in the power of music to unite people across space, time, and all imagined or real divides.

~ Ana Egge

The Ripple Effect of The Cohort
Ana Egge’s “This Time,” written during her time with the cohort, got a shout out from Tony-award winner Anais Mitchell who tweeted the song to her 29k followers. The next day, Salisbury University kicked off their first-ever Anti-Racism Summit with a viewing of the song’s video. The Daily Beast’s feature “Is Country Music Turning on Racism and QAnon?” quoted Michaela Anne and Clay Steakley. Clay is featuring more conversations on equity on his “Outer Voice” podcast. Peter Mulvey used Facebook Live to speak to fans about the nation’s pain following the insurrection at the U.S. Capitol. And Dan Bern’s latest, “Ivan’s Barbershop,” draws inspiration from his cohort experience.

Inclusive Democracy Culture Lab Inaugural Cohort
Michaela Anne, Nashville, Tennessee*
Dan Bern, Soquel, California
Maya de Vitry, Nashville, Tennessee*
Ana Egge, Brooklyn, New York*
Rebecca Gates, Portland, Oregon*
Sara Hickman, Austin, Texas*
Catherine Irwin (Freakwater), Louisville, Kentucky*
Eilen Jewell, Boise, Idaho*
Peter Mulvey, Milwaukee, Wisconsin*
Nate Query (The Decemberists), Portland, Oregon
Rench (Gangstagrass), Brooklyn, New York*
Matthew Ryan, Nashville, Tennessee*
Nathan Salsburg, Louisville, Kentucky
Joan Shelley, Louisville, Kentucky
Clay Steakley, Nashville, Tennessee*

* Continuing in 2021 (11)
In 2020 we reached over 30,000 people through 147 keynote and panel presentations, cohort classes, workshops and trainings for a wide range of organizations and events nationwide:

**FAITH + CIVIC EVENTS**
- Congregation Ahavath Chesed - Florida
- Congregation Beth Israel - San Diego
- Congregation B’nai Israel - Northampton, MA
- Countering Islamophobia Roundtable
- Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice
- Jewish Community Relations Council - Florida
- Jewish Community Relations Council, Cincinnati
- Jewish Council for Public Affairs
- Jewish Family Services of Spokane
- Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester
- Jewish Federation of North America
- Martha’s Vineyard Hebrew Center
- National Council Jewish Women- Greater Long Beach
- No Hate. No Fear. March and Rally Against Antisemitism - NYC
- NM Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice
- Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism- Cincinnati
- Society for the Advancement of Judaism
- Temple Shalom- Naples
- Temple Wise- Cincinnati
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**CONFERENCES + FORUMS**
- American Civil Liberties Union - NJ
- Bend the Arc: Pursuing Justice Conference
- Building Movement Project - Upswell Conference
- Creating Change 2020 Conference
- Edward Waters College
- Idaho Conference on Refugees
- Milton & Ruth Stern and James A. Samuels Social Action Lecture
- Northern California Grantmakers 2020 Annual Conference

*You brought the fire! Our interview was a strategic way for me to advance the conversation in our synagogue towards justice and solidarity.*

~ Rabbi Lauren Grabelle Herrmann, SAJ
Oregon Small Farms Conference
Race Forward’s Facing Race Conference
Southeastern Family Office Forum
Smith College
Southern Poverty Law Center convening
Southridge High School Community Conversation on Race
Levine Center to End Hate/Jewish Federation of Greater Rochester Summit
Washington Refugee Symposium

**BRIEFINGS + TRAININGS**

Anti-Defamation League
Center for American Progress

City of Portland
Clatsop County Democrats
Columbia University
Daphne Foundation
Diné Pride
EngageNY
Facing History and Ourselves
Ford Foundation
Gonzaga Law School, Center for Civil and Human Rights
Greater Spokane Progress
Help Tech Stop Hate Coalition
Holocaust Center Seattle, Powell Advanced Institute

Hope Not Hate podcast
Illinois Holocaust Museum and Education Center
Illinois School Counselor Association
Interfaith Worker Justice
Integrity First
Klickitat County Coalition
Media Democracy Fund
Meyer Memorial Trust
Museum of the African Diaspora
Nancy & David Wolf Holocaust and Humanity Center
NAACP MLK Jr. Dinner, Florida
New Mexico Religious Coalition for Reproductive Choice
One Oregon
Open Society Foundations
Oregon Community Foundation
Peace & Justice Action League of Spokane
People’s Action
Portland Community College
Sounds Like Hate podcast
Southern Poverty Law Center
Spokane County Human Rights Task Force
University of Oregon
University of Puget Sound
West Central Development Group
Whidbey Island Social Justice Network
World Oregon

Training presented by Nora Flanagan, Confronting White Nationalism in Schools Senior Fellow, earns local news coverage.
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Our programs engaged, supported, and relied on partnerships with nearly 200 tribal, state, and local governments, and racial, gender, and economic justice organizations:

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- All* Above All
- American Association of Teachers of German
- Anti-Defamation League
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- Center for Inclusion and Belonging at the American Immigration Council
- Classrooms Without Borders
- Common Cause
- Facing History and Ourselves
- Fellowship of Reconciliation USA
- Fight Back Table
- Forward Together
- National Education Association
- People’s Action
- Race Forward
- Sierra Club
- Smith College Roots of Reproductive Justice Curriculum Advisory Group
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- Common Cause Oregon
- Crag Law Center
- Disability Rights Oregon
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- Greater Hells Canyon Council
- Fair Shot Oregon
- Family Forward Oregon
- Greater Spokane Progress
- First Unitarian Church of Portland
- Health Share of Oregon
- Idaho Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence
- Idaho Office for Refugees
- Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice
- Jewish Community Relations Council, Cincinnati
- Jewish Federation of Greater Portland
- Latino Network
- Latinx Alliance of Lane County
- League of Women Voters of Oregon
- Meyer Memorial Trust
- Mercy Corps
- Montana Human Rights Network
Lifting Our Spirits, Feeding Our Souls

Our far-flung teams stayed connected through regular virtual happy hours supported by home-delivered care packages, sourced from these local Black, Indigenous, brown-owned or women/trans/non-binary-led small businesses:

- DB Dessert Company
- Enchanté Chocolatier
- Hibisbloom
- Honeybee Sparkling Lemonade & Syrups
- Jacobsen Salt Co.
- Missionary Chocolates
- Nomad Mix
- PDXPOP!
- TeeMart Apparel

We appreciate the 66 elected, government and civic leaders in Oregon who signed on to our statements rejecting hate and political violence in 2020.
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"I am in awe of what you are building. The potential of your cohort to change hearts and minds outweighs the power of fact sheets, economic reports and policy analysis by a factor of 1 million. We believe in you all and your power to change America for the better and will do anything we can to help.

~ Wendy Feliz, Center for Inclusion and Belonging, American Immigration Council

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The impact of Western States Center’s work is impossible to measure, given its ideas have been internalized and adopted by networks and communities in numbers beyond the reach of most small organizations. WSC is a key leader in preparing a wide coalition of willing hearts to respond to this uncertain American moment with grounded and passionate hearts.

- Rabbi Menachem Creditor, Pearl & Ira Meyer Scholar in Residence, UJA Federation of New York
2020 BY THE NUMBERS

BUILDING MOVEMENT

- 122 national, regional & local partners

- 147 educational presentations and workshops reaching 30,000+

DEVELOPING LEADERS

- 9 cohorts and networks developing 281 leaders throughout the US

- 89 Schools Toolkit trainers in 26 states and 2 Canadian provinces

SHIFTING CULTURE

- 260 citations of WSC in the news

- 35 creatives graduating our cohorts ready to move inclusive narratives

DEFENDING DEMOCRACY

- 28 rapid response interventions including 1 federal lawsuit

- 66 local, state and regional electeds united against hate and political violence
Western States Center has played a catalytic role in building people-centered movements for social justice since 1987.

**BUILDING MOVEMENTS**
We strengthen the organizing capacity of often-marginalized communities, with a particular emphasis on gender justice, racial justice, and tribal sovereignty work.

**DEVELOPING LEADERS**
We provide training, leadership development, and organizational capacity support to social movements and leaders committed to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

**SHIFTING CULTURE**
We convene culture-makers to shift the narrative and use culture as a vehicle for base and power building in non-traditional social change spaces.

**DEFENDING DEMOCRACY**
We assist communities and civil society to uphold the rule of law by effectively responding to social movements that exploit bigotry and intolerance.

Help build a world where everyone can live, love, worship, and work free from bigotry and fear.

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