BIPOC Communities’ Response to Rising White Nationalism

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Rana Elmir joined Proteus Fund as the Program Director for the RISE Together Fund in 2022. For nearly 16 years, Rana was a member of the ACLU of Michigan’s senior leadership team starting as Communications Director, then Deputy Director and finally interim Executive Director. Working with a 35-member team, Rana led various organizational development programs including equity, diversity, inclusion and belonging efforts. She also helped guide legal, advocacy and media strategies and campaigns centered on the most pressing civil rights issues in Michigan including supporting BAMEMSA and immigrant communities, LGBTQ equality, criminal legal reform, reproductive freedom, and racial justice. However, as a former newspaper reporter, Rana is a storyteller first and foremost sharing her family’s own experiences to shed light on anti-Muslim and anti-immigrant bias.
Speakers

Domingo García
National President
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Scot Nakagawa
Co-Director
22nd Century Initiative

Arjun Singh Sethi
Author & Professor
Georgetown University Law Center

Margari Hill
Executive Director
Muslim Anti-Racism Collaborative
Scot Nakagawa is a 42-year veteran of social and economic justice advocacy and has served as an organizer, political strategist, and social movement analyst in the struggle against authoritarianism and for equitable and inclusive democracy since 1988.

Scot serves as co-director of the 22nd Century Initiative, a national strategy and action center that is preserving and expanding the potential for inclusive, people-centered democracy in the U.S. by building the field of resistance to authoritarian ideas and movements. He is a past Open Society Foundations fellow, and Senior Fellow on Nationalism, Authoritarianism, and Race of Race Forward: The Center for Racial Justice Innovation. He is also a writer whose essays on authoritarianism and resistance can be found online in The Anti-Authoritarian Playbook.
Arjun Singh Sethi is a community activist, human rights lawyer, author and law professor based in Washington, DC. He works closely with Muslim, Arab, South Asian, and Sikh communities and is the editor of *American Hate: Survivors Speak Out*, an NPR Best Book of 2018. He holds faculty appointments at Georgetown University Law Center and Vanderbilt University Law School, and co-chairs the American Bar Association’s National Committee on Homeland Security, Terrorism, and Treatment of Enemy Combatants.
Mr. Garcia’s life is that of a self-made success and public service spanning decades of hard work and sacrifice, a son born of Mexican immigrants who earned his way from shoeshine boy to the Statehouse of Texas as an elected lawmaker. From newspaper boy, he rose to become one of Texas’ most visible newsmakers, as the youngest Mayor Pro-Tem of Dallas, one of America’s top 10 cities. From a busboy who dreamed of his own future, he went on to protect America’s Dreamers as author of Texas’ laws, the first in the nation to protect immigrant students, after receiving his B.A. in Political Science from the University of North Texas in 1980 and his Doctor of Jurisprudence degree from Texas Southern University in Houston, Texas in 1983. From a young man who grew up listening to his parents’ stories about life in Mexico, he went on to win a scholarship to study at the El Colegio de Mexico in Mexico City where he earned a Masters degree in International Relations. Indeed, the depth and breadth of his life have enabled Domingo to also serve as an editorial columnist and broadcast commentator as well as a highly-successful trial lawyer for thirty years.
Margari Hill is the co-founder and Executive Director of Muslim Anti-Racism Collaborative (MuslimARC), a human rights education organization. She is also a freelance writer published in *How We Fight White Supremacy* (2018) *Time*, *Huffington Post*, and *Al Jazeera English*. She earned her master's degree in History of the Middle East and Islamic Africa from Stanford University in 2006. Her research includes transformations in Islamic education, colonial surveillance in Northern Nigeria, anti-colonial resistance among West Africans in Sudan during the early 20th century, interethnic relations in Muslim communities, anti-bias K-12 education, and the criminalization of Black Muslims. She is on the Advisory Council of Islam, Social Justice & Interreligious Engagement Program at the Union Theological Seminary. For her work, she has received numerous awards including the Council of American Islamic Relation's (CAIR) 2020 Muslim of the Year award, Khadija bint Khuwaylid Relief Foundation Lifetime Humanitarian award in 2019, the Big Heart Award in 2017, and Muslim Public Affair's Council's (MPAC) 2015 Change Maker Award. She has given talks and lectures in various universities and community centers throughout the country.
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