

## ORGANIZATIONS SERVED, 2005-2006

A sampling of organizations National Radio Project has served by highlighting perspectives, analysis and solutions on *Making Contact*.

ACLU of Northern California  
ACT UP  
Afghan Women Skills Development Center  
Ali Forney Center  
Amnesty International  
Arms Control Association  
Asian Communities for Reproductive Justice  
Audubon Canyon Ranch Wildlife Preserve  
Bay Area Police Watch  
Books Not Bars  
California Coastal Commission  
CASA Latina  
Centre for Energy, Environment and Climate Change  
Children's Defense Fund  
Code Pink  
Columbus House  
Common Ground  
Community Coalition for Environmental Justice  
Community Labor United  
Connecticut Voices for Children  
Day Worker Center  
Death Penalty Focus  
Desis Rising Up and Moving (DRUM)  
Ella Baker Center for Human Rights  
Empowerment and Action Research Centre  
Environmental Justice Coalition for Water  
Esperanza Peace and Justice Center  
Farm Workers Association of Florida  
Gay, Lesbian and Straight Education Network (GLSEN)  
General Federation of Nepali Trade Unions  
Generation Five  
Generations United  
Gold Star Families for Peace  
Greenpeace Climate Change Campaign  
Healing Word International  
HIV Vida  
Hopalong Animal Rescue Center  
Humane Society of the United States  
Immigration Equality  
Incite! Women of Color Against Violence  
Institute for Energy and Environmental Research  
Institute for Change in the Mexican Countryside  
International Action Center  
Iraq Community Center

Iraq Veterans Against the War  
Isaiah House  
King County Labor Council  
Land Center for Human Rights  
Legal Services for Children  
Local Governments for Sustainability  
LYRIC  
Madison Wisconsin Green Party  
Media Alliance  
Mothers for Justice  
National Advocates for Pregnant Women  
National Capital Immigration Coalition  
National Center for Lesbian Rights  
National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty  
National Council of Arab Americans  
National Health Law Program  
Northern Ireland Interfaith Forum  
Not in Our Name  
Nuclear Age Peace Foundation  
Parents, Families and Friends of Lesbians and Gays (PFLAG)  
Pastoral Lands Commission  
Peace and International Solidarity Program of the Women of Color Resource Center  
People's Hurricane Relief Fund  
Revolutionary Association of the Women of Afghanistan (RAWA)  
San Francisco SPCA  
Santa Ana Republican Women  
Science and Environmental Policy Project  
Seattle Displacement Coalition  
Service Employees International Union (SEIU)  
Seniors for Peace  
Sexual Minority Youth Assistance League (SMYAL)  
Silicon Valley Toxics Coalition  
SisterSong - Women of Color Reproductive Health Collective  
Sojourners  
Southern Poverty Law Center's Immigrant Justice Project  
St. Bernard Citizens for Environmental Quality  
Sylvia's Place  
Teamster's Local 206 in Portland  
Texas Media Empowerment Project  
Troops Home Now Coalition  
United Farm Workers of America

Washington State Labor Council  
Water Vigilance Network  
Wisconsin Network for Peace and Justice  
Women On Farms Project in South Africa  
Women's Education, Research and Resource Center  
Women's Interfaith Encounter  
Women's International League for Peace and Freedom  
Youth Empowerment School  
Youth Media Council



Ron Rucker, one of our wonderful volunteers.

## WHO WE ARE

### Board of Directors

Simon Avakian  
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Candice Francis  
Gary Heider  
Michael Rosenthal  
Simran Sethi  
Rita Takahashi, Board President

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Lisa Rudman, executive director  
Justin Beck, associate producer  
Dorian Taylor, communications manager  
Tom Evans, development associate  
Esther Manilla, office and outreach coordinator

### Interns

Malikah Floyd  
Stefana Petrova  
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Alina Potts  
Renita Pitts  
Shanina Shumate

### Advisors

Peggy Law, founding director  
Norman Solomon, senior advisor  
David Barsamian, national advisor

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## BOARD AND STAFF FY 2005-2006

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS

National Radio Project/International Media Project board members represent the diverse communities we serve, and their experience and skills have contributed greatly to our efforts. Simon Avakian handed off his presidency to Rita Takahashi, and Candice Francis inherited the Vice President mantle from Marla Cornelius, who completed her term this year. Michael Rosenthal became Secretary, and David Clark became Treasurer.

### STAFF BIOS

#### **Lisa Rudman, Executive Director**

A grassroots activist and award winning documentary video and radio maker with 23 years experience, Lisa has managerial experience in a number of non-profit, corporate and broadcast settings. Lisa has been with National Radio Project since 1998 in a variety of capacities including Women's Desk Director, Co-Director of Live Wire Independent News, trainer, producer and fundraiser, and became the Executive Director in February of 2003.

#### **Tena Rubio, Senior Producer**

Tena is experienced in local television news, national news magazine programming and public radio reporting. Her background includes positions as producer, field producer and news writer at NBC, CBS and Fox affiliates in a variety of local television markets, and was a segment producer for the McLaughlin One on One show. Most recently, she was the senior producer for Pacifica's Washington DC Bureau, WPFW. There she produced, reported and was a fill-in host for "Pacifica Headline News." Tena has field produced landmark news events including the "March for Women's Lives," the "9-11 Commission Hearings" and the "Downing Street Memo Hearing" in Washington, DC. Tena holds a B.A. from the University of California at Berkeley and received her M.A. in broadcast journalism and public policy at American University in Washington, DC. She is committed to highlighting social justice, gender equity, the environment and education issues, and to airing voices not normally heard in mainstream media.

#### **Justin Beck, Associate Producer**

Justin has a master's degree in journalism from the University of California at Berkeley, and has "lived" in public radio for the last nine years, including positions as a reporter and local host of NPR's "Morning Edition" at KFSK in Petersburg, Alaska; and public affairs director and DJ at KDVS in Davis, California. His specialties include sound rich, long-form features on people and issues that affect their lives. He blends his journalistic skills with a keen editorial ear and a patient training style.

## BOARD AND STAFF FY 2005-2006, CONTINUED...

### STAFF - BIOS, CONTINUED...

#### **Dorian Taylor, Communications Manager**

Dorian is a media professional with over 20 years experience writing, producing, programming and promoting radio, television, magazines, newspapers, and their websites, including KRQR, KCSC and KCHO/KFPR in Chico, CA; KVHS in Concord, CA; KNVN-TV in Chico, CA; York Publishing (Videomaker and Smart TV & Sound magazines) in Chico, CA; and the Contra Costa Times in Walnut Creek, CA. She is the liaison for radio stations that carry *Making Contact*, manages databases, develops flyers and other printed materials, maintains the website, and works on development.

Dorian is interested in many progressive causes, especially the environment, gender equity, reproductive health, education reform, environmental and economic justice, human rights and peace.

#### **Tom Evans, Development Associate**

Tom studied radical American history at SFSU. He took the lessons learned and has been involved in local/global justice organizing and troublemaking for the last ten years. He has worked in Development Departments for the last five years and outside of paid work, he has organized countless benefits supporting everyone from the Zapatistas to the Coalition on Homelessness to local Indymedia projects.

#### **Esther Manilla, Office, Outreach Coordinator**

Esther is a student at San Francisco State University in pursuit of her B.A. in Broadcasting/La Raza. She is also an Apprentice at KPFA 94.1 FM and possesses an array of non-profit experience. She is the former Programming/Fund Drive Coordinator at KPFA 90.7 FM in Los Angeles and aims to be the liaison between National Radio Project and the community. In addition, she supports the office in a variety of capacities from working closely with volunteers, assisting with community outreach, and general administrative support.

#### **Our Interns and other Wonderful Volunteers, who help us with**

research, database work, outreach and distribution, publicity, administrative, development/fundraising transcribing, recording events, translation, English language voice-overs, special events and more.

Over 90 freelancers file segments for *Making Contact* from around the country and across the globe.



**“*Making Contact* has been an invaluable asset for the entire progressive community in my town of Bloomington, Indiana. There is no other program which compares on the entire radio dial.”**

– Chris Gaal, Reporter,  
Bloomington Voice

### ADVISORS - BIOS

#### **Peggy Law, Founding Director and Development Advisor**

Activist, organizer, visionary. Peggy is a journalist with broad experience in non-profit management. She is an organizational consultant and a Board Member of the Institute for Public Accuracy and IF (a social change organization). Peggy is an Executive Committee member for the MediaWorks Initiative, and has also had a career as a mental health professional.

#### **Norman Solomon, Senior Advisor**

Nationally syndicated author and columnist on media and politics; Fairness & Accuracy in Reporting (FAIR) associate; Founder and Executive Director of the Institute for Public Accuracy. A collection of Norman’s columns won the 1999 George Orwell Award for Distinguished Contribution to Honesty and Clarity in Public Language. He has authored ten books, including “The Habits of Highly Deceptive Media and The Power of Babble,” “Target Iraq: What the News Media Didn’t Tell You” (co-authored with foreign correspondent Reese Erlich), and his latest book, “War Made Easy: How Presidents and Pundits Keep Spinning Us to Death.”

#### **David Barsamian, National Advisor**

Author, lecturer, founder and director of Alternative Radio. David’s interviews and articles appear in *The Progressive*, *The Nation*, *Z* and other journals and magazines. David is author of numerous books with Noam Chomsky, Howard Zinn, Eqsbal Ahmad, and Edward Said. His series of books with Chomsky, America’s leading dissident, have sold in the hundreds of thousands and have been translated into many languages. David’s latest books are “Propaganda & the Public Mind: Conversations with Noam Chomsky” and “The Decline & Fall of Public Broadcasting.”

## BOARD AND STAFF FY 2005-2006 CONTINUED...

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS - BIOS

#### **Simon Avakian**

Simon is a former aerospace engineer who has worked a family farm and is a volunteer technical consultant to several non-profit media organizations. He has worked in photographic sales and technical support since 1996.

#### **David Clark, Treasurer**

David is currently utilizing his background in industrial engineering and MBA in Sustainable Management to support entrepreneurial ventures in the Bay Area. He has developed strategies and operations plans for micro-enterprise businesses including a homepower company, yoga studios, and non-profit organizations in North Carolina. In Tennessee he worked in manufacturing for large corporations. He enjoys playing the saxophone, and has performed and recorded with various pop, and reggae groups, and continues to study jazz.

#### **Candice Francis, Vice President**

Candice Francis is currently the Communications and Development Director for the Family Independence Initiative (FII), an Oakland based community and economic development non-profit. Her past experience spans a number of related disciplines including: radio and television production; teaching and life/skills coaching; manuscript and copy writing and editing; marketing, promotions, public relations and advertising. She recently served as a writing coach, editor, and consultant on a personal memoir project. In addition to FII, Candice has worked for: KQED-TV, KQED-FM, KRON/BAY-TV, The University of California at Berkeley, Martin & Glantz LLC and Kaiser Permanente. She holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Brown University and a Master of Arts in Mass Communications from Ohio University where she was a recipient of a national fellowship awarded by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

#### **Gary Heider**

Gary is a labor activist who recently retired from Stage Hands Union and has run several successful businesses.

#### **Michael Rosenthal, Secretary**

Michael Rosenthal is an Emmy Award winning television producer. Since 1993, he's been on the staff of KRON-TV in San Francisco, working on the northern California travel show "Bay Area Backroads." He is also one of the essayists in MoveOn.org's book, "50 Ways to Love Your Country."

#### **Simran Sethi**

Simran is the host/ writer of Ethical Markets, the first national program reporting on sustainable business practices and corporate social responsibility, created by futurist Hazel Henderson and airing on PBS. Simran is an award-winning journalist who produced and anchored the news for MTV Asia, co-created the MTV India news division, and developed programming for the BBC and Doordarshan through her independent production company SHE TV. She also holds an MBA in sustainable management, integrating ethical, social and environmental values with practical business knowledge.

#### **Rita Takahashi, President**

Rita is a Professor of Social Work & Community Organizing at San Francisco State University, School of Social Work. She is on the National Advisory Committee for Wartime Incarceration and the Life Course of Nisei Families, and is an Advisory Board member (and former Board President) of the Japanese American National Library.

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