

Meet our Guest Speakers!



Frank Adamson is a Senior Policy and Research Analyst at the Stanford Center for Opportunity Policy in Education (SCOPE). Frank currently researches the impacts of charter schools, portfolio districts, and community schools on education in the U.S. Internationally, Frank compares strategies of privatization and public investment in national education systems. His recent works include *Global Education Reform: How Privatization and Public Investment Influence Education Outcomes* and *Whose Choice?* **Frank Adamson will be speaking on August 3rd at the Troupe Studio.**



Lita Blanc is the President of United Educators of San Francisco, the union that represents 6200 teachers, nurses, paraprofessionals and other educators in San Francisco public schools. As a bilingual educator, she taught for 29 years in San Francisco's Mission district. A life-long activist, Lita is committed to connecting the fight for educators' rights to the rights of the communities they serve. **Lita Blanc will be speaking on August 13th in Glen Park.**



Erik-Jon Gibson is a full time actor in the Bay Area, and a core member of the Ubuntu Theatre Project ensemble. He recently took on the character of "Poder" in Docudrama play by Milta Ortiz entitled MAS, which stands for Mexican American studies. MAS is a documenting of the happenings and events that took place at Tuscon Unified School District with the state of Arizona passing the senate bills 1070 and 2281 resulting immediate cancellation of Mexican American Studies classes and the shutting down of all ethnic studies departments in TUSD, citing the classes and being racist and seditious.

Erik-Jon Gibson will be speaking on July 9th at Live Oak Park.



Drew Glover, is the founder and director of Project Pollinate, a local non-profit focused on community building and environmental sustainability. Guest lecturer to The Museum of Art and History in Santa Cruz on topics of racism and organizing with communities of color, and the recipient of the 2014-2015 Rosemary Grainger Peace Activism Award, Drew was most recently named one of Santa Cruz County's "Community Game Changers" by The Community Action Board of Santa Cruz County at their 50th anniversary. **Drew Glover will be speaking on August 6th at Porter Quad, UC Santa Cruz.**



Trish Gorham is the President of the Oakland Education Association this July. She is an Oakland native and has taught in the city's public school system for 30 years. A graduate of University of San Francisco, she began teaching in 1982. She taught at Kaiser Elementary for seven years, and worked for 23 years as a teacher at Washington Elementary before the state administrator closed the school—on its centennial year—in June, 2005, due to low enrollment. **Trish Gorham will be speaking on July 27th 6th at Lakeside Park/Lake Merritt, Oakland.**



Eric Heins, President of the California Teachers Association is a 24-year teaching veteran and has taught kindergarten through fifth grade, in the Pittsburg Unified School District. Heins chaired the CTA Teacher Evaluation Workgroup, which developed evaluation guidelines focusing on strengthening the knowledge, skills and practices of teachers to improve student learning. He also guided CTA's efforts to support at-risk students through the implementation of the Quality Education Investment Act. **Eric Heins will be speaking on August 20th in Willard Park.**



Jeremiah Jeffries is one the founders and main coordinators for Teachers 4 Social Justice (www.t4sj.org). He is a public education advocate focused on changing education policy to better serve public school children. He has been teaching for over nineteen years and currently teaches at Redding Elementary in San Francisco. He also serves as adjunct faculty at the University of San Francisco in Teacher Education and is the founding president of the Center for Critical Environmental and Global Literacy (www.ccegl.org). **Jeremiah Jeffries will be speaking on August 13th in Glen Park.**



Gregory Keech is the elected chair of the Department of English as a SecondLanguage (ESL) at City College of San Francisco. Greg has been chair for ten years. His passions include teaching, language learning, and travel. Greg is a strong advocate for free public education, from kindergarten through college, as a right and a key ingredient for democracy. He believes the work of an educator is not transaction - it is transformation. **Gregory Keech will be speaking on August 3rd at the Troupe Studio.**



Tovi Scruggs is the Regional Executive Director for Partners in Schools Innovation, a nonprofit dedicated to working hand in hand with teachers and leaders to strengthen teaching, learning and achievement in underperforming public schools. While serving as the principal of San Lorenzo High School, Tovi authored a book that educates parents to be strong partners with their child's school. Tovi also co-founded and led a nonprofit private school (grades 6-12) focusing on STEM education for underserved youth in the Bay Area. **Tovi Scruggs will be speaking on August 20th in Willard Park.**



Ronald David Glass is a radical philosopher of education and has worked with a wide range of social justice, anti-racism, and anti-militarism organizations. Ron has held university appointments for the past 25 or so years and is currently serving as Professor of Philosophy of Education at UCSC and Director of the University of California system-wide research program initiative, the Center for Collaborative Research for an Equitable California (<https://ccrec.ucsc.edu/>) **Ronald Glass will be speaking on August 6th at Porter Quad, UC Santa Cruz.**



Grace Wakefield is currently a resident in the San Francisco Teacher Residency Program and the Education Preparation Student Liaison to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC). She recently graduated from the University of San Francisco, where she received her B.A. in Sociology with honors. She was a participant in the undergraduate Teacher Preparation Program (Dual Degree) and is pursuing a multiple subject teaching credential and Masters in Teaching. At USF she co-founded the Future Teacher Association and served as its co-president for two years. **Grace Wakefield will be speaking on September 4th in Dolores Park.**



James (Lynn) Woodworth joined the CREDO (Center for Research on Education Outcomes) team in 2012. Prior to his time at CREDO, Lynn performed research, program evaluations, and administered performance pay programs at the Office for Education Policy as part of his duties as a Distinguished Doctoral Fellow in the Department of Education Reform at the University of Arkansas. Before his time at the University of Arkansas, Lynn spent 11 years as a public school teacher in Arkansas. **Lynn Woodworth will be speaking on July 9th at Live Oak Park.**