

Name of Panel: Power Plays

Date | Time | Location: June 4, 2025 | 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET | Virtual

Brief Description:

This panel will explore the ways in which power is being centralized in state legislatures through gerrymandering and a series of actions designed to strip authority from those best positioned to provide a check against such power. These moves have been taking place at the same as the U.S. Supreme Court has moved to “return” key issues to state legislative bodies and progressives have turned to state constitutions and state law as a respite from disastrous federal policy. What lessons can we learn from states struggling with such antidemocratic power grabs and what is the path forward for progressives looking to restore checks and balances at all levels of government?

Panelists’ Names and Bios:

- Dawn Blagrove, *Executive Director, Emancipate NC*
- Derek Clinger, *Senior Staff Attorney, State Democracy Research Initiative*
- Michael Li, *Senior Counsel, The Brennan Center for Justice*
- Lindsay Langholz, *Senior Director of Policy and Program, ACS (moderator)*

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- Introductions / Opening Remarks (5 min)
- Panel Discussion (70 min)
- Q&A (15 min)

Materials for Panel:

[Alexander v. South Carolina NAACP](#), 602 U.S. 1 (2024).

[Rucho v. Common Cause](#), 588 U.S. 684 (2019).

[Memorandum Opinion](#), *Worrell v. DeSantis*, No. SC2023-1246 (Fl. S. Ct. Feb. 12, 2025).

[Memorandum Opinion](#), *Saunders v. Mississippi*, No. 2023-CA-00584 (Miss. S. Ct. May 15, 2023).

Kate Andrias & Benjamin I. Sachs, *The Chicken-and-Egg of Law and Organizing: Enacting Policy for Power Building*, 124 COLUMBIA L. REV. 777 (2024).

Miriam Seifter, *State Legislative Vetoes and State Constitutionalism*, 99 NYU L. REV. 2017 (2024).

Bertrall Ross, *Partisan Gerrymandering as a Threat to Multiracial Democracy*, 50 SOUTHWESTERN L. REV. 509 (2022).

Miriam Seifter, *Countermajoritarian Legislatures*, 121 COLUMBIA L. REV. 1733 (2021)



Joshua S. Sellers & Erin A. Scharff, *Preempting Politics: State Power and Local Democracy*, 72 STANFORD L. REV. 1361 (2020).

Connor Daryani, *Appeals Court to Hear Metro, State Square Off on Council Size*, NASHVILLE BANNER (Mar. 19, 2025).

Baylor Spears, *Wisconsin Supreme Court Hears Arguments in Case About Executive Versus Legislative Power*, WISCONSIN EXAMINER (Apr. 3, 2025).

Galen Bacharier, *North Carolina Legislators Pass Bill Stripping Power from Governor*, GOVERNING (Dec. 13, 2024).

Jamelle Bouie, *A Breathtaking Contempt for the People of Wisconsin*, NYTIMES (Sept. 8, 2023).

Ella Koeze, Denise Lu & Charlie Smart, *Can You Gerrymander Your Party to Power?*, NYTIMES (Jan. 27, 2022).

Name of Panel: **Combatting a Campaign of Erasure: Upholding the Rights of Trans People to Exist and Thrive**

Date | Time | Location: June 11, 2025 | 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET | Virtual

Brief Description:

The second Trump administration has made anti-trans attacks a central policy. These attacks are an outgrowth of anti-trans legislation and policies adopted at the state level at an alarming rate in recent year, including bans on gender-affirming care for youth, restrictions on trans students' ability to play sports and access bathrooms. Disturbing in their own right, many warned that these attacks were an opening salvo in a broader attack on trans rights. Recent attempts to radically undermine the rights of trans people in the U.S., confirm those fears, including a day-one executive order that denies the very existence of trans people, followed by orders purporting to ban transgender service members from the military, restrict federal funding for trans healthcare, and apply Title VII and Title IX to discriminate against trans people. How are some states resisting these efforts and what can states do to protect trans people in their states and those in states hostile to their rights?

Panelists' Names and Bios:

- **Kylar W. Broadus**, *Diversity, Equity & Inclusion, Public Speaker, Strategist, Legislative, Policy, Management*
- **Alana Jochum**, *State Policy Director, Advocates for Trans Equality*
- **William McGinty**, *Assistant Attorney General, Washington State Office of the Attorney General*
- **Shawn Meerkamper**, *Managing Attorney, Transgender Law Center*
- **Christopher Wright Durocher**, *Vice President of Policy and Program, American Constitution Society* (moderator)

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- Panel Discussion (70 min)
- Q&A (15 min)

Materials for Panel:

Alexander Chen, et al., [Legislation Restricting Gender-Affirming Care for Transgender Youth: Politics Eclipse Healthcare](#), 3 CELL REPS. MED. (2022).

Katie R. Eyer, [Transgender Constitutional Law](#), 1717 U. OF PENN. L. REV. 1405 (2023).

Erin Reed, [Anti-Trans National Risk Assessment](#), ERIN IN THE MORNING (Mar. 25, 2025).

Erin Reed, [Over 850 Anti-LGBTQ Bills Filed in 2025](#), ERIN IN THE MORNING (Apr. 18, 2025).

[Bans on Best Practice Medical Care for Transgender Youth](#), MOVEMENT ADVANCEMENT PROJECT (Apr. 7, 2025).

Bans on Transgender Youth Participation in Sports, MOVEMENT ADVANCEMENT PROJECT (Apr. 7, 2025).

Identity Document Laws and Policies, MOVEMENT ADVANCEMENT PROJECT (Apr. 7, 2025).

Medicaid Coverage of Transgender-Related Health Care, MOVEMENT ADVANCEMENT PROJECT (Apr. 7, 2025).

Exec. Order No. 14,201, *Keeping Men Out of Women's Sports*, 90 Fed. Reg. 9279 (Feb. 5, 2025).

Exec. Order No. 14,190, *Ending Radical Indoctrination in K-12 Schooling*, 90 Fed. Reg. 8853 (Jan. 29, 2025).

Exec. Order No. 14,187, *Protecting Children from Chemical and Surgical Mutilation*, 90 Fed. Reg. 8771 (Jan. 28, 2025).

Exec. Order No. 14,185, *Restoring America's Fighting Force*, 90 Fed. Reg. 8763 (Jan. 27, 2025)

Exec. Order No. 14,168, *Defending Women from Gender Ideology Extremism and Restoring Biological Truth to the Federal Government*, 90 Fed. Reg. 8615 (Jan. 20, 2025).

Memorandum Opinion, Talbott v. Trump, No. 1:25-cv-00240 (D.D.C. Mar. 18, 2025) (granting plaintiff's request for a preliminary injunction, extending to all transgender service members).

Order, Washington v. Trump, No. 2:25-cv-00244 (W.D. Wash. Feb. 28, 2025) (granting plaintiff's motion for a preliminary injunction of ban on gender affirming care).

Complaint, Am. Pub. Health Ass'n v. Nat'l Inst. of Health, 1:25-cv-10787 (D. Mass. filed Apr. 2, 2025) (challenging denial of federal grants that promote "gender ideology" or DEI).

Complaint, Kingdom v. Trump, No. 1:25-cv-00691 (D.D.C. filed Mar. 10, 2025) (challenging change in policy on housing transgender inmates).

Complaint, San Francisco AIDS Foundation v. Trump, 3:25-cv-1824 (D.D.C. filed Feb. 20, 2025) (challenging ban on DEIA initiatives in the executive branch and by contractors and grantees).

Amended Complaint, Washington v. Trump, No. 2:25-cv-00244 (W.D. Wash. filed Feb. 19, 2025) (challenging ban on gender affirming care for individuals under the age of 19).

Amended Complaint, Tirrell v. Edelblut, No. 1:24-cv-00251 (D.N.H. filed Feb. 12, 2025) (challenging ban on transgender athletes in women's sports).

Complaint, Orr v. Trump, No. 1:25-cv-10313 (D. Mass. filed Feb. 7, 2025) (challenging passport policy targeting transgender people).

Name of Panel: Resisting Oligarchy + Building Power

Date | Time | Location: June 18, 2025 | 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET | Virtual

Brief Description:

Under the current presidential administration, and over the past several decades, economic and political power has become increasingly entrenched in the hands of a small group of ultra-wealthy individuals. Most notoriously, in the spring, Elon Musk, an unelected billionaire, exercised unprecedented power to weaken pro-worker and consumer agencies like the National Labor Relation Board, the Federal Trade Commission, and the Consumer Finance Protection Bureau. This panel examines how workers and tenants can rebuild power at the local, state, and national levels.

Panelists' Names and Bios:

- **Greg Baltz**, Co-Director, Housing Justice and Tenant Solidarity Clinic, Rutgers Law School
- **Hon. Jennifer McEwen**, Senator, Minnesota State Senate
- **Marina Multhaup**, Senior Associate, Barnard Iglitzin, & Lavitt LLP (Counsel for Starbucks United)
- **Ingird Nava**, Associate General Counsel, SEIU
- **Taonga Leslie**, Director of Policy and Program for Racial Justice, American Constitution Society (moderator)

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- Welcome & Introduction (10 mins)
- Moderated Conversation (50 mins)
- Q&A and talkback (30 min)

READING MATERIALS:

Greg Baltz, [Tenant Union Law](#), 43 YALE L. & POLICY REV. 1 (2024)

Lina Khan, [The End of Antitrust History Revisited](#), 133 HARVARD L. REV. 1655 (2020).

Lina Khan & Rohit Chopra, [The Case for 'Unfair Methods of Competition' Rulemaking](#), 87 CHICAGO L. REV. 357 (2020).

LYNN RHINEHART, CELINE MCNICHOLAS, & MARGARET POYDOCK, [THE BIDEN BOARD: HOW PRESIDENT BIDEN'S NLRB APPOINTEES ARE RESTORING AND SUPPORTING WORKERS' RIGHTS](#), ECONOMIC POLICY INSTITUTE (May 1, 2024).

Greg Baltz, [Organizing In The Shadow of the Law](#), LPE PROJECT (Jan. 15, 2025).

Andrew Storm, [Assessing Biden's NLRB](#), ON LABOR (Jan. 13, 2025).

Levi Sumagaysay & Jeanne Kuang, [Why Amazon and Starbucks Workers Are Striking Now, and What It Means for Labor Under Trump](#), CAL MATTERS (Jan. 3, 2025).



Steven Greenhouse, *'The Best State for Workers': What Are Minnesota's New Labor Laws?'*, THE GUARDIAN (June 7, 2023).

Marina Multhaup, *Race and Exclusion in the Cedar Point Takings Case*, ON LABOR (Mar. 18, 2021)

Marina Multhaup, *Martinez-Cuevas: Reckoning with Labor Law's Racist Roots*, ON LABOR (Aug. 20, 2020).

Starbucks Corp. v. McKinney, 602 U.S. __ (2024).

Harris v. Bessent et al., No. 25-5037 (D.C. Cir. Apr. 7, 2025).

Name of Panel: Then They Came for Me: Protecting Our Neighbors and Ourselves

Date | Time | Location: June 25, 2025 | 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. ET | Virtual

Brief Description:

The pace of executive orders and changes to immigration policies has been much faster and broader in the second Trump administration than during the first, pushing the limits of the law even further. Immigrants are on the front lines of attacks on free speech, due process, and worker protections, which threaten liberty for everyone in the U.S. Across the country, we are facing a choice between cooperation and resistance, which will affect the rights of immigrants and citizens alike. What does the current legal landscape look like? How are we working to protect our neighbors and ourselves, in the courts, states, cities, and in workplaces, schools, and the streets?

Panelists' Names and Bios:

- **Murad Awawdeh**, *Executive Director, New York Immigration Coalition*
- **Hon. Nick Brown**, *Attorney General, Washington State Office of the Attorney General*
- **Alina Das**, *James Weldon Johnson Professor and Co-director, Immigrants Rights Clinic, New York University School of Law*
- **Aura Bogado**, *Senior Reporter, Injustice Watch* (moderator)

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Materials for Panel:

Alina Das, [*The Law and Lawlessness of U.S. Immigration Detention*](#), 138 HARV. L. REV 1186 (2025)

Alina Das, [*Immigration Detention and Dissent: The Role of the First Amendment on the Road to Abolition*](#), 56 GA. L. REV. 1433 (2022)

Shoba Wadhia & Chris Walker, [*Assessing Visions of Democracy in Regulatory Policymaking*](#), 21 GEORGETOWN J. OF L. & PUB. POLICY 389 (2023).

Shoba Wadhia, [*Darkside Discretion in Immigration Cases*](#), 72 ADMIN. L. REV. 3. (2020).

Ramzi Kassem & Diala Shamas, [*Rebellious Lawyering in the Security State*](#), 23 CLINICAL L. REV. 671 (2017).

Murad Awawdeh, [*Attacks on Voting Rights Have Begun – New York Must Be Bold and Fight Back*](#), CITY & STATE NY (Apr. 2, 2025).

Murad Awawdeh, [*New York Democrats Must Stand Up for Our Immigrant Neighbors*](#), City & State NY (Feb. 8, 2025).

Aura Bogado, [*The Disappeared*](#), REVEAL (Feb. 18, 2020).

Mica Rosenberg and Perla Trevizo, [*Four Years in a Day*](#), PROPUBLICA (Feb. 7, 2025).

Natascha Elena Uhlmann and Sarah Lazare, [*How Labor Can Fight Back Against Trump's Mass Deportation Agenda*](#), WORKDAY MAGAZINE (Jan. 16, 2025).

[Legal Immigrants, Green Card Holders, Naturalized Citizens—Who's Safe from Deportation Dragnet?](#), IMMIGRANT MAGAZINE (Apr. 1, 2025).

Proclamation No. 10,903, [Invocation of the Alien Enemies Act Regarding the Invasion of the United States by Tren de Aragua](#), 90 Fed. Reg. 13033 (Mar. 14, 2025).

Exec. Order No. 14,160, [Protecting the Meaning and Value of American Citizenship](#), 90 Fed. Reg. 8449 (Jan. 20, 2025).

Exec. Order 14,159, [Protecting the American People from Invasion](#), 90 Fed. Reg. 8443 (Jan. 20, 2025).

Memorandum on [Expanding Migrant Operations Center at Naval Station Guantanamo Bay to Full Capacity](#) (Jan. 29, 2025).

[Trump v. J.G.G.](#), 604 U.S. ____ (2025).

[Memorandum Opinion](#), [Abrego Garcia v. Trump](#), No. 8:25-cv-00951 (D. Md. Apr. 6, 2025) (ordering the return of Mr. Abrego Garcia to the United States); [Complaint](#), [Abrego Garcia](#), No. 8:25-cv-00951 (challenging seizure and removal to El Salvador of a man with protected status).

[Order Granting Plaintiffs' Motion to Postpone](#), [National TPS Alliance v. Noem](#), No. 25-cv-1766 (N.D. Cal. Mar. 31, 2025).

[Opinion and Order](#), [Mahmoud Khalil v. Joyce](#), No. 1:25-cv-01935 (S.D.N.Y. Mar. 19, 2025) (denying government's motion to dismiss and transferring case to District of New Jersey).

[Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus](#), [M.K. v. Joyce](#), No. 2:25-cv-01963 (D.N.J. Mar. 9, 2025 in S.D.N.Y.) (challenging detention and attempted deportation by ICE agents of Mahmoud Khalil).

[Memorandum of Decision on Motions for Preliminary Injunction](#), [O. Doe v. Trump and New Jersey v. Trump](#), No. 1:25-cv-10139 (D. Mass. Feb. 13, 2025).

[Habeas Petition and Class Complaint](#), [G.F.F. v. Trump](#), No. 1:25-cv-02886 (S.D.N.Y. Apr. 9, 2025) (challenging the removal of Venezuelan men without due process).

[Complaint](#), [D.V.D. v. U.S. Dep't of Homeland Security](#), No. 1:25-cv-10676 (D. Mass. Mar. 23, 2025) (challenging DHS's practice of deporting noncitizens to a country that is not their country or origin or citizenship (i.e., a "third country") without first providing them with notice or opportunity to contest).

[Complaint](#), [Espinoza Escalona v. Noem](#), No. 1:25-cv-00604 (D.D.C. Mar. 1, 2025) (challenging the constitutionality and legality of Executive Order to send foreign nationals to a detention facility in Guantanamo Bay)



[Complaint](#), New Jersey v. Trump, No. (D. Mass. Jan. 21, 2025) (challenging Executive Order purporting to limit birthright citizenship).

[Complaint](#), New Hampshire Indonesian Community Support v. Trump, No. 1:25-cv-38 (D.N.H. Jan. 20, 2025) (challenging Executive Order purporting to limit birthright citizenship).