

Staff and Board News

With this issue, Western States Center has several staff changes to announce. We welcome Alanna Moore as our new Training Coordinator, David Rogers as Field Organizer, and Kevin Harris as Co-coordinator of the Advanced Leadership and Mentorship Project. We asked these new additions to tell us about themselves as they come on board.

Alanna Aiko Moore

Alanna joined the Western States Center staff in February as the Training Coordinator. Her experience includes development work at River Network, coordinating the Governor's Conference on Volunteerism in Honolulu, Hawaii, and organizing Take Back the Night marches and Lewis and Clark College's Gender Studies Symposiums.



"I went to the CSTI conference last year, and it was wonderful. I'm very excited to be working for the Western States Center, which is doing such progressive work."



Kevin Harris

For the last eight years, Kevin has worked in education, prevention and community organizing against AIDS in communities of color in the Seattle area.

"Most people now have the basic information on AIDS, but the challenge that remains is to help them incorporate that knowledge into their sexual negotiations, into their lives," says Kevin. "I've talked about this to just about every service and community-based group in the city now."

Kevin is not new to Western States Center; having graduated from the first ALMP class. "I've been wanting to expand my experience and my talents," he says. "I'm interested in working more at the regional level and in peer organizing. And I'm really excited about working with the best people in the region—if not the country—and learning from them, on significant issues."

David Rogers

David comes to us from Amherst, Massachusetts, where he worked for the Peace Development Fund. Prior to that, David received a Charles Bannerman Fellowship for Young Organizers of Color to go to Central America and work with organizations that utilize popular education. "It was an incredible opportunity. Popular education is a critical tool in building a homegrown analysis which is exactly what should drive on-the-ground organizing work."



With strong community organizing experience with Arise for Social Justice in Springfield, Massachusetts and a background in providing technical assistance with the Institute for

Community Economics, David will greatly add to the breadth and depth of the Western States Center. "I'm impressed with the commitment of the Center to forge alliances across difference," he notes. "This is difficult work but essential to building a strong and progressive political movement. I look forward to strengthening the work of the Center and to the challenges that moving to such a different region present."



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