

GSP 2023 BIENNIAL CONVENING

AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 1 • ORLANDO, FL

THE FORWARD MOMENT



CONVENING PROGRAM

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

Dear GSP Family

It's been four years since we last convened, and there couldn't be a better time to come together. Our network has been building a collective synergy to support movement organizations and their leadership in the South. Now is the time to push forward and make the progress we want to see. This convening, "The Forward Moment," gives us the opportunity to hear, learn, and partner with frontline organizations fighting the battles for justice. Our human rights and the safety of our most vulnerable communities are on the line. In this last year alone, we have seen unprecedented attacks and the dismantling of key legislation that the ancestors of the civil rights movement gave their life fighting for.

Listen, in my most Southern voice: our folks BEEN ready! They have the strategy, solutions, and know-how to overturn the treachery happening on the great lands of the South. As they have done in the past, they will fight these battles without us if they must, but they shouldn't have to. As we herald ourselves as Social Justice Foundations, our role is to prepare and organize their armor. To invest deeply and significantly into the infrastructure surrounding southern movement organizations. To organize our peers, who may have the will but lack the know-how, to be in the right relationship with movements led by Black, Brown, and Indigenous people.

Use this space as your training ground. We encourage you to dive deep into the learning sessions and the skill labs. Carve out time for some one-to-ones with the leaders assembled here. Access all the tools made available to you! Share the As the South Grows report with your colleagues. If you haven't already, join GSP and our fight to significantly increase the philanthropic dollars flowing in the South for equitable structural change!

This convening will be time well spent and you will have what you need to take action.

In solidarity and love,
Tamieka A. Mosley



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MOSLEY**

SAFETY & SECURITY

WE KEEP US SAFE

Access our full list of security, travel, and health resources via Whova.

> Safety & Security

Florida's current political climate poses many challenges, especially for folks who are already marginalized. Southerners are no strangers to the daily practice of navigating hostility while trying to build community and offer protection to one another. It is our time-honored tradition. GSP is grateful to each of you for standing with Floridians in this moment, gather in space, and commit to resourcing the beautiful work happening on the ground across the South.

We are committed to supporting the safety and wellbeing of our attendees. If you have a security concern, please immediately contact Amber Brown at (678) 644-8894, Tamiaka Mosley at (404) 390-9259, or locate a GSP staff member and they will assist you.

> Community Care & COVID-19

We ask that attendees administer daily self-tests for COVID-19 and wear masks while at the convening. You can find our full policy on our website at g4sp.org/biennial and through the Whova app. We will send daily reminders about testing and provide tests, masks, and hand sanitizer for all attendees.

If you test positive for COVID-19, please email Taylor Chapman at tchapman@g4sp.org or text (404) 405-0806. Please refrain from joining the convening & await further steps.

HOTEL INFORMATION

ABOUT THE SPACE



> Facilities

✔ Snacks & Sundries

The hotel offers a free, buffet-style breakfast every morning from 6:30-8:30AM. Snacks and sundries can be purchased in The Marketplace near the elevators.

✔ Help & Information

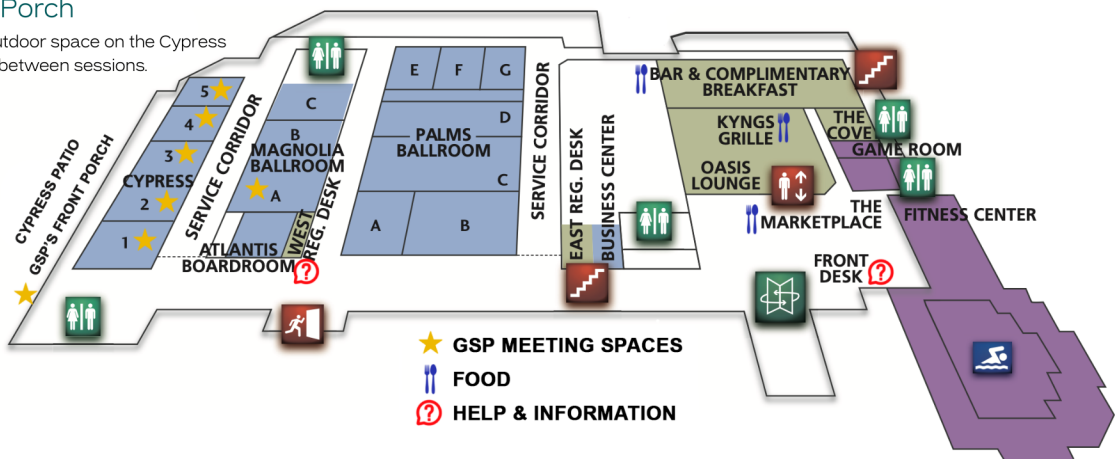
GSP Staff and event planners will always be available at the West Registration Desk. If you cannot locate a staff member and need assistance, please visit the Front Desk in the Lobby.

✔ GSP's Front Porch

Please enjoy our outdoor space on the Cypress Patio for breaks or between sessions.

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4955 Kyngs Heath Rd,
Kissimmee, FL 34746

Phone:
(407) 597-4000





6:30 – 8:30AM

Dining Room

BREAKFAST

Complimentary, buffet-style breakfast provided in hotel dining room.

9:30AM

West Registration Desk

REGISTRATION OPENS

11:30AM – 1:00PM

Magnolia Room

OPENING PLENARY & LUNCH

Resourcing the Intersections: The Path to Ending Siloed Organizing Strategies

What do criminal justice, climate justice, LGBTQIA+ justice, and immigrant justice have in common? The answer is simple: community. The communities of folks across the South whose identities are multi-faceted, multi-dimensional, and represented in every form of oppression are the reason we must find a path to ending siloed strategies. The South, nor its people, are monolithic. Our funding and organizing practices should reflect the diversity of the region and our experiences.

1:30 – 5:30PM

Off-Site

LEARNING TOURS

Learning Tours provide participants with the opportunity to stand alongside community members who are moving powerful work in Florida and learn from their experiences, ongoing movement efforts, and understanding the context of where we are gathering.

Tour A: Black & Brown Solidarity: Supporting Agricultural Movement Building

Tour B: Building Community Healing Empowerment: Community Healing After Trauma

6:30 – 8:30PM

Magnolia Room

STATE-BASED DINNER (OPTIONAL)

Join your peers for great food and informal dinner conversation to learn more about investments being made in the 13 Southern states GSP supports.

DAY TWO

AUG 31



6:30 - 8:30AM

Dining Room

BREAKFAST

Complimentary, buffet-style breakfast provided in hotel dining room.

8:45 - 11:45AM

Magnolia Room

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

GSP Members: Join us for our Annual Membership Meeting! We'll share updates on our programs and operations, hear from GSP members, think through our network's culture and values, and honor two of our network's leaders for their commitment to sustained progress in the South.

12:00 - 1:30PM

Magnolia Room

SOUTHERN POWER FUND & LUNCH

This session highlights SPF's impact and their robust, deeply underfunded network of organizations and coalitions throughout the US South working to build community, organize everyday people, defend democracy, and honor the humanity and dignity of people of color, immigrants, queer and trans folks throughout the region.

2:00 - 4:00PM

Cypress 1

Cypress 2

Cypress 3

Cypress 4

BREAKOUT SESSIONS & ACTION LABS

Disenfranchisement and Criminalization: Tools for Voter Suppression

Investing in the Infrastructure of Climate Justice: The Long-Term Strategy

Safety & Security: Building a Collective Strategy for Supporting Undocumented Organizers and Community Groups

Meeting the Moment of anti-LGBTQ+ Legislation: Progressive Organizing and Advocacy Strategies

3:10 - 4:00PM

Cypress 5

SKILLS LAB: RACIAL JUSTICE

Develop tools and strategies you can employ in your organizations for building effective grantmaking strategies that support structural change infrastructure in the South.

4:15 - 5:00PM

Magnolia Room

DEBRIEF & CALL TO ACTION

6:30 - 8:30PM

Magnolia Room

DINNER, PANEL, and AWARDS

Join us for a lively evening! We will have dinner together, present our Community Awards, enjoy a documentary screening, and listen to our final panel of the day around democracy in the US and what is at risk for Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities ahead of the 2024 elections.

DAY THREE

SEP 01



6:30 – 8:30AM

Dining Room

BREAKFAST

Complimentary, buffet-style breakfast provided in hotel dining room.

9:00 – 11:00AM

BREAKOUT SESSIONS & ACTION LABS

Cypress 1

Building a Collective Vision: Abolition and Reformation

Cypress 2

**Centering Black, Brown, & Disabled Communities: Building
Community Resilience Against Climate & Environmental Warfare**

Cypress 3

Funding & Organizing for Immigrant Justice Beyond the Border States

Cypress 4

The Inherent Queerness of Southern Movement Work

10:10 – 11:00AM

Cypress 5

SKILLS LAB: MISSION INVESTING AND THE WORLD OF PRI'S

Develop tools and strategies you can employ in your organizations for building effective grantmaking strategies that support structural change infrastructure in the South.

11:00AM – 1:00PM

Magnolia Room

CLOSING PLENARY & LUNCH

The Forward Moment: Moving from Problems to Solutions

We've made the case for equitable grantmaking for years. Now is the moment when we push forward, put our ideas into practice, and make progress. How can we learn from our peers, our own errors, and movement to move towards structural change in the South? Together, we'll work to build a resilient, philanthropic ecosystem in service of those who are the experts in their own thriving: community.

MEET OUR SPEAKERS

LEADERS FROM ACROSS THE SOUTH



Cliff Albright
BLACK VOTERS
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Ricky Bratz
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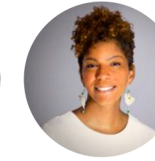
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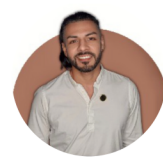
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Britney Whaley
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For our most up to date list of speakers, visit g4sp.org/biennial

BECOME A MEMBER

JOIN THE GSP NETWORK

GSP is a membership-based network of philanthropic leaders, practitioners, and individuals dedicated to leveraging resources for structural change in the South. We engage, build community, and bolster capacity in the region by increasing the strength in infrastructure, intentional collaborations, and the overall scope of philanthropy.

Membership Benefits:

Becoming a member of GSP connects you with 40+ organizations committed to transforming the South through racial, gender, and economic justice work.

You also gain full access to our membership benefits, which include:

- Members-only programming, such as membership listening sessions and funder education workshops
- Our Membership Portal, an online message board connecting you to resources and other members of GSP
- Discounted registration rates for GSP convenings
- Technical assistance and skill-building workshops, and more.



Visit g4sp.org/join

or scan the code below to learn more.



Questions?

Contact Simone Bonnejonne
Membership Manager
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FOUNDATION

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SOCIETY

Foundation for a Just Society advances the rights of women, girls and LGBTQI people and promotes gender and racial justice by ensuring those most affected by injustice have the resources they need to cultivate the leadership and solutions that transform our world.

www.fjs.org

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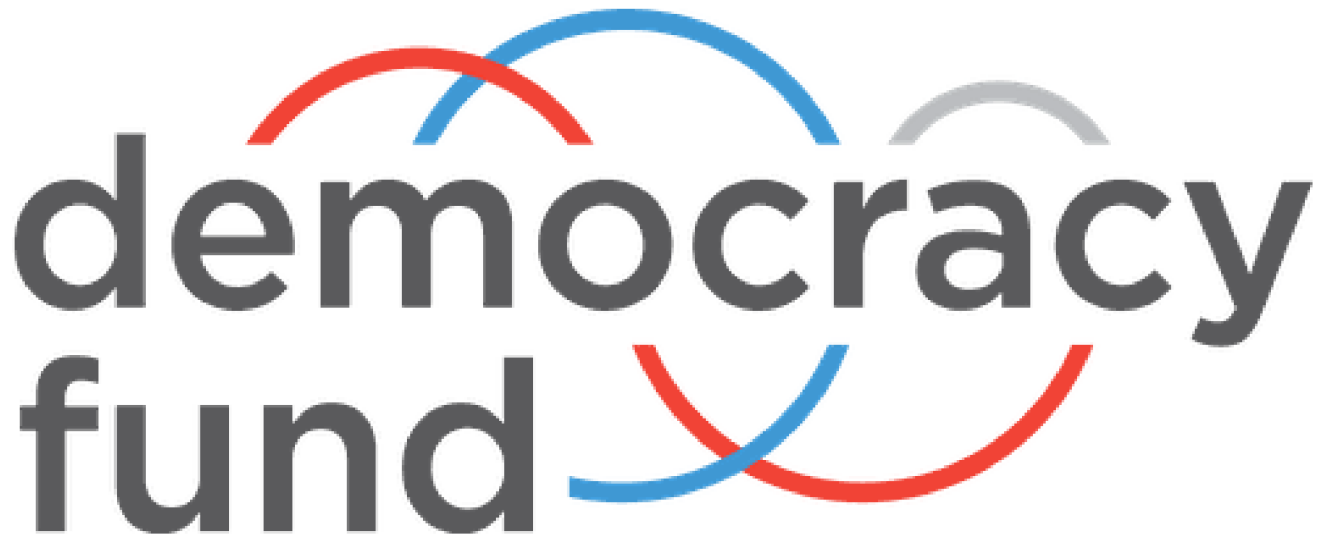


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FOUNDATION™**

The W.K. Kellogg Foundation supports children, families and communities as they strengthen and create conditions that propel vulnerable children to achieve success as individuals and as contributors to the larger community and society.

wkkf.org

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Democracy Fund works toward an open and just democracy that is resilient in the face of change and worthy of the American people's trust. We support partners and ideas from across the political spectrum in pursuit of a vibrant and diverse public square, free and fair elections, effective and accountable government, and a just and inclusive society. We hope you'll join us on this journey.

democracyfund.org

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Casey Family Programs works to influence long-lasting improvements to the well-being of children, families and the communities where they live. We provide consulting services to child welfare systems; direct services to children and families; public policy resources; and research and analysis. Our approach is based on learning from and collaborating with those who are working to improve the safety and well-being of children and their families, especially those with lived experience with the foster care system.

casey.org



We imagine philanthropy as extending beyond financial contribution to promote dynamic allyships that are aligned within our spiritual and political imperatives. We strive to solidify structures that will have an impact beyond the lifespan of the foundation and leave behind field-wide resources of knowledge, new funding streams, and most importantly people willing to be transformed in service of liberation.

kolibrifdn.org

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HEISING-SIMONS FOUNDATION

The Heising-Simons Foundation is pleased to be a member of Grantmakers for Southern Progress, and to support its 2023 biennial convening to advance progress in the U.S. South. The Foundation's Human Rights grantmaking program envisions a society where people are free to live whole, safe, and dignified lives. Learn more about our work at hsfoundation.org.

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KMSG is an LGBT-owned advisory, strategy, and communications consulting firm specializing in messaging, content, and strategies that align with an organization's core values and resonate with its target audiences. Founded and owned by a native Alabamian and first-gen college graduate, KMSG has social impact at its core; it contributes 10% of profits to critical movements, nonprofits, and community service providers through The Etolia Fund, its philanthropic arm. Praised by Forbes as being "the social impact consultancy holding itself to a higher standard," KMSG's client roster includes some of the most prominent names from social justice, technology, policy, and philanthropy.

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hillsnowdon.org

Hill-Snowdon works with low-income families and communities to create a fair and just society. HSF provides grants to organizations that build the power of low-income families, leverage resources, and promote opportunities for learning and growth.



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neophilanthropy.org

Four Freedoms Fund (FFF) strengthens the capacity of the immigrant justice movement to ensure all immigrants, regardless of immigration status, have dignity, power to shape change, and agency to determine the quality of their life, community, and future.



racialequity.org

Philanthropic Initiative for Racial Equity (PRE) increases the amount and effectiveness of resources aimed at combating institutional and structural racism in communities through capacity building, education, and convening of grantmakers and grantseekers.



tidesadvocacy.org

Tides Advocacy identifies, connects, and fuels movements for social justice and the health of our democracy. Founded in 1997, we leverage our extensive network and design solutions to make advocacy accessible to social change innovators in all sectors.



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