



2019 EGA Fall Retreat
 September 22–25, 2019
 Napa, California
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2019 EGA FALL RETREAT

This is a draft schedule, subject to change

			
Robert Reich The University of California at Berkeley	Tram Nguyen New Virginia Majority	George Goehl People's Action	Heather McGhee Demos
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Favianna Rodriguez Culturestrike	Alannah Hurley United Tribes of Bristol Bay	Terence P. Mulligan Napa Valley Community Foundation	

Sunday – September 22, 2019

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Pre-Retreat Field Excursions (RSVP required)

- Whale Watching & Marine Biodiversity Boat Tour
- Hiking & Learning about Ecological Restoration, Climate Change, Drought and Fire
- Kayaking Napa River's Changing Landscapes

9:00 AM – 4:00 PM

Pre-Retreat Learning Institutes (RSVP required)

- Frontline Communities, Labor, and Just Transition in the Green New Deal
Presented by Surdna Foundation, Chorus Foundation, and Nathan Cummings Foundation
- Equity and Justice in Philanthropy: Values in Action
This session is part of the Racial Equity Place of Learning programming organized by the 2019 Fall Retreat Program Committee, with EGA in partnership with Justice Funders
- Farming for the 21st Century: A Tour of Three Innovative California Farms
Presented by 11th Hour Project
- Laudato Si' Retreat

Presented by EGA and The Global Catholic Climate Movement

More information on all Pre-Retreat programming can be found [here](#).

4:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Free Time
5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	Newcomers Reception
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM	Opening Reception and Dinner
8:00 PM – 10:00 PM	Bowling Night

Monday – September 23, 2019

6:45 AM – 7:45 AM	Morning Activities Meditation and Yoga
7:45 AM – 8:45 AM	General Breakfast Optional Funder-Only Ad Hoc Conversations

MAIN STAGE BEGINS (9:00 AM - 12:30 PM)

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM	Welcome and Arts & Culture
9:30 AM – 10:00 AM	Sense of Place <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Terence P. Mulligan, Chief Executive Officer, Napa Valley Community Foundation ▪ Other speakers (TBD)
10:00 AM – 10:15 AM	2019 Environmental Fellows
10:15 AM – 10:45 AM	Sense of Place & State of the Environment (CA)
10:45 AM – 11:15 AM	Networking Break
11:15 AM – 11:30 AM	Water & Climate Flash Talks
11:30 AM – 12:30 PM	Plenary – The Power of Intergenerational Leadership: Learning from the Past & Embracing the Future to Accelerate Change in the Environmental Movement From the civil rights movement to Vietnam War protests, from Standing Rock to the Green New Deal, passionate young leaders have always been catalysts for change at the center of any social movement. The Environment movement is no different. Our opening plenary will explore philanthropy's role reimaging intergenerational leadership to strengthen power, collaboration and impact in the environmental field. The plenary will explore what's possible when shifting power to intergenerational leadership and share tools and strategies to fund new emerging leaders and support early-leaders transfer power to the next generation of change makers. This interactive discussion will test our own assumptions of leadership while holding a bold vision for new leadership models for the future.
12:30 PM – 1:30 PM	Lunch
1:45 PM – 3:00 PM	<u>Concurrent Sessions</u> And Still We Rise: Movement Building for Ecological Justice, Human Rights, and an End to Corporate Impunity In Brumadinho, Brazil, more than 154 people died following the collapse of a dam built by Vale Corporation. Rivers and lands remain poisoned. The Movement of People Affected by Dams supports communities left in the wake of the disaster, exposing Vale's role and demanding accountability. Further north, Louisiana Rise, an Indigenous-led group, puts effective strategies into action opposing an oil pipeline through ecologically sensitive lands

and waters. Join us to discuss visionary solutions these courageous movements are creating in their David vs. Goliath struggles, and explore practices of solidarity philanthropy that can support the kinds of systems change we need.

Can We Avoid Civilizational Collapse?

Several dozen global stressors have created a perfect storm of environmental, social, financial, technological, and geopolitical challenges. Interactions between these stressors (such as climate change, biodiversity loss, unsustainable economic growth and rising authoritarianism) are increasing the potential for unpredictable future shocks or even for civilizational collapse. Most foundations and NGOs focus on critical silo issues. Few address the Global Challenge of these multiple systemic stressors. In this fishbowl session, we will face the Global Challenge together, explore promising approaches to make systemic future shocks more “survivable;” and consider how future shocks might become opportunities for transformative social and environmental innovation.

Speakers:

- Alnoor Ladha, Executive Director, The Rules

How to Do the Electric Slide: The Role of Electrification in Decarbonization

Beneficial electrification—that is, replacing the fossil fuels burned in our homes, offices, cars, trucks, and buses with clean, renewable electricity—could cut U.S. greenhouse gas emissions by a third while delivering dramatic gains in public health and workforce development. However, policy interventions are needed to overcome barriers and ensure that electrification results in environmental, economic, and equity benefits. This session will discuss when it makes sense to pursue electrification, how certain states and cities are driving the change, and how to ensure the transition is just. Oh, and how funders can plug in (ba-dum ching)!

Speakers:

- Gina Coplon-Newfield, Director, Clean Transportation for All Campaign, Sierra Club
- Alvaro Sanchez, Environmental Equity Director, The Greenlining Institute
- Jenna Tatum, Director, Building Electrification Initiative

Rural Justice in the Green New Deal: Working Together to Achieve Biodiverse, Equitable, Climate-Friendly Farming in California

California is considered one of the most environmentally progressive states in the nation. Yet the industrial farming model that dominates California’s rural landscape is a top contributor to climate change; contaminates soil, air and water; causes biodiversity loss and damages human health. It doesn’t have to be this way. Now is the moment - with momentum behind policies accountable to affected communities and a legacy of leadership in environmental protection - to transform California farming so it benefits rather than harms local communities, restores biodiversity, and helps solve the climate crisis. Learn how California groups are tackling these issues.

Speakers:

- Cassandra Hishida, Coordinator, Community Alliance for Agroecology
- Sarait Martinez, Organizing Director, Californians for Pesticide Reform
- Paul Towers, Executive Director, Community Alliance with Family Farmers

We Can Break Free: A Case Study in Achieving a Plastic-Free Future with Health, Climate, and Justice

Communities around the world—including Napa—have attempted to reduce single use plastic, but cheap fracked gas and oil threaten to increase global plastic production by a third. Plastics link Appalachia’s fracking wells to climate change and Louisiana’s Cancer Alley to California’s bag ban. While advocacy efforts have historically operated in silos, how could the combined power of these far-flung impacts prevent a massive petrochemical expansion? This session will explore a case study on a current campaign that is innovating a

new playbook to keep fossil fuels in the ground, break free from plastic, and achieve health and environmental justice.

Speakers:

- Yvette Arellano, Policy Research and Grassroots Advocate, Texas Environmental Justice Advocacy Services
- Miyoko Sakashita, Oceans Director, Senior Counsel, Center for Biological Diversity
- Errol Summerlin, Co-Founder, Portland Citizens United

Racial Equity Place of Learning: Equitable Evaluation

In recent years we've seen an increase of funders and philanthropic institutions embracing equity as core to their work. Yet, even among those organizations, evaluation is often among the last functions to be examined and revamped through an equity lens. This session will explore the principles of [equitable evaluation](#). Recognizing that current evaluation paradigms privileges particular types of knowledge, evidence, and truths, this session will introduce participants to the equitable evaluation framework, share examples of how this work is taking shape across philanthropy and provide strategies to help funders align evaluative practices with their values and commitment to equity.

This session is part of the Racial Equity Place of Learning programming organized by the 2019 Fall Retreat Program Committee with EGA.

3:15 PM – 4:00 PM

Tracking the Field

4:00 PM – 4:15 PM

2019 Environmental Fellows

4:15 PM – 5:15 PM

EGA Town Hall

5:15 PM – 6:30 PM

Free Time

6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Themed Dinners (click [here](#) for more details)

Choose from one of the following themed dinners (RSVP required)

- Standing Rock Renewable Energy Project: Impact Investment For Just Transition
Presented by JPB Foundation, Seventh Generation Fund for Indigenous Peoples, Sierra Club, Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, Tamalpais Trust, & The Wallace Global Fund
- Supporting Long-Term Equitable Recovery: Lessons learned from NOLA, California to Puerto Rico
Presented by Ford Foundation, EGA and Philanthropy California
- Dinner Conversation with Nancy MacLean Author of "Democracy in Chains"
Presented by The Mertz Gilmore Foundation and The Wallace Global Fund
- Resilient Communities: Developing the Next Generation of Environmental Stewards
Presented by S. D. Bechtel, Jr. Foundation

6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Trustee Dinner

6:30 PM – 9:00 PM

Dinner Without Programming

9:00 PM – 10:30 PM

People of Color Gathering (RSVP required)

Tuesday – September 24, 2019

6:45 AM – 7:45 AM

Morning Activities

Meditation and Yoga

7:45 AM – 8:45 AM

General Breakfast

7:45 AM – 8:45 AM

Optional Funder-Only Ad Hoc Conversations

MAIN STAGE BEGINS (9:00 AM – 12:00 PM)

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM

Welcome and Arts & Culture

9:30 AM – 10:00 AM

Featured Speaker: Robert Reich, Chancellor's Professor of Public Policy at University of California, Berkeley and former Secretary of Labor

10:00 AM – 10:15 AM

Break

10:15 AM – 11:15 AM

Plenary: Reimagining Democracy in the Creative Chaos of our Times

Significant environmental regulation and protection of our communities requires that we have a functioning democracy. In order to achieve the transformation necessary to reform our democracy we need consistent year-round investment from the philanthropic community to support power building at the grassroots level. This plenary will explore what is necessary to reshape our democracy, how movement building at the community level fosters accountable governing power, and finally how elected officials can be in critical partnership with the grassroots base rooted in shared values to advance the issues we are fighting for. Our three speakers will challenge our assumptions about governing in a democracy at this moment in time and help us formulate philanthropic alignment for concrete next steps.

Moderator: Crystal Hayling, Executive Director, The Libra Foundation

Speakers:

- Eduardo Garcia, Assemblymember, 56th California Assembly District (Invited)
- George Goehl, Director People's Action
- Tram Nguyen, Co-Executive Director, New Virginia Majority

11:15 AM – 11:45 AM

Featured Speaker: Heather McGhee, Distinguished Senior Fellow, Demos

11:45 AM – 12:00 PM

2019 Environmental Fellows

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Lunch

12:00 PM – 1:00 PM

Funders of Color & Indigenous Funders Side Lunch

1:15 PM – 2:30 PM

Concurrent Sessions**The Border, Biodiversity, and People on the Move**

Demands to "Build the Wall" evoke images of angry mobs, militarism, migrants and detention centers. But we don't often think of the critical habitat that's also threatened by problematic U.S. immigration policy, nor how protecting a biodiversity hotspot could serve the needs of the growing border population. Join us—a biologist, graffiti artist, and humanitarian aid worker—in a multi-sensory experience as we explore connections between U.S. international policy, climate change, ecological resiliency and immigration. Learn about extirpation and extinction pressures to native flora and fauna, what new border laws mean for people on the move, and why the border matters to you.

Cities Get Strategic

While action on climate change grows ever more urgent, the federal government has abdicated leadership, and international institutions struggle to summon a meaningful response. Cities have stepped into the void, with bold commitments and impressive progress. More exciting, they are increasingly prioritizing the strategies that matter most for climate and equity. In this session, leaders from the Urban Sustainability Directors Network, Carbon Neutral Cities Alliance, American Cities Climate Challenge, and Greenlink Group will share how cities are designing decarbonization pathways that reduce energy burden and air pollution while driving local jobs, energy resilience, and community support.

Moderator: Chris Wheat, Strategy Director, American Cities Climate Challenge, Natural Resources Defense Council

Speakers:

- Matt Cox, CEO, The Greenlink Group
- Nils Moe, Executive Director, Urban Sustainability Directors Network

Harvest Season: Labor, Immigration, & the Changing Climate

HARVEST SEASON delves into the lives of people who work behind the scenes of the premium California wine industry. The film follows the stories of Mexican-American winemakers and migrant workers who are essential to the wine business, yet are rarely recognized for their contributions. Their stories unfold as wildfires ignite in Napa and Sonoma counties, threatening the livelihoods of small farmers and winemakers who are already grappling with a growing labor shortage, shifting immigration policies, and the impacts of a rapidly changing climate. We will share film clips and discuss the wine business, worker rights, immigration, and climate change.

Moderator: Diane Ives, Fund Advisor, Kendeda Fund

Speakers:

- Bernardo Ruiz, Documentary Filmmaker, Quiet Pictures

Protecting Environment's Voice: Resisting Assaults on Protest Rights

A multi-pronged assault on Indigenous Water Protectors, oil pipeline protesters, and climate justice activists is jeopardizing all that we are fighting for. The "Standing Rock" model of policing protests is proliferating nationwide. Draconian legislation designed to criminalize protest has passed in 14 states, with 100 more bills introduced. Regulations have been proposed to limit protest on the most iconic lands in our nation's capital. Corporate-driven Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation are being brought against environmental organizations and activists. Hear from leaders on the front lines about these challenges, and how funders are supporting new networks to defend these fundamental rights.

Speakers:

- Katie Redford, Director, EarthRights
- Nick Tilsen, President & CEO, NDN Collective
- Mara Verheyden-Hilliard, Executive Director, Partnership for Civil Justice Fund

Richmond Our Power Coalition: Making Just Transition Real on the Ground

The Richmond Our Power Coalition is led by communities hit first and worst by the combined threats of inequality, racism, pollution and climate change. To achieve a Just Transition, the Coalition integrates community organizing, voter engagement, policy and corporate accountability campaigns, multiracial alliances and alternative local models of clean, accessible and affordable housing, transportation, food, water and renewable energy. During this session, funders will hear stories from the frontlines about new strategies and community-based solutions. Coalition members will go deep into a few examples of local models for Just Transition, demonstrate how they intersect and share key learnings from the field.

Speakers:

- Doria Robinson, Executive Director, Urban Tilth
- Darryl Molina Sarmiento, Executive Director, Communities for a Better Environment
- Miya Yoshitani, Executive Director, Asian Pacific Environmental Network

The Strengths of our Seas: The Global Collaborations, Campaigns, and Movements Protecting Ocean Health

Increasingly, our oceans are under threat from extractive companies and governments that infringe on protected waters, illegally drill and pollute, threaten marine life and local food security, and displace residents. Our highly interactive session will be led by three Global South leaders from Brazil, South Africa, and Fiji who will share how they are: strengthening their movements, building impactful campaigns to protect oceans, overcoming challenges, and exchanging key learnings. Participants will learn about

global campaigns, link local-global perspectives on ocean health, and collectively develop a call to action and next steps.

Speakers:

- Desmon D'Sa, Founding Chairperson, South Durban Community Environmental Alliance
- Maureen Penjeuli, Coordinator, Pacific Network on Globalization (PANG)

Racial Equity Place of Learning: White Solidarity and the Accompliceship in the Environmental Movement

Do you wonder what white solidarity and being an accomplice looks like in the environmental movement? Do you want a deeper understanding and analysis of how race factors into the environmental movement? Through presentations and small group discussion based on work from the environmental field, this concurrent will provide a data-focused introduction to racial disparities in the United States, practices for expanding a race analysis in your daily work, and an interactive space to unpack topics like white solidarity and being an accomplice, implicit bias and white privilege, bridging racial divides, and the work of racial equity.

This session is part of the Racial Equity Place of Learning programming organized by the 2019 Fall Retreat Program Committee with EGA.

3:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Field Excursions (RSVP required)

- Skyline Wilderness Park Nature Hike
- Kayaking Napa River's Changing Landscapes
- Paddleboarding on the Napa River
- Biking Through Wine Country
- Napa by Horseback
- Napa Rail Arts District Walking Tour
- Biodynamic Winery Tram Tour & Tasting

Learning Institutes (RSVP required)

- A Walk on San Pablo Bay: How an Urban Wildlife Refuge is Connected to Thousands of Years of Indigenous Stewardship in Remote Alaska
- Sustainable Compassion: Buddhist Heart Practices

More information on Tuesday excursions and learning institutes can be found [here](#).

6:00 PM – 7:00 PM

Free Time

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Special EGA Town Hall on the Environment

9:00 PM – 11:00 PM

EGA Dance Party

Wednesday – September 25, 2019

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM

Eggs & Exchange: Mainstage Breakfast with 2019 Environmental Fellows

Join the 2019 Environmental Fellows for a main stage breakfast to break bread and engage in informal conversations with the next generation of environmental leaders.

Side Breakfast (with no programming)

MAIN STAGE BEGINS (9:00 AM – 12:30 PM)

9:00 AM – 9:30 AM
 9:30 AM – 10:00 AM
 10:00 AM – 11:00 AM

Welcome and Arts & Culture**Global Environment Flash Talks****Plenary: Narrative Shift**

We're swimming in the soup of stories that others have created, and that many believe to be the unwavering truth –oil makes a successful economy, the world needs plastic for its convenience, climate change is about polar bears, and frontline communities are powerless in the face of corporate funds and government bureaucracy. These narratives reduce our imaginations about what is possible and maintain a status quo that only works for a small few. Yet, narratives can also dismantle inequity and be the energy to feed movements in creating a new future by changing cultures and behaviors. This session will investigate who are creating new narratives, how narratives are shifting culture and leading to better outcomes for communities, and the role of art and technology in this work.

Moderator: Rashad Morris, Bullitt Foundation

Speakers:

- Alannah Hurley, Stand for Salmon / United Tribes of Bristol Bay
- Favianna Rodriguez, The Center for Cultural Power

11:00 AM – 11:30 AM
 11:30 AM – 12:00 PM
 12:00 PM – 12:30 PM

Networking Break**Featured Speakers in Conversation****Flash Talks**

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12:30 PM – 1:30 PM
 1:30 PM – 4:30 PM

Lunch**Post-Retreat Learning Institutes (RSVP required)**

- Racial Equity Place of Learning: Finding the Octopus (not the Unicorn):
 Harnessing the Power of Narrative
This session is part of the Racial Equity Place of Learning programming organized by the 2019 Fall Retreat Program Committee, with EGA in partnership with CSS & Grist.org
- Mobilizing for Impact: From Nicety to Necessity
Presented by Blue Sky Funders Forum
- How to Walk the Talk: Systems Skills for Environmental Grantmakers
Presented by RE-AMP, in partnership with the Garfield Foundation

More information on all Post-Retreat programming can be found [here](#).

See you in Napa!