FCAA SPRING FUNDER FORUM
April 9, 2019
Ford Foundation, NYC

Agenda

- 10-10:30 am: Coffee & Registration
- 10:30-12:00 pm: FOSTA-SESTA: One Year Later (Open Society Foundations)
- 12:00 – 1:00 pm: Lunch
- 1:00 – 1:30 pm: President’s FY20 Budget & New HIV Plan (AIDS United)
- 1:30 – 3:00 pm: Fighting Religious Exemptions and the Rise of Religious Conservatism (Proteus Fund)

Session Descriptions and Speakers

- **FOSTA-SESTA: One Year Later:** Our first panel will bring together three activists deeply involved in the sex worker rights movement. From their distinct vantage points – as a funder, as a policy analyst, as an immigrant and activist – they’ll highlight the health impacts of FOSTA-SESTA and other forms of anti-sex trafficking legislation. They’ll demonstrate the richness and diversity of place-based solutions to the negative health impacts of anti-sex trafficking legislation. And they’ll speak toward the future of the sex worker health and rights movement, and how funders should be involved.

  **Speakers**
  - Cecilia Gentili, Private Consultant and active member of the Decrim – NY coalition.
  - Tamika Spellman, Policy and Advocacy Associate, HIPS
  - Liaam Winslet, Operations Officer, Colectivo intercultural TRANSgrediendo (CITG)

- **President’s FY20 Budget & New HIV Plan:** Hear the latest on the President’s FY20 Budget as well as the implications of the Administration’s new plan to address the epidemic, announced during the State of the Union: “Ending the HIV Epidemic: A Plan for America”.

  **Speaker:**
  - William McColl, Director of Health Policy, AIDS United
Fighting Religious Exemptions and the Rise of Religious Conservatism: In our final panel, speakers will summarize the increasing ways in which proponents of religious exemptions are using the law in the United States to discriminate based on religious objections. They will offer examples of current law and policy related to LGBTQ and health care exemptions as well as 'morality-based' objections related to care for people living with HIV and AIDS, including red flag areas where we should be vigilant. They will also share strategies for how funders can partner with advocates on the ground to disrupt this dangerous trend toward conservatism.

Speakers:
- Leah Pryor-Lease, Program Director, Rights, Faith & Democracy Collaborative, Proteus Fund
- James Esseks, ACLU Lesbian Gay Bisexual Transgender & HIV Project
- Louise Melling, Deputy Legal Director and Director of Center for Liberty, ACLU
- Catherine Hanssens, Executive Director and Founder, The Center for HIV Law and Policy