

Community Conversations  
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**Conversation #1 – Intersectionality: Violence and Human Rights : Jessica Buchleitner interviews Esta Soler, Founder/President, Futures Without Violence and Tara Yarlagadda, Field Associate, The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights**



**Tara Yarlagadda** is a Field Associate for The Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights and provides grassroots organizing capacity and support on immigration reform, education, economic security, and women's rights. She has experience in building diverse coalitions across race, gender and ethnicity.

**Conversation #2 – The Next Gen Agenda**

**Kimberly Ellis, Executive Director, Emerge California, interviews Emma Mayerson, Director, Alliance for Girls and Amy Huerta, El Quinto Sol de America**



Kimberly Ellis has been the executive director of Emerge California since 2010. Under her leadership, Emerge California has expanded its reach, effectiveness, and visibility. Prior to joining Emerge California, Kimberly worked at the national headquarters, Emerge America, as the National Affiliate Director. In this capacity, Kimberly was responsible for launching new state programs and working with existing affiliates to strengthen program quality, sustainability and growth.



My name is Amy Huerta and I am a current student at College of the Sequoias and my major is Fine Arts. Apart from attending school I am almost a part time instructor for arts and folkloric dancing. Throughout my growth I have been able to gain knowledge and opportunities by being a member of El Quinto Sol de America which I have been able to work with other people as well increasing my communication skills and teamwork. Not only am I active in my community I also was in high school, I was a member of many clubs such as: ASL, ASB, Art Club, and Drama Club. I also had the chance to be the 2014 Youth of the Year which has given me another motivation to keep fighting for people's rights and continue the growth of our children with imagination and creativity.

### Conversation #3 – Women in Film and New Media

Kathleen Cha interviews Elisa Parker, Co-Founder/President, SeeJaneDo.com, Maral Satari, Filmmaker

	<p>Elisa Parker, creator, CEO and host of See Jane Do said enough of the burn out and leaning into broken systems. When she left her position in corporate America twelve years ago to spend more time with her new born daughter she came face to face with the reality of her own value and worth. She had given up the two things society values the most; power (position) and money. Elisa recognized the need to empower everyday women, like herself and in 2009 created See Jane Do.</p>
	<p>A graduate of NYU's Tisch School of the Arts, Maral Satari is an Iranian filmmaker based in Brooklyn. She was the co-casting director for PIGEON ON A BRANCH (Venice Golden Lion 2014), assistant to producer Scott Rudin on THE GRAND BUDAPEST HOTEL (9 oscar nominations 2015), and production coordinator of 2 international co-productions titled k2 AND THE INVISIBLE FOOTMEN, and LIFE IS WAITING: REFERENDUM AND RESISTANCE IN WESTERN SAHARA</p>
	<p><b>Kathleen Cha, co-chair</b>, has served public, private and nonprofit sectors for more than thirty years as a Strategic Communications professional, specializing in community outreach, media and governmental affairs, and crisis communications regarding community issues, public safety, transportation, and the environment.</p>

### Conversation #4 – Sustainable Cities: Habitat, Health, Food



Sonia Melara interviews Patti Chang and Anne Hoilberg, UNA Women, San Diego, and CAWA Chair Institutional Mechanisms

	<p><b>Anne Hoilberg</b>, UNA Women, San Diego, CAWA Chair Institutional Mechanisms. President of the International Museum of Human Rights at San Diego and La Jolla Pen Women. She is a past president of the Women's Museum of California, League Women Voters of San Diego, United Nations Association of San Diego, and National Women's Political Caucus and serves on the boards of several organizations.</p>
	<p><b>Sonia Melara</b> has more than 30 years of Social Work and Management experience in the government, the non-profit and the for-profit sectors. She is Co-Founder of CommuniQue. Currently She is the Vice-President of the San Francisco Health Commission and co-founder California's first shelter for survivors of domestic violence, La Casa De Las Madres.</p>

#### Conversation #5 – Sustainable Earth: Air, Water, Fire


Charlie Toledo interviews Irma Medellin, El Quinto Sol de America and Subine Talaugon, Native American Health Coalition

	<p><b>Irma Medellin, El Quinto Sol de America.</b> In 2008, Irma was awarded the Health and Justice Award for outstanding leadership in achievement in promoting safe alternatives to pesticides, protecting global health, and nourishing the environment. That same year she received the Anthony Price Award for utilizing Art as a tool for civic engagement and education. She served on the Board of Directors of Women's Intercultural Network (WIN)</p>
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	<p>Sabine Talaugon, MPP, is the Community Programs Manager at the California Consortium for Urban Indian Health (CCUIH). In her role at CCUIH, Sabine leads the Red Women Rising project, which supports culturally responsive domestic violence services for Urban Indians by increasing public awareness and enhancing collaborations between urban Indian Health Organizations, Domestic Violence service providers and Traditional Healers. In 2013, she received the “Outstanding Thesis Award,” an annual award honoring an exceptional Master’s Policy Report, for her report, “Addressing ‘Anti-Indian’ Historical Bias in California Public Schools through Better Practices.”</p>
	<p><b>Charlie Toledo</b> is of Towa descendant, native to New Mexico. She is the Executive Director of the Suscol Intertribal Council a community-based organization (501©3) incorporated in 1992 located in Napa, California. She is certified masseuse, certified hypnotherapist and meditation teacher since 1982.</p>

#### Conversation #6 – Economic Development & Security for all Women

Elmy Bermejo interviews Sudi Farokhnia, Union Bank, Los Angeles, and Emily Murase, Exec. Dir., SF Department on the Status of Women

	<p><b>Emily Murase</b> is the Executive Director of the San Francisco Department on the Status of Women. She received an award for Outstanding Advocate for Women's Rights from the National Council of Jewish Women San Francisco Chapter. In 2009, Emily was named Woman of the Year by California State Senator Leland Yee and recognized for her contributions to the women's community by the Democratic Women's Forum.</p>
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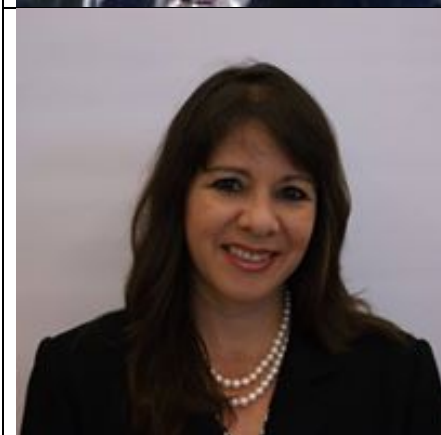
**Sudi Forokhnia** Risk Manager at Union Bank with years of experience in Internal Audit Management for one of the top three largest US financial institutions. She has put in place a network of Iranian-Americans and with the help of 4 other friends, they established the “Persia House of MI” in an attempt to preserve and grow Iranian culture, language and art.

### Conversation #7 – STEM and the Next Tech Innovations

Ross Uchimura, Angelist Investor, WIN Asia UN Representative, interviews Ileana Winterhalter, Area Director, External Affairs AT&T and Siobhan Neilland, Founder, Shaboom International and OneMama



**Ross S. Uchimura, Angelist Investor, WIN Asia UN Representative,** 30-year veteran in Banking and Finance began his career on the M&A Team of Shearman & Sterling, and then onto the Japan Practice of O’Melveny & Myers in New York City. Provided strategic and socio-cultural guidance to Fortune 100 companies such as Intel, AMD, HP and Fujitsu for out-bound opportunities to Japan.



**Ileana Winterhalter**  
Ileana began her career at Pacific Telephone and Telegraph just prior to divestiture in the External Affairs organization. She has extensive experience in External Affairs with responsibilities for key constituencies on a statewide and national basis. She has served on the board of directors of the Women’s Intercultural Network, San Mateo Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, the San Mateo Volunteer Center, the California Latino Civil Rights Network, the advisory board of the National Association of Women Business Owners (CA association), among others. She makes her home in Pacifica, California.



**Siobhan Neilland** is A fortune 500 Consultant & Non-Profit CEO of [OneMama.org](http://OneMama.org). As a business and organizational staffing consultant for Fortune 500 companies such as Google, Amazon, and Visa, Siobhan builds the teams these global corporations need to be successful with special focus on Woman in Technology Leadership.

### Conversation #8 – Peace and Conflict: Racial and Tribal Justice


Elahe Amani, Chair, WIN Global Council and Co-Chair, Mediators Beyond Borders interviews Devorah Major, Author, former SF Poet Laureate and Jeff Adachi, San Francisco Public Defender




**Jeff Adachi** is the Public Defender of the City and County of San Francisco. He serves on the Board of Directors of Cal Humanities and the California Public Defenders Association. He was a deputy public defender in San Francisco for 15 years and in private practice for 2 years. He also served as the Chief Attorney of the office.




**Devorah Major** is an Francisco's third Poet Laureate, an award winning poet and fiction writer, creative non-fiction writer, performer, editor, and part-time senior adjunct professor at California College of the Arts as well as the poet-in-residence of the Fine Arts Museums of San Francisco. Her first novel, *An Open Weave*, was awarded the First Novelist Award by the Black Caucus of the American Library Association.

	<p><b>Elahe Amani, Chair WIN Global Council and Co-Chair, Mediators Beyond Borders</b>, trained peacemaker and mediator. She has been a member of the California State University system in the capacity of administrator and lecturer in the Women Studies Program for the last 27 years.</p>
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### Presenter

	<p><b>Marilyn Fowler</b> is the Founder/President/CEO of Women's Intercultural Network (WIN), NGO consultative to the United Nations. Her community organizing is local and global, convening California Women's Agenda (CAWA), the largest state women's action network; US Women Connect (USWC) and WIN's Calling the Circles initiative in Afghanistan, Japan, Uganda and Iran. She is currently Co-Chair for the US Cities for CEDAW Campaign to implement full equality for women everywhere. Marilyn holds a Masters Degree in Public Administration (MPA). She has two sons, Lee and Chris and lost Thom in 2005.</p>
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	<p><b>Julianne Cartwright Traylor, Co-Chair</b>, is the Administrative Director of International Programs at the University of San Francisco School of Law. She is a founding member and currently serves as the President of the Board of Directors of Human Rights Advocates (HRA).</p>
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**Chris Fowler, Business Architect, Cisco Systems**, helps fortune 500 businesses in the Western US with their collaboration strategies, workforce technology, and customer collaboration. Chris joined Cisco in 2001, but always had a deep interest in technology. When he was a child he made machines out of cardboard boxes.



**Roma Guy** founding member of The Women's Foundation of California, California Women's Agenda, The Women's Building, San Francisco Women Against Rape, and La Casa de las Madres. Past Chair of the Health Priority Committee for the California Women's Agenda, a member of the Board of Directors for California Health Access Coalition, and a member of TechSoup Global Community Advisory Committee which focuses its efforts on preventing domestic violence, and is on its Human Trafficking Subcommittee.