



Schedule of Events

Daily Tours of the Alliance Center

Location: Alliance Center: First Floor

Time: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (MST) AND 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (MST)

Dates: Saturday, August 23rd THROUGH Friday, August 29th

An historic warehouse purchased by the Alliance for Sustainable Colorado has become known as Alliance Center. The Center demonstrates a hub for a state-based sustainability movement with offices for thirty non-profits. Tenants, partners and community members use the Center as a tool for collaboration, education and social advocacy. It is one of two buildings in the world to receive two Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certifications from the US Green Building Council –Gold for Existing Buildings and Silver for Commercial Interiors, and the Energy Star Leader certification. Signs and displays highlight the collaborative, green and historic features.

Sunday, August 24th

"So You Say You Want Change: Exploring the Conflicts and Opportunities Ahead"

Location: Big Tent: DIGG Stage

Time: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (MST)

Scheduled to Appear:

Van Jones, Founder and President of Green for All

Rep. Donna Edwards, (MD-4th District)

David Sirota, Journalist and Bestselling Author of The Uprising

Polly Baca, former Colorado State Senator and President of the Latin American Research and Service Agency

Jim Hightower, National Radio Commentator, Public speaker and Author of Swim Against The Current

Andre Banks, Deputy Director of Color of Change

Faye Wattleton, Founder of the Center for the Advancement of Women

David Barsamian, Founder of Alternative Radio

The Comedy of Laughing Liberally's Lee Camp

Tens of thousands of volunteers, delegates from the Democratic Party and the presumptive presidential nominee will be hitting Denver for the DNC championing "change."

But do they all agree on the best kind of changes for this country? With the help of local and national leaders and activists, Live From Main Street Denver is taking a closer look at what this buzzword means and what real, sustainable change would look like. Is a new, more progressive era on the horizon? And what impact will this new era have on education, security, the environment, immigration reform and other issues critical to the day-to-day lives of everyday Americans?

Sponsored by Media Consortium

Topics covered: Environmental Justice, Health Care, Climate Change/Clean Energy/Global Warming, International, Technology and Democracy, Race/Diversity, Womens' Issues

Monday, August 25th

Yoga

Location: Big Tent:Second Floor

Time: 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM (MST)

Agape Choir and Choral Earth

Location: Big Tent:DIGG Stage

Time: 8:00 AM - 8:45 AM (MST)

A cappella performance by the Agape Choir from Culver City, CA and Choral Earth from Charlottesville, VA. The Agape Choir began with a 30-voice holiday season presentation in December of 1988. With the combined writing and composing talents of music director, Rickie Byars, and founding minister, Rev. Dr. Michael Beckwith, the choir, early on, began performing original Beckwith/Byars compositions. As the choir has developed and grown in membership, so has the complexity of Rickie Byars's vocal and instrumental arrangements. Over the past six and one-half years, Agape Choir music has become known for its signature sectional harmonies, counterpoint, tempo-patterns, devotional power, and energetic enthusiasm. Choral Earth's Founder, Rachel Bagby, has inspired everyday folks and professional musicians to tap into the healing power of choral music and vocal communities.

Invocation with Michael Beckwith

Location: Big Tent:DIGG Stage

Time: 8:45 AM - 9:00 AM (MST)

"The Shifting Faith Vote: What It Means For This Election"

Location: Big Tent:DIGG Stage

Time: 9:00 AM - 9:55 AM (MST)

Scheduled to Appear:

Moderator: **Amy Sullivan**, National Political Editor, TIME Magazine and author of 'The Party Faithful'

Rev. Dr. Michael Beckwith, Founder and Spiritual Director, Agape International Spiritual Center

Zack Exley, Co-founder and president of the New Organizing Institute, and writer on the blog Revolution in Jesusland

Alexia Kelley, Executive Director and Co-founder, Catholics in Alliance for the Common Good

Rev. Ron Stief, Director of Organizing Strategy, Faith in Public Life

Paul Raushenbusch Beliefnet's Progressive Revival blog

Since the 2004 election, the ground has shifted tremendously for evangelical Christian, Catholic and other religious voters. A deepening awareness about torture, poverty, global HIV/AIDS, the environment and peace stands alongside more traditionally conservative values like abortion and gay marriage. Both Presidential campaigns are consciously trying to build momentum with faith voters. This panel assesses how the changing values debate among religious voters will have an impact on the general electorate, the campaigns, and the media. It also explores how those who support this expanded debate are getting the message out broadly between now and the election.

Sponsor: Faith in Public Life and Catholic Alliance for the Common Good

Topics covered: Environmental Justice, Faith

"Reducing Demand : Green For All"

Location: Big Tent:Upstairs

Time: 10:00 AM - 10:55 AM (MST)

Scheduled to Appear:

Van Jones is the founder and president of Green For All

Dave McCurdy , president and CEO of The Alliance of Automobile Manufacturers

Panel Discussion on reducing the gasoline usage in America, by actions such as filling vehicles' tires properly, getting engines tuned, replacing air filters and avoiding speeding. EcoDriving is dedicated to help all Americans learn how to take simple steps to increase their mileage and reduce their carbon footprint immediately. Green For All is dedicated to building an inclusive green economy strong enough to lift people out of poverty.

Sponsored by Eco-Driving

Topics covered: Environmental Justice, Green Business, Climate Change/Clean Energy/Global Warming

"Revolution in Jesusland: The New Evangelical Politics"

Location: Fifth Floor:Open Space

Time: 10:30 AM - 11:20 AM (MST)

Discussion with: **Zack Exley**, ThoughtWorks

Zack Exley is a strategic consultant with ThoughtWorks, Inc., where he advises organizations on communications, organizing and technology. He is also a co-founder of the New Organizing Institute. In 2005, he directed the online campaign for the British Labor Party's re-election, and was Director of Online Organizing and Communications for John Kerry's presidential campaign. Before that, he served as Organizing Director at MoveOn.org, and was an adviser to the early Dean campaign.

Zack spent the 90's working as a union organizer. He entered Internet politics via his political parody website GWBush.com, which earned him the nickname "Garbage Man" from President Bush, as well as other early experiments in online organizing. He blogs at the Huffington Post about politics. And he writes the blog RevolutionInJesusland.com about the rise of progressive evangelical Christians in America.

Topics covered: Faith

"Left Behind: What Katrina and a Stolen Election Taught Us About Race and American Politics"

Location: Big Tent:DIGG Stage

Time: 11:00 AM - 11:55 AM (MST)

Scheduled to Appear:

James Rucker (ColorOfChange.org)

Donna Brazile (Chair of the Democratic National Committee's Voting Rights Institute)

Scott Myers-Lipton (Gulf Coast Civic Works Project)

Jonah H. Goldman (National Campaign for Fair Elections)

Stephen Bradberry (Louisiana ACORN)

ColorOfChange.org, the national organization amplifying the political vote of Black Americans, will present a panel discussion that will focus on the political environment surrounding two keys issues addressed by ColorOfChange.org's agenda: The failure to implement an effective recovery program in the Gulf Coast after Katrina, and the lack of progress in providing a remedy for the epidemic of voter suppression haunting our elections. Three years after Katrina, why aren't federal politicians aggressively moving the Gulf Coast Civic Works Act, a comprehensive recovery and rebuilding plan that is backed by Gulf Coast groups and prominent members of the Louisiana Democratic and Republican parties? Why has Congress, with a Democratic majority, failed to meaningfully address voter suppression and election integrity? Both these failures affect all Americans, but they are both rooted partly in the Democratic Party's relationship with Black Americans in particular. A panel of experts will discuss innovative solutions to these problems, and deconstruct the politics that have blocked the execution of those solutions.

Sponsored by Color of Change, ColorOfChange.org

Topics covered: Race/Diversity, Environmental Justice, Technology and Democracy

Lunch

Location: Big Tent:New Media Lounge and the Basement of the Alliance Center

Time: 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM (MST)

Sponsored by Eco-Driving (Food Partners : Chipotle)

"Deconstructing the Ethnic Vote: 'Do ethnic voters connect to the Democratic candidate?'"

Location:

Time: 12:00 PM - 1:00 PM (MST)

Scheduled to Appear:

Moderator: **John Rudolph**, executive producer, Feet in Two Worlds

Lotus Chau, chief reporter, Sing Tao Daily (Chinese-language newspaper, New York)

Pilar Marrero, senior political writer and columnist, La Opinion (Los Angeles)

Raymond Dean Jones, political columnist, Denver Urban Spectrum (African-American Newspaper)

Jehangir Khattack, U.S-Pakistani reporter, Defence Journal, Dawn (New York)

New York Community Media Alliance and Feet in Two Worlds will host the first-ever panel discussion on the highly anticipated impact of ethnic voters in this presidential election to coincide with the Democratic National Convention in Denver, CO.

This unprecedented event will bring together two New York-based ethnic journalists representing Chinese and Pakistani-language newspapers, a Denver-based African-American political columnist and a L.A.-based Latino journalist to provide an in-depth and nuanced picture of ethnic voters across the country and in Colorado. The panel will explore the concerns of ethnic voters, their shifting political allegiances, their hopes and fears about the election, and most importantly: Do ethnic voters connect to the Democratic candidate?

The panel is part of NYCMA's Election 2008 Initiative and Feet in Two Worlds' project, Immigrants, Immigration and the 2008 Election.

Sponsored by New York Community Media Alliance

"Your Tube & the Power of Video Citizen Journalism"

Location: Fifth Floor:Open Space

Time: 12:00 PM - 12:50 PM (MST)

Discussion with:

Noel Hidalgo, Deported Olympic Citizen Journalist

Epic Fu

and others

Discussion about the power of YouTube, who is doing some of the best video citizen journalism on the web right now, and how you can do it too.

Topics covered: Technology and Democracy

"Rescuing a Planet Under Stress - Plan 3.0"

Location: Big Tent:DIGG Stage

Time: 12:00 PM - 12:20 PM (MST)

Scheduled to Appear:

Lester Brown, Author of Plan B 3.0

"Plan B 3.0 is a comprehensive plan for reversing the trends that are fast undermining our future. Its four overriding goals are to stabilize climate, stabilize population, eradicate poverty, and restore the earth's damaged ecosystems," says Brown. "Failure to reach any one of these goals will likely mean failure to reach the others as well."

Sponsor: Alliance for Sustainable Colorado

Topics covered: Climate Change/Clean Energy/Global Warming, Environmental Justice, Green Business

"Now or Never - Climate Solutions"

Location: Big Tent:DIGG Stage

Time: 12:20 PM - 12:55 PM (MST)

Scheduled to Appear

Moderator **Lester Brown**

Randy Hayes, Climate Policy Officer at the World Future Council

Chuck Kutscher, Principal Engineer and Manager of the Thermal Systems Group at the National Renewable Energy Laboratory

David Orr, Author, Environmentalist, named "an Environmental Hero for 2004" by Interiors & Sources Magazine

Betsy Taylor, executive director of the Center for a New American Dream

Sponsor: Alliance for Sustainable Colorado

Topics covered: Green Business, Environmental Justice, Climate Change/Clean Energy/Global Warming

"Tapping the Creative Community: The Power of Voter Generated Media"

Location: Fifth Floor:Open Space

Time: 1:00 PM - 1:50 PM (MST)

Discussion with:

Fred Graver, Remix America

Noel Hidalgo, Remix America

Yosi Sargent

Move over mainstream media, it's the voter's turn. From music, videos, paintings, blogs and more, voters are exercising their freedom of speech with a big dash of creativity in this election cycle in ways we've never seen. Join us for a discussion about the power of the voter-generated media and how to join in on the fun.

Topics covered: Technology and Democracy, Youth

"Climate Problems and Solutions; Local to Global"

Location: Big Tent:DIGG Stage

Time: 1:00 PM - 1:55 PM (MST)

Scheduled to Appear:

Moderator: **David Orr**

Bill Becker, Executive Director of the Presidential Climate Action Project

Robert Kennedy Jr, Chief Prosecuting Attorney for the Hudson Riverkeeper and President of Waterkeeper Alliance

Michelle Wyman, Executive Director for the US Office of ICLEI – Local Governments for Sustainability

Sponsored by NRDC Action Fund

"Media Accountability: What You Can Do to Stop the Smears in 2008 and Beyond"

Location: Fifth Floor:Open Space

Time: 2:00 PM - 2:50 PM (MST)

Discussion with: **Erin Hofteig**, Director of New Media (Moderator)

Jamison Foser, Executive Vice President and Columnist

Karl Frisch, Communications Director

Oliver Willis, Blogger - oliverwillis.com - and Media Matters Web Publisher

Conservative misinformation in the media threatens advancement of progressive ideals every day. We will briefly discuss how our research can help you fight Right-Wing smears highlighting the efforts of the netroots against Jerome Corsi and his book, Obama Nation. Audience participation will be key in this session.

Topics covered: Technology and Democracy

Dividing the Voters: Working the Wedge in 2008

Location: Big Tent:DIGG Stage

Time: 2:00 PM - 2:55 PM (MST)

Scheduled to Appear:

Ben Jealous, incoming NAACP President and CEO

Joe Solmonese, Human Rights Campaign President

Arturo Vargas, head of National Association of Latino Elected and Appointed Officials

Peter Groff, President of the Colorado Senate

The Leadership Conference on Civil Rights (LCCR) will sponsor a discussion about some of the hot topics in the 2008 elections, including equal opportunity, immigration and marriage rights.

Sponsor: Leadership Conference on Civil Rights

Topics covered: Race/Diversity, LGBT, Latino

In Case You Missed It: America is in the Middle of a Drilling Boom and Energy Prices are Still High"

Location: Third Floor:Conference Room

Time: 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (MST)

The Wilderness Society's Senior Resource Economist **Dr. Pete Morton**, who has been actively engaged in the national energy debate for the last 8 years, will give a PowerPoint briefing, followed by a lively Q and A, to provide an in-depth examination of the drilling boom in the Rockies, a rebuttal to industry claims and exaggerations, a look at the non-conventional factors that are driving up energy prices, and why an emphasis on domestic drilling is an inefficient policy for lowering energy prices. This is a must-see for anyone covering the energy issue, which promises to be one of the most influential topics in this election season.

Topics covered:

Biography on Democracy

Location: Big Tent:DIGG Stage

Time: 3:00 PM - 3:30 PM (MST)

Speakers Scheduled to Appear:

Moderator: **Mark Green**, Air America Media

Ted Sorensen, Counselor (JFK)

Jonathan Alter, The Defining Moment (FDR)

Air America Media and Progressive Book Club

"The Green Disconnect: Why the states are so far ahead of DC"

Location: Fifth Floor:Open Space

Time: 3:00 PM - 3:50 PM (MST)

Discussion with:

Brad Johnson, ThinkProgress Wonk Room

Does the political climate in Washington DC reflect the rest of the nation when it comes to fighting global warming? We discuss how states like California, Kansas, and Colorado are moving forward with green policies even as DC remains dominated by a polluter-friendly agenda.

Topics covered: Climate Change/Clean Energy/Global Warming

"The Contest: Progressives vs. Conservatives"

Location: Big Tent: DIGG Stage

Time: 3:30 PM - 4:20 PM (MST)

Scheduled to Appear:

Moderator: **Thom Hartmann**, Air America Media

Paul Krugman, The Conscience of a Liberal

Arianna Huffington, Right is Wrong

John Podesta, The Power of Progress

David Sirota, The Uprising

Air America Media and Progressive Book Club Untapped Progressives: Who is Getting Left Behind?

Location: Fifth Floor: Open Space

Time: 4:00 PM - 4:50 PM (MST)

Discussion with:

Biko Baker, The League of Young Voters

The newest tools and technology have greatly impacted the effectiveness of campaigns and groups to mobilize and organize people in record numbers. Despite that, key communities continue to be left out of those efforts and are left without access to the same tools, outreach and support. In this discussion, we'll talk about what is often referred to as the "digital divide" or the "non-college problem" and most importantly, how we can work towards a strategy that recognizes individual communities and includes them in the momentum of the progressive movement.

Topics covered: Race/Diversity, Latino, Youth, LGBT

The Next America

Location: Big Tent: DIGG Stage

Time: 4:20 PM - 5:00 PM (MST)

Scheduled to Appear:

Moderator: **Anne-Marie Slaughter**, Dean, Woodrow Wilson School

Markos Moulitsas, Taking on the System

Van Jones, The Green Collar Economy

Air America Media and Progressive Book Club

Cocktail Reception, Authors & Audience

Location:

Time: 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (MST)

Happy Hour hosted by Progressive Book Club and Air America Media. Cheese donated from Organic Valley

Coverage of the Democratic National Convention

Location: Big Tent: Upstairs

Time: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (MST)

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Dinner

Location: Big Tent: New Media Lounge and the Basement of the Alliance Center

Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MST)

(Food Partners: Papa John's, Heidi's Brooklyn deli and Wahoo's Fish Tacos)

Tuesday, August 26th

Yoga

Location: Big Tent:Second Floor

Time: 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM (MST)

"Oye: Evolution of the Latino Presence in the West"

Location: Big Tent:DIGG Stage

Time: 9:00 AM - 9:55 AM (MST)

Scheduled to Appear:

Moderator: **Maria Teresa Petersen**

Polly Baca , President and CEO of the Latin American Research and Service Agency (LARASA)

Dusti Gurule , Director of the Latina Initiative Project.

Paul Sandoval , Former Colorado State Senator, Co-Owner Tamales by La Casita

Panel discussion on exploring Latinos and Politics in the west. Yesterday, today and tomorrow, and what it means right here in Colorado.

*-Invited

Topics covered: Race/Diversity, Latino

"Symposium on Media and Democracy"

Location: Big Tent:DIGG Stage

Time: 10:00 AM - 10:30 AM (MST)

Scheduled to Appear:

Jonathan Adelstein, FCC Commissioner

Bob Edgar, president and CEO of Common Cause

The Commissioner will open the Symposium on Media and Democracy with his thoughts on media reform and participate in a Q and A session with Common Cause President Bob Edgar

Sponsors: Common Cause, the Center for Independent Media and the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights

Topics covered: Technology and Democracy

"Crashing La Pachanga: Opening Lines of Communication"

Location: Fifth Floor:Open Space

Time: 10:30 AM - 11:20 AM (MST)

Discussion with:

Edmundo Rocha, XicanoPwr.com

Kety Esquivel, CrossLeft.org

For many years the "crabs in the bucket" mentality has closed the lines of communication. As a result, the Latino culture is still unknown to many. Latinos are neither monolithic nor are we seamless, more than ever, new strategies must be developed to open the lines of communication within our diverse community and with potential political allies.

Topics covered: Latino

"Where Are The Issues?"

Location: Big Tent:DIGG Stage

Time: 10:30 AM - 11:15 AM (MST)

Scheduled to Appear:

Heather Smith, Executive Director of Rock the Vote

Gene Karpinsky, Executive Director of League of Conservation Voters

David Bennahum , Center for Independent Media

Mark Lloyd, Leadership Conference on Civil Rights

Critical issues in our society are being left out of the mainstream media. Join us as we discuss the impacts of this lack of coverage from the perspectives of national leaders on climate change, youth political engagement and civil rights.

Sponsors: Common Cause, the Center for Independent Media and the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights

Topics covered: Technology and Democracy, Youth, Climate Change/Clean Energy/Global Warming

"Net Neutrality Discussion"

Location: Big Tent: DIGG Stage

Time: 11:15 AM - 12:05 PM (MST)

Scheduled to Appear:

Josh Silver, Executive Director of Free Press

Matt Stoller of Open Left

Adam Green, Civic Communications Director for MoveOn.org Civic Action

The freedom of the internet is hanging in the balance. Leading net neutrality advocates will highlight current victories and lay out a plan for success in the future.

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Lunch

Location: Big Tent: New Media Lounge and the Basement of the Alliance Center

Time: 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM (MST)

(Food partners: Udi's Sandwiches)

Watchdogging Sucks: How can Sunlight make it better?

Location: Fifth Floor: Open Space

Time: 12:00 PM - 12:50 PM (MST)

Discussion with: **Clay Johnson**, Sunlight Foundation Watching the government is an arduous task. Connecting lobbyists, money, legislation and the like can be tough work. The Sunlight Foundation wants to help. Come have a discussion with Sunlight Labs' Director Clay Johnson to brainstorm about new ideas for making government more transparent and accountable

Topics covered: Technology and Democracy

" Body of War"

Location: Big Tent: DIGG Stage

Time: 12:05 PM - 1:00 PM (MST)

Scheduled to Appear:

Dan Rather

Q&A with **John Nichols Sr.** Writer for the Nation

Influential journalist and TV personality Dan Rather will highlight the film Body of War and discuss the inadequacies of the current media structure.

Sponsor: Common Cause

TAKE BACK AMERICA: "The Economy"

Location: Big Tent: DIGG Stage

Time: 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (MST)

Scheduled to Appear:

Robert Kuttner, Co-Founder, The American Prospect and author of new book, Obama's Challenge

Leo Gerard, International President, United Steelworkers

Majora Carter*, Co-Founder, Green for All

Sen. Sherrod Brown*, (D-OH)

*-invited

Come to The Big Tent in Denver to discuss strategies to **Take Back America** and then Move America Forward. Engage with progressive leaders, thinkers, activists, and bloggers as we organize and energize the progressive majority for real change. Events will also be streamed live online at www.ourfuture.org.

Sponsor: Campaign for America's Future

"TAKE BACK AMERICA: Healthcare for America Now!"

Location: Big Tent: DIGG Stage

Time: 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (MST)

Scheduled to Appear:

Rep. Jan Schakowsky, (D-IL)

Roger Hickey, Co-Director, Campaign for America's Future and steering committee, Health Care for America Now!

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Sponsor: Campaign for America's Future

Topics covered: Health Care

D-I-Y: Creating Community Media

Location: Alliance Center: Second Floor

Time: 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (MST)

Scheduled to Appear:

Tony Shawcross from Denver Open Media

Bill Menezes from Colorado Media Matters

Cara DeGette from The Colorado Independent

Join us for a discussion about the importance of community media, tips on how to create it yourself and learn about the efforts of local media advocates.

Sponsored by Common Cause

Another One Bites the Dust: Media Consolidation's Impact on Diversity

Location: Alliance Center: Third Floor

Time: 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (MST)

Scheduled to Appear:

Harold Feld from the Media Access Project

Alex Nogales from the National Hispanic Media Coalition

Josh Silver from Free Press

Discuss the growing issues for diversity in the media with leading national media reform and civil rights advocates and learn about the pathways for positive change.

Sponsored by Common Cause

Is There Anyone Out There?? What it Takes to be Progressive in a Red State

Location: Fifth Floor: Open Space

Time: 2:00 PM - 2:50 PM (MST)

TBA

"TAKE BACK AMERICA: The War and Foreign Policy"

Location: Big Tent: DIGG Stage

Time: 2:30 PM - 3:00 PM (MST)

Scheduled to Appear:

Eli Pariser, Executive Director, MoveOn.org

Rep. Barbara Lee, (D-CA)

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Sponsor: Campaign for America's Future

Topics covered: International

"Wiring Local Candidates...and Winning!"

Location: Fifth Floor:Open Space

Time: 3:00 PM - 3:50 PM (MST)

Discussion with:

Jim Walsh, Wired for Change

Matt Glazer, Burnt Orange Report

For the first time, huge numbers of local candidates are taking their campaigns online. Join a discussion about the races that are winning, what technology they're using to do it, and the how to incorporate these races into our strategy to win swing states and congressional races.

Topics covered: Technology and Democracy

"TAKE BACK AMERICA: Politics and America's Future"

Location: Big Tent:DIGG Stage

Time: 3:00 PM - 3:55 PM (MST)

Scheduled to Appear:

Robert Borosage, Co-Director, Campaign for America's Future

Arianna Huffington, Co-Founder and Editor-in-Chief, The Huffington Post

David Bonior, Former House Democratic Whip, Edwards Campaign Manager, and Chair, American Rights at Work

Rep. Donna Edwards, (D-MD)

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Sponsor: Campaign for America's Future

Neutering the Net: Fighting These Attacks Against an Open Internet

Location: Alliance Center:Third Floor

Time: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MST)

Scheduled to Appear

Steve Fenberg from New Era Colorado

Parul Desai from Media Access Project

Joan McCarter from DailyKos

The internet is a powerful tool to connect and educate communities. Our panelists will discuss the importance of the internet as it relates to political organizing, independent journalism, and more. Join us to learn more about net neutrality and the ways all of us can fight for the freedom of the internet.

Sponsored by Common Cause

Is Civil Discourse a Civil Right?

Location: Alliance Center:Second Floor

Time: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MST)

Scheduled to Appear:

Alex Nogales from The National Hispanic Media Coalition

Cathy Hazzouri from the American Civil Liberties Union of Colorado

Mark Lloyd from the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights

Can our civil rights be protected in the absence of a robust media? As media consolidation narrows the perspectives covered by the mainstream media, how does that impact civil discourse? This panel will discuss the need for healthy media as a civil right.

Sponsored by Common Cause

Going Under the Knife: What it Will Take to Change Health Care in 2009

Location: Fifth Floor:Open Space

Time: 4:00 PM - 4:50 PM (MST)

Discussion with:

Melinda Gibson, Heath Care for America Now

Julia Eisman, FamiliesUSA

Over 47 million Americans without health insurance with no cure in sight. Talk about the strategy, messaging and partnerships being built to help take on this challenge and take on real health care reform in 2009.

"Next New Deal"

Location: Big Tent: DIGG Stage

Time: 4:00 PM - 4:50 PM (MST)

Scheduled to Appear:

Alan Charney, USAction Program Director

Rep. Keith Ellison (D-MN)

Anna Greenberg, Senior Vice President, Greenland Quinland Rosner Research

William McNary, USAction President

Today Americans are hurting. Working families face the loss of jobs, homes, and health care. There are no quick fixes to the challenges that confront our country. Tough times call for bold solutions.

Panelists at the convention will discuss:

-History of The New Deal.

-Its popular support amongst young, swing and base voters.

-What it will take to move a bold economic agenda through Congress.

-How we can organize to make this happen.

The last half-hour will consist of open discussion between panelists and bloggers/new media journalists.

Sponsored by USAction

Happy Hour

Location:

Time: 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (MST)

Sponsored by Service Employees International Union (SEIU) with chips, salsa, and guacamole kindly donated by Chipotle.

Coverage of the Democratic National Convention

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Dinner

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Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MST)

(Food partners: Papa John's, Heidi's Brooklyn Deli and Illegal Pete's)

23/6 Comedy

Location: Big Tent: DIGG Stage

Time: 9:00 PM - 11:00 PM (MST)

23/6 (www.236.com) is the Internet's premier source for generally accurate, somewhat comprehensive and always funny political satire, original video and commentary. Tonight, 23/6 is proud to present a unique evening of comedy, video and surprises featuring some of the site's favorite contributors.

Performers include Eugene Mirman, Sam Seder, Lee Camp and Rachel Sklar, plus special guest, Saturday Night Live's Fred Armisen. Sure, it's a big tent, but is it possibly big enough to contain all this talent? Find out tonight. (Note: 23/6 is not responsible for any damage or structural failure as a result of exceeding the comedic capacity of the tent.)

Wednesday, August 27th

Yoga

Location: Big Tent:Second Floor

Time: 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM (MST)

"LGBT Issues in 2008: What a Difference Four Years Makes"

Location: Big Tent:DIGG Stage

Time: 9:00 AM - 9:55 AM (MST)

Scheduled to Appear:

Moderator: **Christopher Johnson**, Human Rights Campaign, Director of Interactive Communications

Celinda Lake, president Lake Research Partners

StateRep. Kyrsten Sinema, AZ-15

Jonathan Capehart, editorial writer for The Washington Post

The discussion will focus on anti-LGBT state ballot initiatives; media coverage of LGBT issues; public opinion research on attitudes regarding LGBT issues; and Sen. John McCain's troubling record on issues important to the LGBT community.

Sponsor: Human Rights Campaign

Topics covered: LGBT

"Muckraking 101: How to Rake Muck on Members of Congress with a Few Clicks of Your Mouse"

Location: Fifth Floor:Open Space

Time: 9:30 AM - 10:20 AM (MST)

Discussion with: Nancy Watzman, Director of the Sunlight Foundation's Party Time project Sheila Krumholz, Executive Director of the Center for Responsive Politics Massie Ritsch, Communications Director of the Center for Responsive Politics Learn how to find out who is giving campaign money to lawmakers, how that money connects to votes, what sorts of financial investments they have, where they are partying, and more, all with easy to use internet tools. We'll cover the who, what, where, and why of how you can start raking some muck without getting a backache in the process.

Topics covered: Technology and Democracy

"Faces from the Front: Western Perspectives on the Drilling Boom"

Location: Big Tent:DIGG Stage

Time: 10:00 AM - 10:55 AM (MST)

Scheduled to Appear:

Moderator - **Jim Martin**, Director of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

Tweeti Blancett, New Mexico rancher

Wally White, La Plata County Commissioner

Walt Gasson, Wyoming Wildlife Foundation

Randy Udall, former Director of Community Office for Resource Efficiency (CORE)

Come hear from diverse western voices – a New Mexico rancher, a local Colorado county commissioner, a Wyoming sportsman, and a West Slope renewable energy expert – about the toll that this administration's "drill everywhere" policies are having on the people and communities of the West. This panel, moderated by the Director of Colorado's Public Health and Environment Department, will also talk about the alternative path energy path that we should be taking towards a sustainable future that conserves the land, water and local communities of the West.

Sponsor: Wilderness Society

"WomenCount in the 2008 Election"

Location: Fifth Floor:Open Space

Time: 10:30 AM - 11:20 AM (MST)

Discussion with: **Jehmu Greene**, Political Director of WomenCount and Former President of Rock the Vote

The 2008 Democratic primary campaign and the historic candidacy of Hillary Clinton changed the conversation for and about women in America. Her success, although it fell short, awakened for women all over the country – even those who did not support her – the possibility of what still can be. The primary also uncovered serious challenges to our political process in the form of sexism and gender bias. Hillary's campaign was only a beginning and there is much more that needs to be done. Now what?

Topics covered: Womens' Issues

"Ground Control to the Flying Public: S.O.S."

Location: Big Tent: DIGG Stage

Time: 11:00 AM - 11:55 AM (MST)

Scheduled to Appear:

Moderator: **Alexandra Caldwell**, Communications & Public Affairs Specialist for the National Air Traffic Controllers Association

Patrick Forrey, President of NATCA

Lyle Burrington, Denver Air Route Traffic Control Center Facility Representative and Air Traffic Controller

Steve Boyer, NATCA Safety Representative for the Northwest Mountain Region

Paul Rinaldi, NATCA Executive Vice President.

With air traffic on the rise there are only 11,164 controllers watching the skies – a 16-year low in the number of fully certified controllers. When the FAA failed to fairly negotiate a ratified collective bargaining agreement with the nation's controller workforce and imposed work rules in September 2006 it set into motion a mass exodus of controller retirements, leaving the National Airspace System in shambles. Here to discuss the current state of the system and the detrimental effects the current administration's apathy has had on it are air traffic controllers and representatives from the National Air Traffic Controllers Association along with an independent safety expert and pilot.

Sponsor: National Air Traffic Controllers Association

Lunch

Location: Big Tent: New Media Lounge and the Basement of the Alliance Center

Time: 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM (MST)

Sponsored by T Boone Pickens (Food partners: Wahoo's Fish Tacos)

"LGBT Civil Equality: Educating Potential Political Allies"

Location: Fifth Floor: Open Space

Time: 12:00 PM - 12:50 PM (MST)

Discussion with: **Pam Spaulding**, Pam's House Blend

The patchwork of legal progress and setbacks in states around the country when it comes to LGBT civil rights is a challenge for that community to stay on top of. Potential straight allies often want to "come out of the closet" in support of their friends and loved ones, but they need to know the issues and be armed with talking points to be able to challenge homophobia when they encounter it.

Topics covered: LGBT

"Pickens Plan"

Location: Big Tent: DIGG Stage

Time: 12:00 PM - 12:55 PM (MST)

Scheduled to Appear:

T. Boone Pickens, entrepreneur and philanthropist

Carl Pope, Executive Director of the Sierra Club

John Podesta, President and Chief Executive Officer of American Progress

Sponsor: Pickens Plan

TBA

Location: Big Tent: DIGG Stage

Time: 1:00 PM - 1:55 PM (MST)

Sponsor: Moveon.org

"Drill Drill Drill: Energy Politics Before November"

Location: Fifth Floor: Open Space

Time: 1:00 PM - 1:50 PM (MST)

Discussion with: **Brad Johnson**, ThinkProgress Wonk Room

The conservatives' rallying cry of "Drill Here, Drill Now" is dominating the national debate on energy policy. What is the progressive game plan?

Topics covered: Climate Change/Clean Energy/Global Warming

"Overruled: Taking Back the Courts through Progressive New Media"

Location: Big Tent:DIGG Stage

Time: 2:00 PM - 2:55 PM (MST)

Scheduled to Appear: **Nan Aron** (moderator) **Glenn Greenwald** (panelist) **Pam Spaulding** (panelist) **Christy Hardin Smith** (panelist) **Sen. Benjamin Cardin** (speaker) **Rep. Donna Edwards** (speaker) Sponsor: Alliance for Justice Action Campaign

Online Voter Registration Demo

Location: Fifth Floor:Open Space

Time: 2:00 PM - 2:50 PM (MST)

Facilitator: **Josh Hender**, Thoughtworks

Learn how this revolutionary new tool works, who has access to it and how you can get it.

Winning the Climate Change Policy Battle: New Tools and Strategies

Location: Alliance Center:Third Floor

Time: 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MST)

Scheduled to Appear:

Moderator **Michael Moynihan**, NDN Green Project Director

Brian Hardwick, Director of Marketing and Development of the Alliance for Climate Protection

Kate Gordon, Co-Director of the Apollo Alliance

David Roberts, Senior Staff Writer, Grist.org

Bob Epstein, co-founder of Environmental Entrepreneurs, Director of New Resource Bank and Trustee of the Natural Resources Defense Council. This event will feature a lively discussion of progressive strategies for achieving success on energy and climate change issues.

Sponsored by NDN

"New American Consensus on International Cooperation"

Location: Big Tent:DIGG Stage

Time: 3:00 PM - 3:55 PM (MST)

Scheduled to Appear:

Geoff Garin, President, Peter D. Hart Research Associates

Steve Clemons, Senior Fellow and Director, American Strategy Program, New America Foundation

Rep. Bill Delahunt (invited)

Geoff Garin will present findings from the Better World Campaign's 2008 polling and Steve Clemons will lead the panel in a discussion of the findings and the role of foreign policy in the campaign.

Sponsored by UN Foundation

Changing the Landscape: the Impact of Social Technology on the 2008 Presidential Election

Location: Fifth Floor:Open Space

Time: 3:00 PM - 3:50 PM (MST)

Facilitator: **Chris Hughes**, Obama for President

This talk will focus on the impact of social technology on websites -- how we are breaking out of the mold of the traditional campaign website and extending the possibilities for what supporters can do. In the past, campaigns have only been able to provide information about a candidate and then ask supporters to simply sign up to volunteer or donate. In the new model, supporters can immediately connect with others and work to coordinate their actions in their local communities and beyond. The scope of what a supporter can do online has significantly widened, which is very good news for campaigns that are serious about empowering supporters to self-organize. We'll talk specifically about what tools the Obama campaign has developed to make this work possible.

Topics covered: Technology and Democracy

"Google's Search for Clean Energy"

Location: Big Tent:DIGG Stage

Time: 4:00 PM - 4:55 PM (MST)

Speaker:Dan Reicher, Director of Climate Change and Energy Initiatives, Google.org Sponsor: Google. Org

"Carving the Pumpkin: Trick or Vote Youth GOTV Program"

Location: Fifth Floor:Open Space

Time: 4:00 PM - 4:50 PM (MST)

Discussion with:

Alex Aronson, Bus Federation/OR Bus Project

Matt Singer, ForwardMontana

Matt Glazer, Burnt Orange Report

Ian Magruder, Students for Barack Obama

The Oregon Bus Project's Trick or Vote Halloween Canvass combines all the marks of a successful youth engagement program: large-scale volunteer field efforts, media buzz, new volunteers, and cultural cache. This discussion will focus on the plans for Trick or Vote in 2008, how can folks get involved in the newly national Trick or Vote efforts, and how can we translate the lessons learned from Trick or Vote into successful voter registration, voter education, and grassroots organizing endeavors.

Topics covered: Youth

Happy Hour

Location:

Time: 5:00 PM - 6:00 PM (MST)

Sponsored by the National Air Traffic Controllers Association (NATCA).

Coverage of the Democratic National Convention

Location: Big Tent:Upstairs

Time: 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (MST)

Streaming coverage of the Democratic National Convention

Dinner

Location: Big Tent:New Media Lounge and the Basement of the Alliance Center

Time: 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (MST)

(Food partners: Papa John's, Heidi's Brooklyn Deli and 8 Rivers)

Thursday, August 28th

Yoga

Location: Big Tent:Second Floor

Time: 7:00 AM - 8:00 AM (MST)

Have "They" Gone Too Far? The medical and political implications of attacks on reproductive health care, including Colorado's Amendment 48

Location: Big Tent:DIGG Stage

Time: 9:00 AM - 9:55 AM (MST)

Scheduled to Appear:

Cecile Richards, President Planned Parenthood Federation of America and Planned Parenthood Action Fund

Nancy Keenan, President NARAL Pro-Choice America

Dr. Eliza Buyers, MD, Obstetrician – Gynecologist

Dr. Ruben Alvero, MD, Obstetrician – Gynecologist, Certified in Reproductive Endocrinology and Infertility

Across the country, a narrow minority with extreme political views are threatening access to reproductive health care. Doctors, nurses, and health care advocates are uniting to keep politics out of the exam room. A family's right to make important life-decisions is under siege– everything from birth control to treatment for infertility to life-saving medical research is at risk. National experts will explain what's at stake, expose the extremists, and provide real-world medical examples of how national (like the proposed HHS regulation) and state proposals (like Colorado's Amendment 48) are threatening the privacy of the doctor-patient relationship.

Sponsor: NO on 48 and Planned Parenthood

True Patriotism

Location: Alliance Center:Third Floor

Time: 9:00 AM - 10:00 AM (MST)

This election is not just a choice between two candidates or two parties; it is a contest between two visions of patriotism. In their recent book, "The True Patriot," Eric Liu and Nick Hanauer offer an active and forward-thinking definition of patriotism based on the progressive moral values upon which this nation was founded.

In Denver, Liu will join NDN to discuss true patriotism and how its pursuit can change politics in America. **Sponsored by NDN**

The Future of Progressive Technology

Location: Fifth Floor:Open Space

Time: 9:30 AM - 10:30 AM (MST)

Discussion with:

April Pederson, Democracy in Action

DemocracyInAction has always been committed to bringing an innovative advocacy toolset to the Progressive community, but what about the future? Join us for a session where you tell us what tools you need to make your online advocacy more effective.

Topics covered: Technology and Democracy

Google

Location: Big Tent:DIGG Stage

Time: 10:00 AM - 10:55 AM (MST)

Scheduled to Appear:

Eric Schmidt, CEO of Google, Inc

Rachel Maddow, host of "The Rachel Maddow Show" on Air America Radio

Sponsored by Google

"The New Political Compass with Dr. Paul Ray, Jim Garrison and special guests"

Location: Big Tent:DIGG Stage

Time: 11:00 AM - 11:55 AM (MST)

Scheduled to Appear:

Jim Garrison, President of Wisdom University

Paul Ray, co-author of The Cultural Creatives: How 50 Million People Are Changing the World

This workshop will discuss the climate crisis and the challenge involved in a major mobilization of the public: a new national values research study shows a dramatic transformation of American range in concerns about climate change from only a few years ago. When the issues are framed in values terms, the desire for positive action and change on the part of the American public is enormous, in the 60-90% While they are emotionally and cognitively eager, however, most Americans have little idea what to do, and so they want leadership and decisive action.

Sponsored by Cultural Creatives

Topics covered: Environmental Justice, Green Business, Climate Change/Clean Energy/Global Warming

Lunch

Location: Big Tent:New Media Lounge and the Basement of the Alliance Center

Time: 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM (MST)

"What Women Want: Journalists and Activists Connect Stories and Solutions"

Location: Big Tent:DIGG Stage

Time: 12:00 PM - 12:55 PM (MST)

Scheduled to Appear:

Sara K. Gould, President and CEO of the Ms. Foundation for Women

Rita Henley Jensen, Editor-in-Chief, Women's eNews

Mary Kay Harris, Lead Organizer, Direct Action for Rights and Equality (DARE), Providence, RI

Althea Francois, Lead Organizer, Safe Streets/Strong Communities, New Orleans, LA

Liz Abzug, Founder and President, Bella Abzug Leadership Institute

Avis Jones-DeWeever, Director, Research, Public Policy and Information Center for the National Council of Negro Women, Inc.

Rita Smith, Executive Director, National Coalition Against Domestic Violence

The Ms. Foundation for Women will bring together grassroots activists, national policy advocates and journalists at the Democratic National Convention to highlight the impact of the economy and other key election-year issues on women—particularly low-income women and women of color—and promote women's community-based solutions to address our country's most pressing needs. On the eve of the 3rd Anniversary of Hurricane Katrina, and just blocks away from the Democratic National Convention, Sara K. Gould of the Ms. Foundation will host a roundtable discussion in partnership with Women's eNews' Rita Henley-Jensen. The event will offer a rare opportunity to hear from women driving change at local and national levels on issues ranging from gentrification and poverty to criminalization and violence in communities as seemingly different as New Orleans, LA and Providence, RI. Together, panelists will call on candidates to hold themselves accountable to what women want in order to address what communities throughout the country so urgently need. For more information, please visit www.Ms.Foundation.org/mfw_at_dnc.

Sponsored by Ms Foundation

"Increasing the Power of the Statewide Blogosphere"

Location: Fifth Floor:Open Space

Time: 12:00 PM - 12:50 PM (MST)

Discussion with:

Kenneth Quinnell, Florida Progressive Coalition

Bob Neer, BlueMassGroup

Alison Berke Morano, Florida Progressive Coalition

Feel like you're the only blue voice in a red state? Have lots of progressive bloggers in your state, but nobody's working together? This session will discuss how to get a cohesive state blogosphere going, using examples from Florida and Massachusetts.

Topics covered: Technology and Democracy

"What Women Want, What the Country Needs: Spotlighting Women's Priorities and Community-based Solutions"

Location: Fifth Floor:Open Space

Time: 1:00 PM - 1:50 PM (MST)

Discussion with: **Ms. Foundation for Women** and

Women's eNews:

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Rita Smith

Talk with women running organizations working to drive change at local and national levels on issues ranging from gentrification and poverty, to criminalization and violence in communities as seemingly different as New Orleans, LA and Providence, RI. Ask them about their work and tell them about yours in this open discussion.

"Cracks in the Glass Ceiling"

Location: Big Tent:DIGG Stage

Time: 1:00 PM - 1:55 PM (MST)

When Hillary Clinton announced that she was conceding the Democratic nomination for the presidency, she said that the 18 million votes she had received represented 18 million cracks in the glass ceiling. Her candidacy has shown how far women have come in politics, and it also has revealed challenges that remain. This panel will discuss the lessons learned in 2008 and look ahead at the impact women will have in November.

The Progressive Moment: Blog For OurFuture Roundtable

Location: Fifth Floor:Open Space

Time: 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (MST)

Discussion with:

Bob Borosage & Roger Hickey

co-directors of the Campaign for America's Future and the Blog For OurFuture team

Rick Perlstein

Sara Robinson

Bill Scher

David Sirota

Digby

Terrance Heath

Isaiah J. Poole

Please join us for a roundtable discussion on "the progressive moment" and the role of the progressive blogosphere in setting the stage for political transformation in 2009 and beyond. We'll exchange ideas on the strategies that can be put in place over the coming weeks for setting a progressive agenda, consolidating public support and holding elected officials accountable.

"Digg Townhall Live from The Big Tent"

Location: Big Tent:DIGG Stage

Time: 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (MST)

Join Digg Founder Kevin Rose and CEO Jay Adelson for our first live Townhall. They'll be taking questions submitted by the Digg community and even fielding a few from the audience

Sponsor: DIGG

Citizens Solutions Council

Location: Big Tent: DIGG Stage

Time: 4:00 PM - 4:55 PM (MST)

Scheduled to Appear:

Barbara Marx Hubbard

Eleanor LeCain

A Proposal for a Solutions Council in the Office of the Vice-President

The Citizens Solutions Council proposes the formation of a Solutions Council in the Office of the Vice President which will identify, connect, communicate and support what is working in America. This Council will stimulate a partnership between government and citizens to activate the creativity of the American people.

Sponsored by The Citizens Solutions Council

Coverage of the Democratic National Convention

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Friday, August 29th

Tour of the Alliance Center

Location:

Time: 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (MST)

An historic warehouse purchased by the Alliance for Sustainable Colorado has become known as Alliance Center. The Center demonstrates a hub for a state-based sustainability movement with offices for thirty non-profits. Tenants, partners and community members use the Center as a tool for collaboration, education and social advocacy. It is one of two buildings in the world to receive two Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design certifications from the US Green Building Council –Gold for Existing Buildings and Silver for Commercial Interiors, and the Energy Star Leader certification. Signs and displays highlight the collaborative, green and historic features.

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