



2018 Annual Meeting

Minneapolis, MN

Tuesday, May 15, 2018

(various locations)

<p>2:00 – 4:30PM</p>	<p>Minneapolis Walking Tour (optional) Join PSFG members for a walking tour of Cedar-Riverside, a neighborhood just east of downtown Minneapolis. From the Dakota to the Somalis, this neighborhood has played host to an extraordinary flow of migrants, immigrants, refugees, students, activists, and other newcomers. This history of diversity is what makes the neighborhood a unique place to live, work, and learn. For some this was a place of transition; for others it became a place to call home. On this tour, public historian Anduin Wilhide will introduce us to some of the people, places, and institutions that shaped the history of immigration, urban change, and diversity in Cedar-Riverside.</p> <p><i>Note: The tour is FULL.</i></p>
<p>5:15PM</p>	<p>Meet PSFG staff in Hewing Hotel lobby to depart for Aster Café (optional) Don't want to go to the opening dinner alone? Meet us in the lobby to either walk (approx. 25 minutes) or catch a Lyft to the restaurant.</p>
<p>6:00 – 8:45PM Aster Café 125 SE Main St.</p>	<p>Opening Dinner: Peace and Security at Home and Abroad in 2018 Welcome, Trista Harris, President, Minnesota Council on Foundations Keynote Address, Jamila Raqib, Executive Director, Albert Einstein Institution Moderated by Amy Bisno, Program Officer, American Jewish World Service</p> <p>Join PSFG for a dinner discussion on how movements for non-violent resistance are impacting peace and security. This candid conversation with Jamila Raqib will focus on the state of peace and security in 2018 and the potential of strategic non-violent action to transform acute conflicts worldwide.</p> <p><i>Note: The dinner is FULL.</i></p>



Wednesday, May 16, 2018

[Hewing Hotel](#)

300 N. Washington Ave.

<p>8:30 – 9:00AM</p>	<p>Breakfast, Check-in, and Funders’ Soapbox Sign-Ups Check in, pick up your name badge, and sign up for the Funders’ Soapbox, which due to member-demand, will now take place on the first day of the meeting (i.e., today).</p>
<p>9:00 – 10:00 AM</p>	<p>Opening Session Following a welcome from PSFG Steering Committee Chair Hillary Wiesner (Program Director for Transnational Movements and the Arab Region, Carnegie Corporation of New York), PSFG members will engage in a round of speed networking, reflect on the challenges and successes of 2017, and identify opportunities for 2018.</p>
<p>10:00 – 10:30 AM</p>	<p>Funders’ Soapbox + Coffee Break Moderated by Henry Alt-Haaker, Head of International Relations Programs & Liaison Work at the Berlin Representative Office, Robert Bosch Stiftung</p>
<p>10:30AM – 12:00PM</p>	<p>Concurrent Fishbowl Discussions</p> <p>From Protest to Policy: Supporting Movements for Social and Political Change Maria De La Cruz, Associate Executive Director, Headwaters Foundation for Justice Hardy Merriman, President, International Center on Nonviolent Conflict Stephen Rickard, Executive Director, Open Society Policy Center Facilitated by Ellen Friedman, Executive Director, Compton Foundation</p> <p>From identifying key components of successful movements to sharing strategies for supporting movements without stifling them, in this session we will discuss how funders can best support and complement the work of grassroots movements for change. How can funders help make movements effective? Drawing on their experiences funding local, national, and global movements, speakers will identify the unique roles funders can play to help bridge the gap between grassroots mobilization and policy change. Participants will leave this session with insights into how to overcome the challenges to funding movements and concrete suggestions for how they can help movements attain tangible change. <i>Location: Commissioner Boardroom</i></p> <p>Innovative Grant Responses to the New Political Environment Mark Guy, Senior Program Officer, Global Development, GHR Foundation Theo Kalionzes, Program Officer, Nuclear Challenges, MacArthur Foundation Dini Merz, Program Director, Colombe Peace Foundation Facilitated by Caroline Brazill, Program Assistant, Wellspring Philanthropic Fund</p>



	<p>From promoting innovative solutions to persistent problems to providing rapid response funds that enable grantees to capitalize on political opportunities, in this session we'll take a look at the creative mechanisms PSFG members are employing in response to changing domestic and international contexts. We'll explore why and how funders have changed their approaches to addressing pressing peace and security challenges, and discuss the pros/cons of various funding modalities. Participants will leave this session with innovative ideas that they may also be able to employ in their funding.</p> <p><i>Location: Private Dining Room</i></p>
<p>12:00 – 1:00PM</p>	<p>Lunch</p>
<p>1:00 – 2:30PM</p>	<p>Concurrent Member-led Sessions</p> <p>Designing and Supporting Effective Convenings Facilitated by Jen Smyser, Vice President, Director of Policy Programming Strategy, Stanley Foundation</p> <p>In this session, we will share and compare practices for designing convenings for and with grantees/partners. Drawing upon their own experiences as funders of and participants in convenings, participants will identify best (and worst) practices, share resources, and learn practical skills that they can start using tomorrow. Participants will also be able to workshop "facilitator nightmares" and other convening challenges they face.</p> <p><i>Location: Private Dining Room</i></p> <p>Research-backed Decision-making John Carl Baker, Political Engagement Strategist, Ploughshares Fund Jamila Raqib, Executive Director, Albert Einstein Institution Facilitated by Patrick Hiller, Executive Director, War Prevention Initiative, Jubitz Family Foundation</p> <p>In this session, participants will explore how funders can draw on qualitative and quantitative academic research to inform strategies, programs, and decision-making.</p> <p><i>Location: Commissioner Boardroom</i></p> <p>The Aftermath: What happens after campaigns succeed? Paul Carroll, Senior Advisor, N Square Monica Meyer, Executive Director, Outfront Minnesota Yifat Susskind, Executive Director, MADRE Facilitated by Aaron Back, Senior Advisor, New Israel Fund</p> <p>In this session, we'll discuss what to do when the work you've been supporting succeeds. Once you get a treaty, policy, or change you've been working toward, what do you do next? Do you switch your focus to implementation? How do you decide what to fund next? What are the questions you can ask to guide your course once you accomplish the goals you set?</p>



	<p>We'll discuss these questions and more in this session, which will consist of a short panel discussion and Q&A followed by small group discussion and reflection activities.</p> <p><i>Location: Andrews Ballroom</i></p>
2:30 – 3:00PM	Coffee Break
3:00 – 4:00PM	<p>Coffee and Coaching</p> <p>In this fast-paced small-group session, participants will have the opportunity to present an issue, challenge, or idea on which they would like feedback from the group.</p>
4:30PM	Meet PSFG staff in lobby to walk/Lyft to GHR Foundation (optional)
5:00 – 6:30PM	<p>Reception at GHR Foundation</p> <p>Welcome: Amy Rauenhorst Goldman, Chief Executive Officer & Chair, GHR Foundation</p> <p>Enjoy an informal cocktail reception to catch up with your PSFG colleagues while taking in beautiful views of Minneapolis.</p>
6:30 – 8:00PM	<p>Dinner on Your Own</p> <p>Check out our meeting website for ideas on where to eat with your PSFG colleagues.</p> <p>No dinner plans? Meet PSFG staff by the elevators outside of GHR Foundation. We'll hop on the light rail and grab dinner at AfroDeli, the Twin Cities' favorite East African restaurant.</p>
8:30 – 9:30PM	<p>Young Professionals Roof Bar Meet Up</p> <p>Join us on the roof of the Hewing Hotel to connect with other PSFG young (under 35) professionals.</p>



Thursday, May 17, 2018

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300 N. Washington Ave.

8:15 – 9:00AM	<p>Breakfast and PSFG Members Business Meeting We'll discuss PSFG's budget, non-solicitation policy, and more at this meeting for PSFG members only. <i>Location: Commissioner Boardroom</i></p>
9:00 – 10:30AM	<p>Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Roundtable Discussions In this session, participants will have the opportunity to participate in facilitated conversations on a variety of topics related to promoting diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) in their work.</p> <p>Opening Remarks, Sadia Hameed, Managing Director, Nexus Fund</p> <p>Concurrent Roundtable Discussions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. DEI 101: A Framework for Where to Begin Led by Camille Cyprian, Director of Program Strategy and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, Minnesota Council on Foundations 2. Discussing DEI with Grantees Led by Cara Wagner, Senior Program Officer, and John Carl Baker, Political Engagement Strategist, Ploughshares Fund 3. Advancing DEI Work Internally Led by Sadia Hameed, Managing Director, Nexus Fund 4. Sharing Challenges: What We've Been Grappling with in our DEI Work Led by Michelle Dover, Director of Programs, Ploughshares Fund 5. Beyond a Statement: Mainstreaming DEI Led by Noorain Khan, Program Officer, Office of the President, Ford Foundation 6. DEI Abroad: What does DEI look like with foreign grantees? Led by Dylan Mathews, Chief Executive, and Bridget Moix, U.S. Senior Representative and Head of Advocacy, Peace Direct
10:30 – 11:00AM	<p>Break</p>



<p>11:00AM – 12:00PM</p>	<p>Power Hour Discussions</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Cybersecurity and Artificial Intelligence Led by Monica M. Ruiz, Cyber Initiative and Special Projects Fellow, The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation <i>Location: Andrews Ballroom</i> 2. The Women, Peace, and Security Act in the Trump Administration: What’s next? The U.S. government is required to submit to Congress a government-wide Women, Peace, and Security strategy by October 2018. Where are there levers of influence to inculcate policy? Participants will strategize around what the next phase of work on the WPS Act should be and what funders are doing to support it. Led by Cynda Collins Arsenault, Founder of Our Secure Future- Women Make the Difference, an initiative of One Earth Future Foundation <i>Location: Andrews Ballroom</i> 3. Measuring Program Impact and Learning How do you make what you’re learning from your grantmaking accessible to others? How do you know that you’re making an impact? In this session, we’ll hear from a local foundation on what they’re doing and share tips and tools with one another. Led by Kristina Ward, Leadership Programs Manager, Bush Foundation <i>Location: Commissioner Boardroom</i> 4. Climate Security: How can funders leverage impact? In this session we’ll strategize around cross-sector climate/security work. How can funders of peace and security work complement or augment work being done in the climate funding community? Led by Jen Smyser, Vice President, Director of Policy Programming Strategy, Stanley Foundation <i>Location: Andrews Ballroom</i> 5. Policymaking 101 One of PSFG’s goals is to strengthen your engagement with policymaker peers where you have shared priorities. Come learn what we’re learning about how to best engage the USG! Led by Alexandra Toma, Executive Director, Peace and Security Funders Group <i>Location: Andrews Ballroom</i> 6. How do you make funding of academic research have impact? How can funders help promote the research they fund beyond academia for impact on policy? In this session, PSFG members will share what they’re doing, reflect on what’s working, and brainstorm ideas to further bridge the gap between research and policy. Led by Nyeleti Honwana, Program Officer, Harry Frank Guggenheim Foundation <i>Location: Andrews Ballroom</i>
<p>12:00 – 2:00PM</p>	<p>Closing Lunch: The Future of Peace and Security Dr. Mary Curtin, Diplomat-in-Residence, Humphrey School of Public Affairs, University of Minnesota Moderated by Tane Danger, Co-founder, Host, and Director, Theater of Public Policy</p> <p>Join us for lunch and laughs as the Theater of Public Policy brings peace and security issues and debates to life via unscripted comedy theater. We’ll begin with a discussion with Dr. Mary Curtin on the shifting global context, the primary threats to and opportunities for peace, and how to shape the new era of international politics. Following the discussion, the cast of the Theater of Public Policy will re-imagine the conversation through long-form improv comedy.</p>



2:00 – 3:00PM	<p>Working Group Meetings</p> <p>Nuclear Funders Facilitated by Alexandra Toma, Executive Director, Peace and Security Funders Group <i>Location: Private Dining Room</i></p> <p>Gender and Conflict Facilitated by Caitlin Stanton, Director of Partnerships, Urgent Action Fund <i>Location: Commissioner Boardroom</i></p> <p>Conflict and Atrocities Prevention + Locally-led Peacebuilding Facilitated by Caroline Brazill, Program Assistant, Wellspring Philanthropic Fund <i>Location: Andrews Ballroom</i></p>
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