

2014 NOW Conference - *Faces of Feminism: Strength in Diversity*

**JOIN the US WOMEN AND CUBA COLLABORATION
at the National Organization for Women CONFERENCE
ALBUQUERQUE, New Mexico ~ JUNE 26 - 28, 2014**

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Collaboration leaders Zenaida Mendez and Jan Strout as well as other supporters will be participating in the 2014 NOW Conference to bring issues facing as well as accomplishments of Cuban women and our other sisters in the Americas to develop further global feminist movement-building in NOW and across borders. US Women and Cuba Collaboration organizing will include a workshop on **Global Feminisms**, screening of Gloria Rolando's **1912: Breaking the Silence**, networking/strengthening ties between women of the Americas who will be attending and **proposing a Resolution** for NOW to join Hillary Clinton and the rest of the world to call for the end of the US government embargo of Cuba.

Here are the specific events and a full Agenda is located on the NOW Conference website:

<http://now.org/about/conference/agenda/>

Thursday, June 26 @ 7 pm – Reclaiming Feminisms at the Grassroots Tour – Albuquerque, organized by allied groups Grassroots Global Justice Alliance and SW Organizing Project, at the African American Performing Arts Center. Featuring Sandra Morán, Guatemalan feminist, artist, lesbian activist for human and women's rights, who is a member of the International Committee of the World March of Women and Coordinator of the Sector de Mujeres in Guatemala. She will be joined by Albuquerque's Mala Mana, all women's vocal group and Jessica Helen Lopez, Poet Laureate in an evening of music, poetry and dialogue.

www.ggjalliance.org/ReclaimingFeminisms2014

Friday, June 27 @ 2pm - Workshop: Global Feminisms: Movement Building in the Americas

Drawn from our experiences traveling through the Americas, meeting feminist women activists, leading women's delegations, developing sister projects, organizing global feminist Speaking Tours in the US, screening global feminist media including Feminist Flicks, and international conference participation in Cuba, Venezuela, Dominican Republic, Argentina, Uruguay and Puerto Rico. Collaborating with activists from these countries around advancing all women's full human rights gives us the opportunity to focus on both the local and global struggles of today's feminist activists. In addition, with the upcoming United Nations Conference on Women, Beijing + 20, in 2015, we want to develop strategies for NOW members and leaders to be at the forefront of global feminist participation and create opportunities to learn from and with our global sisters, especially in our neighboring cultures and nations of the Americas.

Panelists will share their experiences collaborating and working on women's rights, movement-building, positively impacting the status of women and girls and creating at the grassroots stronger feminist international relations in the global world.

1. **Zenaida Mendez** is the President of the National Organization for Women (NOW-NYS), New York State. She is the founder of the National Dominican Women Caucus in the U.S. Ms. Mendez also holds the position of Director of External Affairs at Manhattan Neighborhood Network, co-lead the 2013 US Women's Delegation to Cuba and presented at the International Women's Conference at the University of Havana in November.

2. **Jan Strout** currently is a NW Regional Representative to NOW's national Board of Directors, co-founded and serves on the NOW Global Feminist Issues and Strategies Committee. As co-chair of the US Women and Cuba Collaboration, Jan co-lead the 2013 US Women's Delegation to Cuba and presented at the International Women's Conference at the University of Havana in November. She has organized, for over 25 years, women's delegations to Latin America, and participated in international women's rights and development conferences in Beijing, China, Cuba, Mexico, Venezuela and at the UN. Jan also teaches first year student Seminars at Montana State University – Bozeman and is on MSU's Equal Pay for Equal Work Task Force.
3. **Kathryn Hall-Trujillo** is CEO and Founder, Birthing Project USA (the Underground Railroad for New Life) and a women's health specialist working globally in solidarity with women of Cuba, the Americas and Africa to advance women's reproductive and maternal health care and human rights. Kathryn has been recognized as an Ashoka Fellow and a CNN Hero.
4. **Irene Morris Vásquez (invited)** is Associate Professor and Director at the University of New Mexico. Her research and teaching interests include Indigenous peoples of the Americas, Afro-Mexican/Latino relations, U.S. Social Movements, Women of Color Feminism, and Intercultural Collaboration and Peace Building. Presently, she is co-authoring a book on the Chicana/o Movement entitled, [Aztlan Making: The Chicana/o Movement: Ideology and Culture, 1966-1977](#). She has written several essays in English and Spanish on the historic and contemporary relations between African Americans and Latin American descent peoples. In 2006, Irene Vásquez co-edited [The Borders Within Us: Three Global Diasporas](#), published by New World African Press.

Saturday, June 28 @ 3 PM - Feminist Flicks: 1912: Breaking the Silence (2013, Gloria Rolando, director, Cuba) 60 minutes. Part of a film trilogy devoted to the African ancestry, traditions and history of Cuba, *Breaking...* documents the rise of the Independent Black Party of Cuba and its impacts on race, social justice and democracy in the development of Cuba as a nation before and following the Spanish-American War leading to the U.S. annexation of Cuba. The extraordinary work of filmmaker Gloria Rolando (*Eyes of the Rainbow*) invites reflection on the contribution of documentary research on historical trauma and the construction of an alternative audiovisual archive film. (www.afto-cubaweb.com/gloriarolando/media-breakingthesilence.html) Discussion following.

The Collaboration has been actively participating in and bringing Cuban women speakers and educational programs to many of NOW's national Conferences. To make a donation for this and all of the work of Collaborations Campaigns, go to www.womenandcuba.org

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