

Where BAMN Has Spoken (partial listing)

Colleges and Universities

Beloit College
Blackhawk Tech. College
Bowling Green State Univ.
Columbia University
Community College of Philadelphia
Cornell University
Dartmouth College
Georgia Southern Univ.
Georgia State University
Hampshire College
Harvard University
Howard University
LeMoyné College
Montgomery County CC
Northeastern University
NYU Law School
Oregon State University
Rutgers University
Stanford University
Temple University
Texas Christian University
Touro Law School
Towson University
UC Berkeley
UCLA
UDC School of Law
Univ. of Georgia
Univ. of Maryland
Univ. of Mass at Lowell
Univ. of Michigan
Univ. of Minnesota
Univ. of Missouri at Rolla
Univ. of Nebraska, Omaha
Univ. of Oklahoma
Univ. of Oregon

Univ. of Pennsylvania
Univ. of Southern Calif.
Univ. of Wisconsin
West Chester University
Yale University

Professional Organizations

American Association for Affirmative Action
American Sociological Association
Asian Pacific American Law Students Association
Big XII Annual Conference on Black Student Government
Black Law Students Assoc.
Black Women Lawyers Assoc. of Chicago
National Association of Black Engineers
National Alliance of Black School Educators
National Bar Association
National Forum for Black Public Administrators
Society of American Law Teachers

Churches

Hartford Memorial Baptist Church, Detroit
People's Congregational Church, Wash. DC
St. Sabina Faith Community, Chicago

Civil Rights Organizations

A. Philip Randolph Institute
Americans for Democratic Action
Congressional Black Caucus Foundation, Inc.
NAACP National Convention 2003
National Organization for Women
Rainbow/Push National Conventions 2001, 2002, 2003
Tavis Smiley Youth 2 Leaders Summit

Unions

Metropolitan District of Columbia AFLCIO
SEIU Western Region Latino Caucus

Government

American Council on Education
City of Portland, ME
Michigan Legislative Black Caucus
Missouri Department of Natural Resources
U.S. Department of Transportation

Business

National Association for Law Placement, Inc.
Southeastern MI Industry Liaison Group, Inc.

BAMN* SPEAKERS' BUREAU

Speaking from the Heart of the New Civil Rights Movement

BAMN's dynamic, award-winning speakers offer riveting presentations on race, equality, integration, and civil rights. Whether you are programming a lecture series on social issues, training personnel to work in a diverse environment, or building inspiration for civil rights activism, BAMN speakers will challenge, enlighten, and excite your audience.

***COALITION TO DEFEND AFFIRMATIVE ACTION,
INTEGRATION & IMMIGRANT RIGHTS
AND FIGHT FOR EQUALITY
BY ANY MEANS NECESSARY**



"I have received nothing but positive feedback about your powerful message...you inspired 40 new and returning members to join the organization. You truly did get us all fired up!"

—Winston McGill, President, NAACP Portland Branch

The BAMN Speakers, L to R, top row: Candice Young, Miranda Massie, Yvette Felarca, Kate Stenvig. Bottom row: George Washington, Shanta Driver, Luke Massie, Tania Kappner. Not pictured: Jodi Masley.



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"A mixture of substance and passion that results in a powerful delivery... historically accurate, profoundly urgent, and wonderfully clear."

—Marshall Rose, Director
Office of Equity, Diversity and Immigration Services
Bowling Green State University

Featured in the Smithsonian Museum as the modern embodiment of the civil rights movement, BAMN has been a national leader in the 21st century fight for equality. Passionate in organizing for educational integration and equality, BAMN was instrumental in winning the 2003 Supreme Court *Grutter* decision that upheld affirmative action at the University of Michigan Law School. BAMN has organized across the country to defeat policies that entrench segregation, inequality and discrimination.

“Shanta Driver is one of the most compelling spokespersons in America today for the civil rights movement and *Brown v Board of Education*. People of all ages and points of view hear her gladly and are moved to action.”

—A. Knighton Stanley, Minister
Peoples Congregational Church of Christ, Washington, DC

In today’s climate of conservatism and re-segregation, it’s easy to feel discouraged about winning progressive change. BAMN speakers reinvigorate people—and organizations—with a spirit of hope and optimism and a renewed energy to campaign for change.

What BAMN Speakers Can Do for You

Fluent in civil rights history, law, and activism, BAMN speakers can customize a presentation precisely to your program topic or create a talk based on your general area of interest. As debaters, they galvanize audiences with lively, informed, and eloquent arguments. A sample of their presentations includes:

- The state of affirmative action post-*Grutter*
- Continuing the fight for integration 50 years after *Brown v. Board of Education*
- Winning progressive change in a conservative climate
- Rebuilding the unions through the fight for civil rights
- No Child Left Behind: defending public K-12 education in the age of reform boards, charters, and privatization

- The fight for immigrant rights and educational issues of undocumented students
- Diversity training for unions, business, and government

Unique among Civil Rights Speakers

The BAMN Speakers’ Bureau, like BAMN itself, is a thoroughly integrated group of activists whose leadership includes both strong women and energetic young people who have organized youth of all races across the country.

BAMN speakers are activists who can share their experience fighting—and winning—critical civil rights campaigns. In addition to legal intervention in the landmark *Grutter* decision, BAMN brought 50,000 people to demonstrate on April 1, 2003 while the Supreme Court heard arguments on this historic case. BAMN helped to defeat Ward Connerly’s Proposition 54 in California and prevented his anti-affirmative action referendum from reaching the Michigan ballot in 2004. Activists in BAMN are also campaigning to maintain voters’ rights against elimination of elected school boards, resist the privatization of public schools, and to win quality K-12 public education for all students.

BAMN speakers inspire audiences because they are actually out there in the trenches, organizing youth and making change happen. Listeners come away from BAMN presentations better informed and rejuvenated, with a belief in their own personal potential to contribute to social change.

Call or email today to schedule a dynamic, unforgettable presentation for your event!

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Who’s Who In the BAMN Speakers’ Bureau

Shanta Driver, JD, is the National Director of United for Equality and Affirmative Action Legal Defense Fund, and was the legal architect of the successful student intervention into *Grutter v Bollinger*. Ms. Driver is also the Co-Chair and National Spokesperson for BAMN.

Yvette Felarca is BAMN’s California Coordinator. A graduate student at the University of California at Berkeley, she serves as Senator on the ASUC, Berkeley’s student government. Ms. Felarca also works as a substitute teacher in Oakland and has served as an Executive Board member and convention delegate for the Oakland Education Assoc.

Tania Kappner, a teacher in the Oakland, CA public schools, was a key witness in the trial of *Grutter v. Bollinger*. Ms. Kappner is a union steward in the Oakland Educational Association and has been re-elected eight times to be a convention delegate to the National Educational Association on a civil rights platform.

Jodi Masley, JD, was a named intervenor in *Grutter* and the founder of Law Students for Affirmative Action at the University of Michigan. Ms. Masley was a lead organizer in BAMN’s successful campaign to reverse the University of California Regents’ ban on affirmative action in the UC system. She is an outspoken advocate for women’s equality.

Luke Massie is the Co-Chairperson of BAMN. He led the Michigan and California mass organizing campaign in defense of affirmative action during the trial of *Grutter v. Bollinger*. He also directed the efforts that successfully defeated Ward Connerly’s attempts to place an anti-affirmative action initiative on the ballot in Michigan.

Miranda Massie, JD, was lead counsel for the student intervenors in *Grutter v. Bollinger*. Ms. Massie is an honors graduate of Cornell University and the New York University School of Law and earned a Masters’ degree in History and American Studies from Yale University. Ms. Massie has been active in organizing efforts for civil and reproductive rights, and educational equity throughout her career.

Kate Stenvig is the leader of the BAMN chapter at the University of Michigan, where she is pursuing a Masters in Education. Ms. Stenvig has spearheaded the Defend Affirmative Action Party election campaigns for student assembly and led successful efforts to increase minority enrollment at UM and to end discriminatory practices against minority social activities at the student union.

George B. Washington, JD, a graduate of Harvard College and Harvard Law School, has practiced labor, employment and discrimination law for over 25 years. A member of the intervenors’ legal team in *Grutter*, he was also lead attorney challenging the imposition of an appointed school board in Detroit, and represented BAMN in its legal challenge to Ward Connerly’s anti-affirmative action ballot petition.

Candice Young founded a BAMN chapter when she was a junior at Huron High School in Ann Arbor. She later created a BAMN chapter at Eastern Michigan University, where she is currently an undergraduate. Ms. Young has led BAMN’s national outreach, addressing church congregations, union memberships and student groups.