

SEARAC Speakers Bureau List

The SEARAC Speakers Bureau is a list of SEARAC staff, board, and supporters who are experts in their fields and have generously agreed to donate any honorarium received through the Speakers Bureau to support SEARAC's work. All speakers are knowledgeable about Southeast Asian issues and have worked with SEARAC in some capacity.

Honorarium amounts are negotiable. For speakers who are not traveling locally to the speaking engagement destination, the host organization or college must pay for round-trip transportation expenses (e.g. airfare, train ticket, car rental, parking), lodging and per diem meal expenses, unless otherwise discussed with SEARAC.

If you'd like to book a speaker for your speaking engagement, please send the following information to Jennet at jennet@searac.org:

- 1) Speaker(s) you are interested in
- 2) Topics you would like the speaker to address
- 3) Proposed location and date of speaking engagement
- 4) Estimated audience number and type (e.g. 40 immigrant youth)

List of Speakers

In addition to the specific topics listed next to each speaker's name, all speakers are capable of speaking on any of the following general topics:

- History of Southeast Asian Refugees in America
- Advocacy for Southeast Asian Americans
- The Future of Southeast Asian Refugee Communities

SEARAC Staff and Board Members (indicated by the asterisk next to their name) can talk about SEARAC's history, current work in the Southeast Asian community, and our progressive vision for a better world. SEARAC Staff are also available for longer sessions and trainings and some of the staff can conduct trainings in-language.

Anhlan Nguyen* Houston, TX	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Vietnamese American Communities• Youth Leadership Development• Project Management• Fundraising
Berta Romero* Washington DC	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Wellness/Preventive Health• Coalition Work
Catherina Nou* California Policy Advocate, SEARAC Sacramento, CA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Advocacy Training/Strategies• Facilitator
Chheub Heng* Boston, MA	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• HIV/AIDS• Cultural Competency Training
Doua Thor*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refugees

Washington, DC Other Language: Hmong	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immigration • Leadership Building • Advocacy • Capacity building for nonprofits • Education
Helly Lee* Director of Policy, SEARAC Washington, DC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immigration: deportation, material support, family immigration • Advocacy Training • Civic Engagement
Jay Stansell* Seattle, WA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immigration Policy/Law/History • Cambodian Deportations
Khammany Mathavongsy*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • California State Policy • Advocacy Training • Organizational Development • Board Development • Communications/Media • Program Development • Volunteer Management
Leakhena Nou* Long Beach, CA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health/Mental Health • Women's Studies • Education
Naomi Steinberg* Deputy Director, SEARAC Washington, DC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Refugees • Material Support • Capacity building for nonprofits • Advocacy training
Pa Lai Lee* Fresno, CA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Law • Immigration
Phitsamay S. Uy* Boston, MA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education: dropouts in Southeast Asian communities, curriculum development, diversity training • Youth Leadership Development
Soumary Vongrassamy* Education Advocate, SEARAC Washington, DC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Education: high school reform, No Child Left Behind Act • Advocacy Training
ThaoMee Xiong* Minneapolis, MN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Immigrant Rights • Asian American Women's Issues • Education & Youth • Campaign Organizing