



## Speaker Biographies

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**GIDEON ANDERS** is a Senior Staff Attorney at the National Housing Law Project (NHLP). He has worked for NHLP for nearly 40 years, including eleven years as NHLP's executive director. Gideon retired from full-time work in 2008, but has remained on a part-time basis. He provides legal and technical assistance on the preservation of rural rental housing and on the housing rights of the residents and homeowners in the Rural Housing Service subsidized housing programs. He has co-authored two editions of *FmHA Housing Programs: Tenants' and Purchasers' Rights* published in 1980 and 1995, and *RD/RHS Homeowner's Programs: Owners' and Purchasers' Rights*, published in 2010.

**GAVIN BATES** is a staff attorney at South Coastal Counties Legal Services, Inc. (SCCLS) located in Massachusetts. Gavin joined SCCLS, which provides free legal assistance for low-income individuals dealing with civil law issues throughout the southeastern part of the state, four years ago. Gavin does most of his work in eviction

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**COLETTE PICHON BATTLE** is the founder and Executive Director of the Gulf Coast Center for Law & Policy (GCCLP) and develops programming focused on Equitable Disaster Recovery, Global Migration, Community Economic Development, Climate Justice and Energy Democracy. Colette works with local communities, national funders and elected officials in the post-Katrina/post-BP disaster recovery and was a lead coordinator for Gulf South Rising 2015, a regional initiative around climate justice and just transition in the South. In addition to developing advocacy initiatives that intersect with race, systems of power and ecology, Colette manages GCCLP's legal services in immigration law and disaster law. In 2018, Colette was awarded with an Honorary Doctorate from Kenyon College. In 2016, Colette was named a White House Champion of Change for Climate Equity and in 2015, was selected as an Echoing Green Climate Fellow.

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**DEBBIE CHIZEWER** teaches at Northwestern Pritzker School of Law in the Environmental Advocacy Clinic, and has taught environmental law classes at Chicago-Kent College of Law, where she also served as the Assistant Director of the Program in Environmental and Energy Law and helped launch the environmental law clinic. Her Northwestern clinic caseload focuses on environmental justice issues and includes representation of resident groups facing lead and arsenic contamination in East Chicago, Indiana and exposures to petroleum coke and manganese dust on the Southeast Side of Chicago. Debbie also serves as the Board Chair of the Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law. Prior to teaching, Debbie practiced in the environmental law group at a large Washington, DC law firm, served as an attorney for the National Wildlife Federation's Montana office and the Alliance for the Great Lakes' Chicago office. Debbie received her J.D. from Boston University School of Law and her BA, cum laude, from Princeton University. Immediately after law school, Debbie clerked for The Honorable Joseph Farnan, Jr, in the U.S. District Court for the District of Delaware.

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**CRISTINA CORTES** is the Domestic Violence Coordinator for the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority. Her primary focus is to ensure that survivors of domestic violence, human trafficking, and sexual assault are able to safely access mainstream homeless services, through community education maybe and partnership building. She is part of the leadership team of the Domestic Violence-Homeless Services Coalition, and is a co-chair of the Education & Training Work Group, where she builds policy frameworks, and analyzes and improves programs. Previously, Cristina worked for the sole domestic violence shelter in the City of Santa Monica, Sojourn, providing direct services, running the 24-hour hotline, and managing the Outreach & Prevention division.

**SCOTT CRAIN** is an attorney and advocacy coordinator for Northwest Justice Project (NJP) in Seattle, Washington. Currently, Scott's work focuses on the rights of low-income people to live in safe and stable housing, free from discrimination. Prior to working as an advocacy coordinator, Scott helped found NJP's Medical-Legal Partnership (MLP). With MLP, Scott litigated public benefit issues on behalf of Medicaid-eligible children to prevent statewide reductions in TANF, expand autism services, and enhance EPSDT services for kids with chronic health conditions. Scott also worked as a staff attorney for NJP in rural Washington, and was

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**ERIK CRAWFORD** served 16 years as President of Davidson/Site 166 Resident Association Inc., of the New York City Housing Authority. At the age of 18, he was elected to represent the residents of Davidson Houses. During his tenure, he advocated on behalf of his residents to secure programs, services and to improve the quality of lives. Erik had the opportunity to meet with elected officials from all levels of government, even a personal invitation to meet with senior staff at the White House around public housing and its future. He served on the Jurisdictional-wide council as Recording Secretary and then Vice-Chair, and was an active member of the Citywide Resident Advisory Board working on the 1- and 5-year plan of the New York City Housing Authority. Currently, Erik serves as the Regional Director of Public Housing Communities, Inc.

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**ISHBEL DICKENS** was an independent consultant working with manufactured homeowners in Boulder, CO, and in Washington State on a range of policy, preservation, and organizing strategies to protect manufactured homeownership for millions of families across the country, until her retirement at the end of 2017. She was the Executive Director of the National Manufactured Home Owners Association (NMHOA) from November, 2010 until May 31, 2016. Prior to her work at NMHOA, Ishbel was a staff attorney at Columbia Legal Services in Seattle. Ishbel has helped homeowners' associations purchase their communities as resident-owned co-operatives. She has been involved in policy changes at the local, state and federal levels that aimed at allowing manufactured homeowners preserve their lifestyle choice. Ishbel has spoken at numerous conferences around the country on issues facing manufactured homeowners and offered a range of possible solutions. Her article about manufactured housing issues was published in the April 2007 issue of the Clearinghouse Review.

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