

# About DPEF

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## Demand Progress Education Fund (DPEF)

### Description:

Demand Progress Education Fund is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) entity sponsored by the New Venture Fund.

### Stakeholder(s):

#### New Venture Fund

#### Demand Progress :

Our sister 501(c)4 organization is Demand Progress.

#### Demand Progress Education Fund Staff

##### David Segal :

*Co-Founder and Executive Director — David Segal is a former Democratic Rhode Island State Representative, and served on the Providence City Council as a member of the Green Party. During his eight years as an elected official he oversaw the passage of legislation promoting economic justice, renewable energy and open space, banking reform, affordable housing, LGBT rights, criminal justice reform, and a variety of other progressive causes. He recently ran in the Democratic primary for Rhode Island's first Congressional seat, supported by much of the netroots and organized labor. His opinion pieces have appeared in the New York Times, Boston Globe, and other newspapers, and in a variety of online publications. He has a degree in mathematics from Columbia University.*

##### Amelia Strauss :

*Policy Associate — Amelia is a policy associate for Demand Progress Education Fund, focusing on government accountability and transparency initiatives. Before joining Demand Progress Education Fund, Amelia was a research associate for the Project on Government Oversight (POGO) where she analyzed private sector influence over federal policy and contracting decisions, in addition to writing for the POGO blog. Prior to POGO, Amelia contributed research and editing for Chloe Thurston's book, *At the Boundaries of Homeownership: Credit, Discrimination, and the American State*. Amelia earned her BA in political science from Northwestern University.*

##### Salma Mirza :

*Senior Campaigner — Salma is a Senior Campaigner at Demand Progress Education Fund focusing on antitrust, banking policy, and other progressive campaigns. Prior to working at Demand Progress Education Fund they were a Campaigns Director at SumOfUs, a Digital Campaigns Strategist at Rainforest Action Network, the Director of Nation Inside, and a National Co-Director of United Students Against Sweatshops. They have a background in strategic campaigns, corporate accountability campaigns, and digital and grassroots organizing at local, state, national, and global levels. Salma has a degree in Nonwestern/Third World History from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.*

##### Tihi Hayslett :

*Campaigner — Tihi is a queer writer, activist, and storyteller. Before coming to Demand Progress Education Fund, he worked as an online campaigner for the Working Families Party, a progressive third party in the United States, where he combined his storytelling skills and political activism. Tihi has won campaigns against Netflix, UPS, Rhode Island Lifespan Hospital, and led a coalition to remove David Koch from the Board of the Smithsonian and PBS. His non-fiction work first appeared in *The Splinter Generation* in 2007 and most recently in *The Mary Sue* blog in 2015. His fiction work has appeared in *The Surreal South Anthology* in 2011, *transLit* magazine, and *the Oregon Literary Review*. Based out of Brooklyn, Tihi produced *Rustik Storytellers*, a monthly oral storytelling live show in 2013. In 2016 he produced *PRACTICE*, a safe space live storytelling show designed to encourage new-comers to try their hand at the oral storytelling tradition. Tihi has a MFA in Creative Writing from Fairfield University.*

##### Robert Cruickshank :

*Campaign Director — Robert Cruickshank leads Demand Progress Education Fund's online campaigns. Over the last ten years he has worked at Democracy for America, for the Mayor of Seattle as Senior Communications Advisor, and at California's Courage Campaign as Public Policy Director. In that time he has helped lead successful campaigns at the local, state, and federal levels on issues such as economic justice, climate action and taking on the fossil fuel companies, protecting and expanding LGBT rights, funding for public education and mass transit, and government reforms including expanding voting rights, among others. His opinion pieces have been published in the *Guardian*, the *Los Angeles Times*, *Salon*, and other online publications. He has degrees in History from the University of California at Berkeley and the University of Washington.*

##### David Moon :

*Operations Coordinator — David Moon is a Washington-based policy attorney and political consultant. The former Chief Operating Officer of the election reform group, FairVote, Moon has coordinated numerous advocacy efforts to make our electoral process more fair and accessible. In recent years, he has managed and assisted successful campaigns for progressive Democrats, political action committees and ballot initiatives around the country. His issue portfolio has included work on smart growth and transit issues, criminal justice reform, LGBT rights, women's rights, civil liberties, and more. He is a*

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*Stakeholders (continued)*

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**Sean Vitka :**

*Policy Counsel* — Sean has served as legislative counsel for CREDO Action and Fight for the Future, federal policy manager at the Sunlight Foundation, and as a Google Policy Fellow at Georgetown Law's Institute for Public Representation. In addition to serving as policy counsel for Demand Progress Education Fund, he also serves as director of the Fourth Amendment Advisory Committee. His analysis and commentary on privacy and technology have been published by Ars Technica, The Chicago Tribune, The Christian Science Monitor, The Washington Post, and elsewhere. The legislative fights he has been a part of include: defending federal funding for Planned Parenthood; supporting net neutrality; passing reforms to the Freedom of Information Act, among numerous other government transparency efforts; and ending mass surveillance.

**Daniel Schuman :**

*Policy Director* — Daniel leads Demand Progress Education Fund's efforts on issues that concern governmental transparency/accountability/reform, civil liberties/national security, and promoting an open internet. He co-founded the Congressional Data Coalition, which brings together organizations from across the political spectrum to advocate for a tech-savvy Congress. Daniel directs the Advisory Committee on Transparency, which supports the work of the Congressional Transparency Caucus, and is a fellow at CodeX, the Stanford Center for Legal Informatics. His new website, EveryCRSReport, recently won a 'le hackie' award from D.C. Legal Hackers. In 2016 Daniel was named to the FastCase 50 and in 2013 Daniel was named among the 'top 25 most influential people under 40 in gov and tech' by FedScoop. He is a nationally recognized expert on federal transparency, accountability, and capacity and has testified before Congress and appeared on NPR, C-SPAN, and other news outlets. He previously worked as policy director at CREW; policy counsel at the Sunlight Foundation; and as a legislative attorney with the Congressional Research Service. Daniel graduated cum laude from Emory University School of Law.

**Raúl Carrillo :**

*Counsel* — Raúl works with Demand Progress/Demand Progress Education Fund and Americans for Financial Reform Education Fund to develop a regulatory response to the Facebook Libra Project and similar efforts. Previously, he worked at the New Economy Project, where he provided direct legal assistance to low-income New Yorkers, engaged in impact litigation, and gave strategic support to advocates and activists with respect to financial technology and the development of a municipal bank. He also served as Special Counsel to the Enforcement Director at the Consumer Financial Protection Bureau. Raúl is involved in multiple scholastic efforts to promote a progressive vision of law and economics. He is a graduate of Harvard College and Columbia Law School.

**Mark Stanley :**

*Director of Communications and Operations* — Prior to joining Demand Progress Education Fund, Mark worked on the Public Affairs team at Edelman New York and worked in the Washington office of the Center for Democracy & Technology (CDT) as campaign and communications strategist. At CDT, Mark's work focused on creating campaigns and coalitions to fight for civil liberties in the digital age. Mark was a leader in a campaign to reform the Electronic Communications Privacy Act (ECPA), which received large-scale, bipartisan support in Congress. He also led efforts to add privacy protections to cybersecurity legislation, and he was involved in the historic efforts to defeat the Stop Online Piracy Act and reform NSA surveillance practices. Prior to that, Mark worked at the Pulitzer Center, an international journalism organization.

**Becca Watts :**

*Director, Progressive Talent Pipeline* — Becca is the Director of the Progressive Talent Pipeline, a program to recruit and train talented progressives from diverse backgrounds to serve as staffers on government. Previously, Becca worked with the international team at the Center for Economic and Policy Research, focusing primarily on Latin America and foreign policy. Becca holds a Master of Arts in Latin American Studies from the National Autonomous University of Mexico (UNAM) and a Bachelor of Arts in International Studies and Spanish from Elon University.

**Vision**

Progress

**Mission**

To demand progress

## Values

**Democracy:** Democracy and Open Government -- An open and accountable government is essential for a well-functioning democracy — and smart use of technology is key to making our modern democracy work.

**Openness**

**Accountability**

**Technology**

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## 1. Education

*Educate our more than two million members and the general public about matters pertaining to the democratic nature of our nation's communications infrastructure and governance structures, and the impacts of corporate power over our economy and democracy.*

### 1.1. Internet

*Protect an internet that affords the public the ability to communicate freely online*

Internet Freedom — We work to protect an internet that affords the public the ability to communicate freely online, without unjust interference from corporations or governments.

### 1.2. Corporate Power

*Reduce corporate power*

Corporate Power — We work to eliminate the corrupting influence of big money in politics and reform the financial system in order to ensure our democracy is for everyone, not a tool for wealthy interests to rig the game.

**Stakeholder(s):**

**Corporations**

#### 1.2.1. Politics

*Eliminate the influence of big money in politics*

#### 1.2.2. Financial System

*Reform the financial system*

## 2. Mobilization

*Mobilize our members and the public to engage with executive branch agencies with jurisdiction over these matters, and to confront corporate bad actors.*

### 2.1. Rights

*Protect human and civil rights*

Human and Civil Rights — We strive to protect human and civil rights, online and off, in the United States and throughout the world.

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### 3. Engagement

*Engage in research, outreach to the media, educational programming, and occasional litigation related to these areas of concern.*

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