



## Powering Pluralism Network: Dismantling Hate & Extremism Cohort Members



### **Sim J. Singh Attariwala**

*Senior Policy and Advocacy Manager, The Sikh Coalition*

The Sikh Coalition was founded by volunteers on the night of September 11, 2001 in response to a torrent of violent attacks against Sikh Americans throughout the U.S. Through the community, courtroom, classroom, and halls of Congress, the Sikh Coalition works to protect the constitutional right to practice one's faith without fear. Sim J. Singh Attariwala's work as Senior Policy and Advocacy Manager focuses on grassroots and national advocacy against hate crime, school bullying, workplace discrimination, and racial profiling. He advises the White House, federal agencies, state Attorney Generals' offices, and researchers on discrimination, bias, and community relations policy.



### **Alope Chakravarty**

*Partner, Snell & Wilmer*

Alope is a former long-time prosecutor who has been involved in community engagement and deterrence, intervention, and accountability for hate-based crime. Alope is currently a speaker, liaison, and advisor in this space.



### **Maha Elgenaidi**

*Founder & Executive Director, Islamic Networks Group (ING)*

Maha is the author of training handbooks on outreach for American Muslims as well as training seminars for public institutions on developing cultural competency with the American Muslim community. She has taught classes on Islam in the modern world in universities such as Santa Clara University and the University of California at Santa Cruz. She's currently an advisor for the CA Commission on Police Officers Standards and Training (POST), a member of the Council of Advisors for the Freedom Forum that helps shape American views on the First Amendment, and Commissioner on the County of Santa Clara's Hate Crimes Task Force.



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**Rev. Samuel Feemster**

*Director, The Institute for Justice Formation at the John Leland Center for Theological Studies*

U.S. Department of Justice & Federal Bureau of Investigation, retired. Established The Institute for Justice Formation to investigate and promote the transformative nature of Biblical Justice. Husband and father. Pastor. North Carolina native.



**Cymone Fuller**

*Director of the Restorative Justice Project, Impact Justice*

Cymone Fuller is Director of the Restorative Justice Project at Impact Justice, where she and her team work on expanding the development of pre-charge restorative justice diversion programs across the country. She comes to this work with a decade of experience in the field of criminal legal system reform and is deeply committed to supporting the capacity of community organizations to facilitate restorative justice processes as far outside of the criminal legal system as possible.



**Dr. Jonathan Golden**

*Director, Drew University Center on Religion, Culture and Conflict*

Jonathan Golden is Director of the Center on Religion, Culture and Conflict at Drew University, an interdisciplinary center focused on global peacebuilding and interfaith leadership. Golden specializes in Conflict Resolution and Peacebuilding, Interfaith Studies, Anthropology, Forced Migration, and Civic Engagement. Golden convenes Drew's program in Conflict Resolution and runs the Drew Institute on Religion and Conflict Transformation. Golden holds several certificates in conflict resolution and works closely with interfaith and peace organizations in NJ and around the world.



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**Seema Gajwani**

*Chief, Restorative Justice Section at the Office of the Attorney General for the District of Columbia*

Seema Gajwani is Special Counsel for Juvenile Justice Reform and Section Chief of the Restorative Justice Section. She worked in philanthropy on justice reform and started her career as a public defender in DC.



**Dr. Ari Gordon**

*Director of Muslim-Jewish Relations, American Jewish Committee & Muslim-Jewish Advisory Council*

Dr. Ari Gordon is Director of Muslim-Jewish Relations for American Jewish Committee, a global organization that advocates for the rights of the Jewish people alongside all people. In that capacity he co-staffs the Muslim-Jewish Advisory Council, a bipartisan civil society coalition working to counter hate in America. His work seeks to transform the narrative of Muslim-Jewish relations from one of conflict and tension to one of cooperation and trust. A graduate of Yeshiva University (BA 2005) and Harvard Divinity School (MTS 2010), Ari completed his PhD in Arabic & Islamic Studies at the University of Pennsylvania (2018), where his research focused on collective identity in Islam's formative period.



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### **Aminta Kilawan-Narine**

*Co-Founder, Sadhana: Coalition of Progressive Hindus*

Aminta Kilawan-Narine is a lawyer, community organizer and writer. She is a co-founder of Sadhana: Coalition of Progressive Hindus, an organization dedicated to merging the values at the heart of Hinduism with those at the heart of social justice. Aminta is also the founder and director of South Queens Women's March, a gender justice movement-building organization with a mission to meet women, girls and gender expansive people where they are and connect them to the tools necessary to thrive. She also serves as a board member for Chhaya Community Development Corporation. Professionally, she is Senior Legislative Attorney at the New York City Council with a portfolio including homelessness, public benefits and child welfare.



### **Helen Kramer**

*Assistant Director, Resetting the Table*

Helen is the Assistant Director for Resetting the Table (RTT), an organization dedicated to strengthening democracy through building capacity for collaborative deliberation across political divides. Helen manages impact and strategy for RTT and contributes to external partnerships, communications and fundraising. Helen served as an Associate Producer of RTT's short film, PURPLE, and oversees RTT's grassroots screening campaign, which has reached hundreds of faith communities, libraries, universities, and schools in 49 states. Helen has also worked with diverse peace and dialogue organizations, including the Alliance for Peacebuilding, Interfaith America, and the Sustained Dialogue Institute. She is a Humanity in Action Senior Fellow and holds a B.A. in Mathematics and a concentration in Peace and Conflict Studies from Oberlin College.





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### **Corey Saylor**

*Research and Advocacy Director, Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR)*

Corey Saylor is Research and Advocacy Director for the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), the nation's largest Muslim civil rights and advocacy organization. Saylor is an expert on political communications, media relations and anti-Islam prejudice in the United States with over two decades of experience. Saylor has run successful advocacy campaigns against corporate giants such as Burger King and Bell Helicopter-Boeing. He has authored a number of reports documenting anti-Islam sentiment and civil rights issues in the United States. Saylor has conducted dozens of leadership, advocacy and media trainings across the United States, including speaking to audiences at NASA, Yale, Princeton, and the U.S. National War College.



### **Shirin Sinnar**

*Professor of Law, Stanford Law School*

A professor at Stanford Law School since 2012 and a former civil rights lawyer, Shirin Sinnar focuses on the legal treatment of political violence, the procedural dimensions of civil rights litigation, and the role of institutions in protecting individual rights and democratic values in the national security context. Her recent work assesses legal responses to hate crimes and terrorism under U.S. law, including restorative justice approaches.



### **Tahija Vikalo**

*Executive Director, Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom*

The Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom has been created to build trust, respect, and relationships between Muslim and Jewish women of all ages. Together we commit to standing up for one another, educating one another about our faith and cultural practices, engaging in social justice action, and working to end acts of hate for all human beings.



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**Dr. Mark Walters**

*Professor of Law & Criminology, University of Sussex*

Dr. Walters is a professor of criminal law and criminology at the University of Sussex where he is also Deputy Head of Sussex Law School and Director of Research. He specializes in research on hate crime and chairs the International Network for Hate Studies.



**Dr. John Farmer**

*Director, Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University*

Dr. John Farmer Jr. is director of the Eagleton Institute of Politics at Rutgers University. He is a former assistant U.S. attorney, counsel to the governor of New Jersey, New Jersey attorney general, senior counsel to the 9/11 Commission, dean of Rutgers Law School, and executive vice president and general counsel of Rutgers University.



**Eric Ward**

*Executive Vice President, Race Forward*

Eric K. Ward, a nationally-recognized expert on the relationship between authoritarian movements, hate violence, and preserving inclusive democracy, was the recipient of the 2021 Civil Courage Prize – the first American in the award’s 21-year history. In his 30+ year civil rights career, Eric has worked with community groups, government and business leaders, human rights advocates, and philanthropy as an organizer, director, program officer, consultant, and board member. Eric’s widely quoted writings and speeches are credited with key narrative shifts. He currently serves as Executive Vice President of Race Forward, Senior Adviser to Western States Center, a member of the President’s Leadership Council for the Search for Common Good, Chair of The Proteus Fund, and Advisor to the Bridge Entertainment Labs.