

## **Feminist Majority Foundation Campus Team**

The *CHOICES* program has a full-time staff of nine, who are centrally involved in the planning and strategic guidance of the *CHOICES* Program. The Campus Team is available around the clock to help support and guide your feminist organizing. Each campus group is assigned a Campus Organizer to work closely with students and faculty nationwide to launch and cultivate Feminist Majority Leadership Alliances (FMLAs) and affiliates on college campuses. They work closely with established FMLAs and affiliates to recruit participants and organize successful events, to help student activists enhance their campus feminist organizing and leadership skills, to provide students and faculty with access to cutting-edge news and information, resources, and materials, and to facilitate campus participation in national campaigns.

Campus Organizers can be contacted via email [campusteam@feminist.org](mailto:campusteam@feminist.org) and telephone 1-866-444-FMLA (DC/East Coast office) or 1-866-471-FMLA (Los Angeles/West Coast office).

Campus Organizers...

- Assist national campus campaigns
- Connect your FMLA/affiliate to the worldwide network of feminist, pro-choice activists
- Assist FMLAs/affiliates in setting goals and developing plans of action for events
- Work with members to maximize their leadership roles within the FMLA/affiliate
- Build communication between students, faculty, and community leaders
- Help identify and recruit members and faculty members on campuses launching FMLAs/affiliates
- Guide FMLAs/affiliates in developing an annual budget and fundraising plan
- Advise FMLAs/affiliates in developing effective press strategies
- Recommend effective methods for recruiting and retaining members
- Applaud FMLAs/affiliates for successful actions and events
- Listen to frustrations FMLAs/affiliates encounter and provide helpful ways to address them
- Travel to campuses to train activists in leadership, organizing, and feminist issues
- Develop materials, actions, and strategies for *Choices* Campus Program Campaigns

## The Campus Team

**duVergne Gaines**, West Coast Campus Program Director – duVergne Gaines graduated with a J.D. from Loyola Marymount Law School. As a law student, Ms. Gaines received recognition for excellence in constitutional and first amendment law and was also a member of the prestigious law review. Prior to law school, Ms. Gaines co-Directed Rock for Choice for seven years, and gained extensive experience as a field organizer both for Rock for Choice and the National Clinic Access Project. Prior to directing the West Coast Campus Program, she most recently headed Rock for Choice programming and organized celebrity participation for the March for Womens' Lives.

**Wendy Matheny**, Campus Program Director – Wendy Matheny is a Fulbright scholar with a background in political science and international women's rights. As an undergraduate at Manchester College, Wendy organized campus voter registration, coordinated gender-focused activities like Take Back the Night, and served as a US student ambassador for ECHOPPE—a West African microloans association who grants small loans to impoverished women in Togo, Benin and Mali. Before coming to FMF, Wendy spent several months interning on Capitol Hill, then went on to study the role of women in European politics at the Université Libre de Bruxelles' Institute for European Studies.

**Olivia Ortiz**, Campus Organizer – Olivia graduated from the University of North Texas with a degree in English Literature. During her undergraduate years, she worked with advanced high school students in a university setting as a program advisor for the Texas Academy of Mathematics and Science. For a number of years, she served as an academic tutor in the University Writing Lab and was actively involved in the greater Dallas area through the League of United Latin American Citizens and the Feminist Majority Foundation. She is a native Spanish-speaker and fluent in French.

**Danielle Geong**, Campus Organizer - Danielle Geong graduated with a degree in Interdisciplinary Studies from American University, in Washington, DC. There, she served as the Deputy Director of the Women's Initiative arm of the AU Student Government. As a legal intern with Lichtman, Trister and Ross, Danielle researched voter registration and assisted with corporate registration for advocacy organizations. She has also worked for the American University Multicultural Affairs office and interned with former California Assemblywoman Wilma Chan.

**Patrice Guillory**, Campus Organizer - Patrice Guillory graduated from Spelman College in Atlanta, GA, with a B.A. in Comparative Women's Studies. She served as co-president of Spelman's Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance where she participated in the national “Be Bold, Be Brave” campaign to raise awareness around sexual violence against women of color and supported the launch of Bennett College's Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance (Greensboro, NC).

**Emily Kadar**, Campus Organizer - Emily Kadar is a graduate of Brandeis University in Waltham, MA, where she majored in history and politics with a minor in women's and gender studies. While at Brandeis, Emily wrote a senior honors thesis in history focusing on the leadership styles of black female organizers in the civil rights movement and received the Chris Lerman Prize for Essays on Extraordinary Women. An active member of FMLA through her entire career at Brandeis, Emily served as chapter president during her junior year.

**Allie McDonald**, Campus Organizer - Alexandra (Allie) McDonald graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles with a B.A. in international development, a minor in Women's Studies and a commitment to working for women's equality worldwide. While studying at UCLA, Allie served on the FMLA Executive Board, served as the Director of Wellness for the Delta Gamma Sorority, and volunteered as assistant director for Women and Youth Supporting Each Other Mentor Program. Before joining the FMF, Allie worked with the American Lung Association of California organizing for public health and improved air quality in Los Angeles.

**Tania Stewart**, Campus Organizer - Tania Stewart graduated magna cum laude in 2007 with a degree in Marketing and a minor in Public Relations and Advertising from the University of South Carolina. In the midst of business and journalism classes, Tania's true passion as an advocate for women's empowerment and equality took root as president of the University's Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance. Rewarding internships and volunteer experiences with several women's non-profits cemented her commitment to organizing and educating others in becoming leaders for change. She is very proud to proclaim that *this* is what a feminist looks like!

**Val Vilott**, Campus Organizer - Val Vilott graduated with honors from the George Washington University with a major in International Affairs, specializing in Latin America, and a minor in Women's Studies. She was an active member of the Feminist Majority Leadership Alliance there, as well as being involved in several other campus activist organizations. During her junior year, Val studied abroad in Guanajuato, Mexico, and conducted field research on the nature of local women's organizations in the area. As a student, she also served as an intern with the Center for Health and Gender Equity and the Institute for Women's Policy Research.

**Anushay Hossain, Global Program Coordinator** - Anushay Hossain began her feminist career at the Bangladesh Rural Advancement Committee (BRAC) working on microfinance and non formal primary education programs for impoverished women and girls in her native country, Bangladesh. She graduated from the University of Virginia in 2002 and joined the Feminist Majority Foundation's Campaign for Afghan Women as Project Organizer. In 2004 Anushay moved to the United Kingdom where she completed her Master's in Gender and Development from the University of Sussex, focusing her dissertation on the barriers women face in accessing reproductive healthcare in Bangladesh. She spent a year working at UNIFEM UK before returning to the Feminist Majority.