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PARTING THOUGHTS

by Judy Hart,
Board President

It has been a privilege to serve on the ACLU of Montana (ACLU-MT) Board with such a gifted and devoted Board and staff, past and present. During my tenure, the ACLU-MT has accomplished so much, across a multitude of issues.

It has been a particularly divisive and taxing year. Throughout, the ACLU has been an unwavering leader in defense of our civil liberties. Nearly on a daily basis the organization has been faced with and is responsive to new challenges. Maintaining the flexibility required to address issues as they arise, while continuing our focus on priority areas such as racial justice, criminal justice, and transgender rights has been demanding, and yet, we persist.

I am proud that the ACLU-MT is devoted to ensuring that equity, inclusion, and diversity remain core to our organizational priorities when recruiting board members as well as staff. The ACLU-MT Board consists of members from varied backgrounds, experiences and perspectives, across a wide geographic area, all devoted to protection of our civil liberties. This is and will continue to be our strength.

"May your trails be crooked, winding, lonesome, dangerous, leading to the most amazing view. May your mountains rise into and above the clouds."

~ Edward Abbey

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Interested in Board Service? by Judy Hart

I encourage you to support the ACLU-MT through service on the Board. I promise you will find it the most rewarding work you will ever do and you will be supporting a staff whose capacity and dedication is unsurpassed, indefatigable, resolute, unflappable, well-informed, capable, talented and unequivocally committed.

Besides a commitment to the ACLU's mission, experience helpful to the board includes non-profit budget/finance, fundraising and development, policy, non-profit governance, or education.

Email aclu@aclumontana.org if you are interested in learning more and being considered for board service.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO JUDY HART

by Caitlin Borgmann

Judy has served on the ACLU of Montana Board since 2011 and has been in leadership roles for much of that time. I am inspired by Judy's lifelong career and service as a librarian, even more than her steadfast commitment to the ACLU. She has worked on the front lines of combating censorship, protecting the right to privacy, and addressing other issues related to intellectual freedom. Moreover, Judy's sense of humor and strong support of our staff and board have made her a wonderful ACLU-MT President. Thank you, Judy, for your service to humanity, in all the shapes it's taken.



ACLU of Montana board members and staff.





OBSERVATIONS FROM THE ONGOING STATEWIDE TOUR

by Caitlin Borgmann,
Executive Director

The Statewide Tour has been an incredible opportunity to meet with Montanans across the state to update them on the ACLU of Montana's current work, answer their questions, and hear their concerns about civil liberties issues in their communities, statewide, and nationally. Every event has been unique in size and the nature of the conversation. And it's not over yet! Montana is a big state, and we'll be continuing to visit communities in 2018.

After hearing about our current programmatic priorities, some of the most common additional issues people wanted to discuss were free speech (what are the limits and under what circumstances might the ACLU of Montana defend hateful speech); immigration; informational and electronic privacy; missing and murdered Indigenous women, and limits on the right to bear arms.

We talked to people about how the ACLU of Montana has changed since the election and how it hasn't. Indigenous justice and decriminalization of poverty were our top priorities before the election and continue to be. The Montanans we met with were deeply concerned about both issues.

In several towns, we heard poignant personal stories about people's experiences with the criminal justice system. These stories underscored what we already knew and created a new sense of urgency for our work on criminal justice reform: poverty, race, mental health issues, and chemical dependencies are all factors that unfairly push people into the criminal justice system and create huge barriers to getting and staying out. A man who'd been a juvenile probation officer described how easily Native kids can end up in criminal detention, with police often charging them with obstruction of justice simply for providing a false name when stopped by an officer. People described being jailed for months on false charges only to have the charges eventually dropped, after they had already lost jobs or other opportunities while they were incarcerated. One young military veteran arrested on false charges was assaulted while in jail.

Our racial justice work similarly resonated with audiences across Montana. We spoke about our work to promote education equity for Native children in Montana's public schools. These students face hostile school environments, targeted harassment, and disproportionate rates of school discipline. Our stories were sadly familiar to many Montanans. We heard from teachers and counselors who had witnessed frequent and blatant discrimination against Native students in their schools. At our forum in Havre, three members of the Sweetgrass Society, a Native American student group at MSU-Northern currently represented by the ACLU-MT, moved audience members with their story of having their free speech suppressed by the school administration. The students' resilience and optimism in engaging in activism to improve the campus's climate for future Native students was inspiring.

In addition to our proactive priorities, we told of our pitched battle against the I-183 initiative, which would legalize discrimination against transgender individuals, barring them from accessing public parks and facilities across Montana. We are working with our coalition partners in Free and Fair Montana to urge Montanans to vote no and to demonstrate that discrimination based on hate and ignorance is not a Montana value (see page 10 for more details). We also filed our second lawsuit against I-183 in October. Our fight against I-183 demonstrates how the ACLU is especially powerful when we combine all three mechanisms of our work: litigation, policy advocacy, and public education.

Of course, the three priority areas currently occupying much of our time are not the only issues the ACLU-MT addresses. The statewide tour has demonstrated the depth of Montanans' knowledge of and concern for the full range of civil liberties the ACLU works to protect. It was gratifying to meet some of the many supporters who stand with us in the fight to resist government infringement of our constitutional rights and freedoms.



COMMUNITY ORGANIZING



HIGHLIGHTS OF COMMUNITY-BASED INDIGENOUS JUSTICE WORK

by Meg Singer,
Indigenous Justice Outreach Coordinator

The collective struggle for Indigenous self-determination is truly a fight for freedom and justice. As Indigenous nations, we've been disconnected from who we are as a people, from the sources of our strength: our youth, our land, our relations. The following stories highlight some of the ways the ACLU of Montana is taking a back seat in supporting Indigenous communities' leadership to organize themselves to effect change in their communities.

The Sweetgrass Society: Unity Walk

A new academic year and a new semester led The Sweetgrass Society, the Native American club at Montana State University-Northern, in Havre, to choose a different cause to focus their work around. This year, Native students, faculty, and the administration took part in a Unity Walk for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (#MMIW). No one knows how many missing women there are; there are no statistics, but at the Unity Walk at the end of September, every Native person had one or two stories about a friend or family member who was missing or murdered.



Mialee Lame Bull and friends signing people in.



Amy Murdock, Sweetgrass Society President, gives instruction to the MSU-Northern Women's Basketball on walk routes.

Marita Growing Thunder (enrolled Fort Peck), who as a senior last year at Polson High School wore traditional clothing every day to school in recognition of missing and murdered women, was there to share her story about her project and her hopes that events like the Unity Walk will get people invested in stopping violence against Indigenous people.

Unity Walk participants were prayed for and fed with traditional foods like berry soup before they walked one to three miles around campus in Havre neighborhoods. People wore red shirts and carried red glow sticks. Grandparents walked with grandchildren and aunts and uncles walk alongside administration; there were a lot of smiling faces. Junior, the six-year-old son of The Sweetgrass Society's President Amy Murdock, said that his favorite part of the evening was walking and that as he was walking, he felt "strong." It was amazing to see, in such a visible way, the unity that the walk brought to the Havre community.



The Sweetgrass Society fed the community.



The Sweetgrass Society members and members of the community preparing glow sticks for walkers to wear.



Prayers offered for the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.



Marita Growing Thunder calling for Havre to be politically involved to stop violence against women.



Plenty Coups High School: Standing Rock Film Screening

September is the time for Montana's public schools to observe American Indian Heritage Day. Many schools put on cultural and educational events for students and the community. Plenty Coups High School, on Crow Agency, decided to screen "Awake: A Dream from Standing Rock" and have a short discussion on Indigenous rights, environmental justice, and how their community can protect itself and others from institutions and organizations who threaten their land and ways of life. The youth organized the event which was attended by dozens of students, family and community members.



The youth who organized the event talked about how they were involved in the #NoDAPL movement. Some students had gone to Standing Rock last year; others fundraised or attended solidarity rallies at home. Everyone, including the community members in attendance, actively participated in supporting that movement. Indigenous youth have a clear vision of the world they want to create.

Educational Equity: Fort Peck Parent Advocacy Group

Fort Peck Tribal members in the Wolf Point community have been meeting together for several months to talk about the discrimination their children face in the Wolf Point public schools.

Meetings are held in the community center and often begin with a prayer. Parents and students share their stories about their experiences in the school district, and others recount similar stories in response. Not everyone agrees with each other, but they come together for one purpose: to end the district's systemic discriminatory practices against their children. The



Midge Clancy shares pictures of her children and grandchildren who attended and transferred out of the Wolf Point School due to discrimination from the district.

Wolf Point advocacy group is growing in number and empowering parents to be leaders in their community.

In any institution, including public institutions, Indigenous people are subjected to an institution that has long subjugated and disenfranchised them. The community understands the commitment needed to take on systems of oppression at every level and in every way. The challenge, and the hope, is that each tribal member will have tools to co-opt that institution. In this case, and as in others on educational equity, community members have been working with ACLU of Montana to learn their rights – as tribal members, Montanans, and United States citizens – to build a strong advocacy group willing to put pressure on the school district and to foster support from the Fort Peck Tribal Executive Council and other departments.

Freedom of Speech on Campus – The Sweetgrass Society

The ACLU of Montana is investigating a human rights complaint on behalf of The Sweetgrass Society, an Indigenous student group, at Montana State University-Northern. In the fall of 2016, student groups were invited to paint a step of the campus “hello walk.” When The Sweetgrass Society painted their step with #NoDAPL in opposition to the Dakota Access Pipeline, MSU-Northern administration alleged that the statement was vandalism and, in violation of the students’ First Amendment rights to freedom of expression and speech, painted over the group’s step.



The Sweetgrass Society repainted their “Hello Walk” step in solidarity with the #MMIW movement.





I-183 INITIATIVE BACKGROUND AND ACTION ITEMS

by SK Rossi,
Director of Advocacy and Policy

As I sit in the Bozeman City Commission meeting awaiting a “yes” vote on whether or not the City of Bozeman should join as plaintiffs in the ACLU’s lawsuit against I-183, I’m struck by how much progress we have made on transgender equality. I-183 would bar transgender Montanans from using public facilities that correspond with their gender identity and lead to harassment and invasive questioning of anyone in a public facility who may not fit the description of a stereotypical man or woman. Two major cities and multiple trans Montanans are willing to sign up as plaintiffs in the action and come out publicly to fight for the rights of transgender people in Montana and defend the nondiscrimination ordinances so many organizations, LGBTQ people, and allies worked so hard to pass over the last decade.

The work we still have to do, though, cannot be understated.

After Bozeman passed its Non-Discrimination Ordinance (NDO), the Montana Family Foundation (MFF) and its followers sued the city, seeking to overturn the ordinance. When that didn’t work, they turned their attention to the legislature, and eventually convinced a legislator to file House Bill 609 – Montana’s very own version of North Carolina’s much-maligned “HB 2,” which overturned local NDOs and targeted trans people for discrimination in public accommodations. We sprang to action then, with our coalition partners, and swiftly killed HB 609 in its first committee with a bipartisan “no” vote. The committee saw through the MFF’s baseless safety arguments and understood that HB 609 was nearly unenforceable, harmful to the economy, and would be a real fiscal disaster for local governments. When it went down, the proponents vowed to get the same

measure on the 2018 ballot via the initiative process.

Signatures in support of ballot initiative I-183 are now being gathered across the state. The coalition, now named Free and Fair Montana, has again sprung into action. We are in the midst of a vast public education campaign, amplifying the voices of the trans community, bringing together allies all over Montana to support their transgender friends and loved ones, and showing those who would seek to curtail equality that I-183 is not in line with Montana values – namely dignity, safety, and privacy. Our partners include organizations from across the state who fight for LGBTQ equality and individual transgender Montanans who are raising their voices against discrimination. Together we have hosted ally trainings, created a webpage for supporters to visit and pledge support for the trans community, and have already launched a public education campaign to combat the myths and fear tactics employed by opponents of equality.

We couldn't be making progress like this without our members and supporters, but we need each and every one of you to keep up the fight and lend your voice to the chorus speaking out in support of transgender friends, family, neighbors, and coworkers.



TAKE ACTION!

1. Follow the Free and Fair Montana coalition on Facebook at www.facebook.com/FreeFairMT, on Twitter (@FreeFairMT), and through the coalition web site, <https://noi183.org>.
2. On the coalition web site, add your name to the petition opposing I-183 and sign up to volunteer.
3. Attend a supporter training! Find details at www.facebook.com/FreeFairMT.
4. Follow Trans Visible Montana on Facebook <http://www.facebook.com/TransVisibleMontana>. The page is dedicated to empowering trans Montanans to share their stories and educate non-trans Montanans to the realities of being trans in Montana.





MEET THE MONTANANS CHALLENGING I-183 AS UNCONSTITUTIONAL

by Katie Beall,
Communications Strategist

Ten Montanans have stepped forward to challenge the dehumanizing and unconstitutional I-183 ballot initiative. They come from all walks of life, from communities across the state, and are united behind an abiding love for the Big Sky State and a commitment that all Montanans deserve safety, dignity, and privacy. It is our honor and privilege to represent these incredible and deeply courageous Montanans.

Acton Siebel is a 38-year-old Missoula man who works as a small-engine mechanic and is passionate about enjoying Montana's recreational opportunities. This summer, he kayaked the Alberton Gorge for the first time and is now invigorated by this new way to explore Montana's rivers.



On I-183: "The thought of someone trying to legislate my right to a public accommodation makes me want to fight even more. First of all, I shouldn't have to fight for my rights, my rights are granted to me as an American citizen and as a resident of the state. [With I-183,] they want to try and legislate my physical rights away. And I won't stand for it. If it can happen to me, it can happen to anybody. That's the constant theme whenever somebody tries to take away the rights from a group of people. It's in every history book. This is my home and I'm going to fight for it, bottom line."

Roberta “Bobbie” Zenker is a 59-year-old Helena woman who has spent the last thirty-seven years working in public service for the people of Montana. She has worked as a Jesuit volunteer, county attorney, public defender, and has spent the last eight years with Disability Rights Montana seeking to enforce the civil, legal, and human rights of people who experience disability. When Bobbie is out of the office, she spends her time under Montana’s big skies photographing wildlife.



On I-183: “I-183 challenges my integrity as a human being and makes certain assumptions about trans people that are offensive and not true. And on a much more pragmatic level, if I were compelled to use a men’s room in all public places, I would be put at risk daily.”

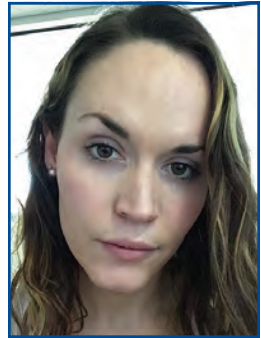


Elliott Hobaugh is a 19-year-old student who hadn’t visited Montana before arriving in Missoula for his freshman year at UM. Originally from Chicago, Elliott made the leap with a curiosity that drives so many after graduation, to start fresh in a new town and explore the contrasts between rural and urban America. Elliott is now known around campus as someone to ask about resources for LGBTQ students, from how to change your name on your Griz card to where LGBTQ student groups meet. After graduation, Elliott plans to open LGBTQ centers in rural parts of the country.

On I-183: “It would affect me because I use the men’s bathroom on campus. I also am passing [as male], so to go back and use the girls’ bathroom would also cause a lot of issues. People don’t realize that. They say, ‘Well, we want to keep guys from going into girls’ bathrooms.’ And that’s what we are trying to do. We are trying to keep trans women out of the men’s room and we are keep trans men out of the women’s room. We are trying to just have people use the bathroom they are comfortable with.”



Ezeræ Coates is a 28-year-old Butte woman who leans forward animatedly when talking about her community. She works as an HIV early-intervention specialist for the county and her work for empowered and supported communities extends far past 5 p.m. She rebuilds neighborhood parks as a Kiwanis volunteer and is part of a group working to open up a community center for LGBTQ youth that incorporates the entire Butte community.



On I-183: "There's never been misconduct by a trans person in a bathroom. There's a lot of data that shows it [I-183] is not needed, and it's not necessary. In fact, it's just isolating a group and targeting us worse. Being a survivor of sexual assault, I cannot fathom using a men's room."

Kasandra Reddington is a 21-year-old Helena woman who describes herself as a "traditional super nerdy girl," with a constant appetite to dig into subjects such as science, philosophy, neuroscience, psychology, and pop culture. In the future, she plans to pursue a PhD in Behavioral Neuroscience.



On I-183: "When you have a bill that directly attacks your existence, and directly attacks your security, I think it makes you feel like you can't even go outside or be a part of the community. Peripherally, it affects me because I am a human. And I'm a part of the community and I have a lot of trans friends. It affects my partner, and my family. It affects every part of who I am. Basically, it's an attack on my existence."

Micah Hartung is a 60-year-old Belt man who was one of the founding members of the Great Falls Metropolitan Community Church. He retired in 2014 after 32 years of ministry and service. In talking about the power of calling Montana home, Micah explains, "It is the essence of my soul, to be a Montanan." When he's traveling back home after being out of state, Micah always honks his horn when he crosses the state line.



On I-183: After a lifetime of advocating for social justice and LGBTQ Montanans, Micah says, "I hope I live long enough to make a difference for trans people in this state. I hope I'm an old man some day, making a difference. I hope to do that with honor and respect."



Shawn Reagor is a 26-year-old Helena man who works as a community organizer for the Montana Human Rights Network. Community involvement runs high on Shawn's list of priorities. He's worked on nondiscrimination legislation at the state and municipal levels. Shawn also facilitates transgender support groups in two different cities and serves on the Pride Foundation's Montana Leadership Action Team and the Rural Transgender Wellness Project advisory board. In 2015, Shawn was named one of Montana's "25 Under 25" in recognition of his community contributions as a young leader.



When he's not on the road for a community meeting or training, Shawn enjoys Montanan's outdoors snorkeling, fishing, camping, or backpacking.

On I-183: "I think that, first and foremost, when we are talking about trans people, you don't have to understand what it means to be trans to be able to respect someone. You don't have to understand my history or where I came from or why I am the person that I am to agree that I pay taxes, I'm involved in the community, I volunteer, I go to church. And I exist as a person. And on top of that, there's more to me than just a trans person. For example, I really like nerdy jokes. I like to snowboard. And I like to be involved in the community in different ways. I think that's really important."



Plaintiffs, allies, and staff on the capital steps after the I-183 lawsuit was announced.



PHILANTHROPY



FOLLOW THE MONEY: FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT DONATING TO THE ACLU

by Kileen Marshall,
Director of Philanthropy and
Strategic Initiatives

Q: Don't you have enough money now?

A: No! We are the David to the Trump Administration's Goliath.

The ACLU is nowhere close to matching the resources of the federal government. To give you an idea of what we are up against, consider these numbers. We have 300 litigators spread out among our national headquarters and each of the fifty states. The federal government's legal firepower is vastly greater: the Department of Justice has 11,169 lawyers, including 223 at the FBI; the Department of Homeland Security has 2,197 lawyers; and the Departments of Education, Defense, Health and Human Services, and Labor have 5,539 lawyers among them. In total, these six federal executive departments have nearly 19,000 lawyers at their disposal to fight our 300-person team's relentless work to secure justice and accountability. Not to mention the federal intelligence agencies such as the CIA, which do not disclose the size of their legal teams.

To be clear, not all these government lawyers will be our opponents, but when folks believe the ACLU is "big enough," they have to understand that the biggest litigation and advocacy group in America is still small when compared to the power of the federal government. If we are to have any hope of curtailing the worst abuses of the Trump administration, the biggest and most powerful organizations need to up their game. The ability to scale up is especially critical considering the Trump Administration's aggressive and, in some cases, unprecedented attacks on civil liberties. Our depth and breadth on issues we tackle uniquely prepare us to confront these challenges, and we have the experience to grow in a smart way. The grid is built, but we need the continued support of people like you to provide the voltage.

Q: I like to see the impact of my giving in my local community. Does my gift to the ACLU really make a difference in Montana?

A: Yes. The ACLU of Montana is an independent nonprofit that works exclusively to defend the constitutional rights and freedoms of Montanans. Our work in Montana is supported by nationwide donations to the ACLU. Unlike many other national/state-based organizations, the ACLU shares donations, so it truly does not matter whether your gift is “banked” at National ACLU or here in Montana. In a sparsely populated state like Montana, we benefit from this sharing formula. In fact, roughly one quarter of our annual budget comes from National ACLU, just for being a small affiliate. This would not be possible without the cadre of nationwide ACLU supporters.

And, unlike our local foodbanks or pet shelters, the business of defending and advocating for civil liberties is truly a nationwide endeavor. The National ACLU helps ensure that we have experts at our disposal that specialize in specific arenas, whether it is reproductive freedom or national security issues. Also, we need to fight battles the first time they spring up in a state legislature, so we do not get copycat legislation spreading like wildfire across the country. The ACLU of Montana benefits greatly from all this in-kind support from National ACLU and fellow ACLU affiliates.

Q: What's the difference between being a “card-carrying member” of the ACLU and donating to the ACLU Foundation?

A: Membership dues are not tax-deductible. Membership dues and other donations to our 501c4 entity help fund our lobbying and legislative advocacy – activities that 501c3 foundations can engage in only in limited ways. Foundation gifts are tax-deductible. These gifts support our legal program, educational activities, and much of our policy advocacy, which make up over 90% of our work. For some supporters, being a “card-carrying member” of the ACLU is incredibly important because it reflects the pride of belonging to an organization that has fought for equality, liberty, democracy, and freedom for nearly 100 years.

Q: I want to make a year-end gift to the ACLU. What's the easiest way to do that?

A: Lots of ways are the easiest way! To make a tax-deductible gift, you can make a donation using the enclosed Foundation envelope, or online at www.aclumontana.org, or transfer stock (email montana@aclumontana.org for more details). Additionally, if you are re-doing your will, or making one for the first time, consider adding the ACLU to your plans. Visit www.aclu.org/legacy for more information.



MANY THANKS TO OUR INCREDIBLE VOLUNTEERS!

The ACLU of Montana sends a huge "THANK YOU" to volunteers who helped Meg Singer, Indigenous Justice Outreach Coordinator, during Powwow Season. Following are some reflections they each shared about their passion for being involved with social justice and civil rights.



*Donelle Williams and Terry Bradley
at Crow Fair 2017.*

"It's so important for people to understand that there is no compartmentalizing my personal oppression as a biracial woman and the oppression that belongs to Indigenous communities in Montana. It's scary to talk to people about their civil rights because you don't know how people will react. On other occasions when I've exercised my rights, I faced harassment and violence. I know that attacks on me are part of larger systemic issues that Natives are dealing with and I try to find and build off of the 'middle ground.' Volunteering for the ACLU was a difficult experience, but I feel that I can take away a lot of knowledge and

strength from furthering the advocacy work the ACLU is doing for Indigenous people." Donelle Williams is enrolled Aaniiih from Fort Belknap and is currently earning her B.A. in Education from Montana State University.

"Volunteering for the ACLU was an eye-opening experience. I was able to talk to my peers about their civil rights—something I'd never done before. I was able to approach a familiar community in a totally different way, and rather than being part of the oppression, I was able to spread education and awareness. I believe that the empowerment of Indigenous people is founded on our access to knowing our rights." Terry Bradley is enrolled Aaniiih from Fort Belknap and is currently earning his B.A. in Education from Montana State University.

Thank you Derek Johnson for the new portrait shots for all staff members!

“Indigenous communities have no expectation of justice. We’re still demanding that our civil rights be recognized. As Indigenous women, my sisters and I have the potential to see all the injustices of the world and to create change. As Indigenous people, we will demand a seat at the table, especially since it’s never been offered. A vital part of constructing Indigenous justice is by decolonizing the dollar and using monetary contributions to support Native people in their efforts to create justice for their communities.” Camaleigh Old Coyote is enrolled Apsaalooké and is currently earning her B.S. in Ecology at Montana State University.



Camaleigh Old Coyote at Big Sky Pride 2017.

RECOGNIZING RACIAL JUSTICE LEADERS

The 2018 Jeannette Rankin Civil Liberties Awards honor three Montana leaders, each of whom is a strong woman of color who has dedicated her life and career towards advancing racial justice.

Judith Heilman is the founder and Executive Director of the Montana Racial Equity Project (MTREP). MTREP works for racial equity and justice in Montana through education, training, and advocacy. Over the last two years, Judith’s work has filled an important need in Montana and Judith has become an indispensable ally in advancing civil liberties.

Carol and Denise Juneau have worked for many years toward racial justice and civil liberties, particularly in the field of education equity. Carol Juneau served in the Montana Legislature from 1998 - 2012 and was instrumental in the passage of Indian Education for All in 1999 and subsequent efforts to fund and defend the program.

Denise Juneau served as Superintendent of Public Instruction from 2009 - 2017 and was the first American Indian woman elected to statewide office in Montana. Both Carol and Denise have mentored and inspired a generation of organizers, advocates, and elected officials in Montana.



Judith Heilman



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Giving Tuesday (11/28/17)

- On #GivingTuesday we hope to raise \$10,000 to continue our work across Montana. Visit us on Facebook to learn just how these dollars will support and enhance our mission and local impacts. Spread the word and thank you for your continued support!

An ACLU Insider Tele-Townhall (11/30/17)

- Join this interactive call as ACLU of Montana's Legal Director, Alex Rate, shares an update on recent ACLU of Montana legal work. Bring your questions and RSVP at aclumontana.org/events.

Jeannette Rankin Civil Liberties Award (3/3/18; Great Falls)

- The Jeannette Rankin Civil Liberties Award honors the memory of Ms. Rankin, founding Vice President of the ACLU. The award acknowledges the significant contributions of individuals and organizations who demonstrate the strength of character and commitment to principles exemplified by Ms. Rankin and embodied in the ACLU's mission and vision. We are honored to present the 2018 awards to civil liberties champions Judith Heilman, Carol Juneau, and Denise Juneau.

More details and RSVP at: aclumontana.org/events.

