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Samantha Hernandez



Samantha was born and raised in Miami, Florida to parents from the Dominican Republic. She identifies as a mixed race latina of mixed-race ancestry. Samantha is a Climate Justice Organizer at Oregon Physicians for Social Responsibility (OPSR). After Miami, Samantha considers Portland to be a second home. The enriching friendships she has made while interning at local organizations like Portland Harbor Community Coalition, Portland VOZ, and Growing Gardens has greatly informed her perspectives on the importance of frontline community-led action and intersectional environmentalism.

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Sterling Stokes



Sterling (she/her) identifies as multi-racial and has been drawn to environmentalism since a very young age, always feeling deeply connected to the world and people around her. She grew up in Phoenix, Arizona, but when the intense temperatures pushed her away, she found her way to Oregon after countless summer visits visiting her grandmother at her father's childhood home. Her educational and professional backgrounds include conservation, advocacy, public policy, psychology, and philosophy. She currently works as a Campaign Manager at Portland Harbor Community Coalition and is pursuing a Master of Public Health (Environmental Systems and Human Health track). Sterling is eager to continue working in environmental justice, exploring, and expanding her horizons!

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Dineen O'Rourke



Dineen dedicated her life to fighting for climate justice in her senior year of high school when Superstorm Sandy hit her community on Eastern Long Island and the looming threat of climate change suddenly became very urgent and personal. Since then, she's worked on local and regional campaigns that have defeated major fracked gas pipelines and other fossil fuel projects, as well as on national and international levels, working to elevate the voices of and solutions from young people at United Nations climate conferences. Since moving to Portland in 2017, Dineen has worked for the Oregon Sierra Club, as a Field Organizer on the Portland Clean Energy Fund campaign, and helped to start the Sunrise PDX hub. She's also a practicing birth and postpartum doula, and is deeply passionate about reproductive justice and birth justice, and making holistic birth support more accessible to all. Dineen also loves seeing live music, baking cakes, singing, spending time with her dog, and being outside. You can reach her at dineen@350pdx.org

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Kelsey Baker



Kelsey is a grassroots organizer with a decade of experience in campaign strategy, research, communications and training. She has worked with various social justice, environmental justice and labor organizations in the Pacific Northwest and California. Kelsey joined the Mosquito Fleet team in 2023, and has loved bringing people together on the water and helping create spaces where folks can realize their power and connection to waterways. Kelsey also works as a postpartum doula, and is passionate about the intersection of reproductive justice and environmental justice. When Kelsey isn't organizing, you will likely find her in or around water with her partner AJ.

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Sarah Alvarez



Sarah Alvarez, (she/her/hers) is staff attorney at the Civil Liberties Defense Center where she defends activists accused of crimes. As a trial attorney, advocate, and human she is deeply committed to efforts to end state-sanctioned violence and repression. Before working at CLDC she was a public defender representing low-income people accused of crimes in Snohomish County, Washington. She holds a law degree from the U of O School of Law, where she served as a fellow for the Food Resiliency Project at the Environmental and Natural Resources Center, and degrees in International Relations and Environmental Science from the University of Central Florida.