

# The 2004 Audre Lorde Scholarship Donors



**The Sheryl Burke Award:** Burke is a Personal Injury Attorney who operates her own law practices based in Georgia and California. Burke, a native of Los Angeles, California, is a graduate of St. Louis University Law School and is a member of the National and Georgia Trial Lawyers' Association.



**The Cherie Caldwell Award:** Caldwell is an expert in the supervision and management of employee relations, training and development, with more than 15 years of human resource management experience. Caldwell is currently employed as the Director of Human Resources for a flight attendant group of 19,000 employees.



**The Tony Daniels Community Ally Award:** Anthony C. Daniels (1965 – 1998), was one of Atlanta's most powerful organizers and activists. Daniels was a founder of In The Life Atlanta, Inc., of ADODI Muse, Inc., and of the Black Lesbian & Gay Poets Society.

This scholarship is funded by **ADODI Muse, Inc:** A Gay Negro Ensemble, the black gay male performance poets' collective. Muse members, Duncan E. Teague, Malik M.L. Williams and Anthony Antoine specifically recognize Daniels' work to build bridges across diverse communities.



**The Sherry Turner Award:** Dr. Sherry Turner is a developmental psychologist whose research and teaching focus on the socialization of African- American women and girls. Dr. Turner works at Spelman College where she serves as Assistant to the President and is Secretary of the college.



**The Hannah Guishard Award:** A native of the U.S. Virgin Islands, Dr. Guishard came to the United States in 1988 to pursue her studies in Veterinary Medicine. Dr. Guishard is the Founder and Co-Owner of Union City Veterinary Medical Center & Emergency Clinic, a 24 hour Veterinary Hospital on the south side of Atlanta.



**The Ruth C. Ellis Award:** Ellis was born July 23, 1899 in Springfield, Illinois. She resided in Detroit, Michigan until her death in 2000 and was highly respected as one of the oldest known "out" African-American lesbians.

**Wendy Belkin,** lives in Decatur, Georgia and for over 15 years has operated her own business as a Tax Attorney and CPA.



**The Ronald Moore Humanitarian Award:** Moore is currently the Diversity Manager for the corporate Functions group of Hewlett Packard. This is a global group of over 13,000 infrastructure employees. Most recently he was the Human Resources Manger for Hewlett Packard's Consumer Business Organization's Latin America Operation in Atlanta.



**The Keiron Williams Hero Award:** Keiron Williams, (1974-2002) was one of Atlanta's bright young stars. In 1996, fighting HIV, Williams challenged Morehouse College for the right to start a campus based organization to support Gay students, and in that same year, Morehouse Adodi was founded. Williams was one of the founding Coordinators of the Atlanta group known as My Brothaz Keeper.

This award is funded by **Kevin Byner,** a friend, colleague, and tireless community organizer/ activist around queer youth and HIV/ AIDS issues.



**The Kelley D. Alexander Award:** A native of Wisconsin, Alexander studied English Literature and Philosophy at Beloit College. She is the founder and publisher of InnerLight Publishing, whose mission is to take on sublime projects that move, encourage, and inspire by way of a unique ability to bring inner-visions into physical form.

**Antonio Johnes Award:** No picture or bio available.

**The Mellonee Rheams and Debra Mlambo Award:** No Picture or bio available.

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## **The Edith E. Biggers-Kathi Martin Award:**

**Dr. Biggers** is a public health physician who delivers compassionate and state-of-the-art medical care to indigent, uninsured, underserved, and substance using HIV positive patients, with an emphasis on maximizing self-empowerment through education. Dr. Biggers is a native of Atlanta and received her MD from Emory.



**Rev. Dr. Kathi E. Martin** is a speaker/preacher with particular concern for bridge-building across the divides of race, religion, gender, age, sexual orientation, and physical ability. From the beginning of her studies in engineering, continuing through her studies in ministry, she has believed persons are more effective when working together as a unit than they are when separated.



Decatur City Commissioner, **Kecia Cunningham** is the first openly gay, African-American to be elected in the Southeast. Working with city staff she has had the City's EEO statement expanded to include sexual orientation and transgender status and has had domestic partner benefits added to the City's personnel policies.



**The Bayard Rustin Activist Award:** Bayard Rustin (1912 - 1987) For more than 50 years, Bayard Rustin was a strategist and activist in the struggle for human rights and economic justice. As a gay man, relatively open for his time, Rustin experienced anti-gay prejudice in addition to racial discrimination. He was the Deputy Director and chief organizer of the 1963 March on Washington for Jobs and Freedom which, at that time, was the largest demonstration in the nation's history.

This award is funded by ally, **Allen Thornell**, deputy regional political director with the Service Employees International Union, one of the largest and politically active unions in the country.



**The Margaret Ntombi Howell Power & Presence Memorial Award:** Margaret Ntombi Howell (1951-2003) Ntombi as a national spokesperson, transformed the concept of recovery into a universal human experience for all people. She was an advocate and activist for the rights of women, people of color and the poor. This award is funded by **Rhesa Jenkins** and **Ama Saran**.



**Jenkins** is a Stanford educated scientist with a commitment to continuous education in community settings, such as CAU and ANDP's Ford Foundation program in Community Economic Development. **Saran's** work is best described as a social ministry that teaches the importance of researching community health, mental and physical, to support the efforts of non-profit organizations in creation of sustainable institutions.



**The Pat Parker Award:** Pat Parker (1944-1989) participated in political activism ranging from early involvement with the Black Panther Party and Black Women's Revolutionary Council to formation of the Women's Press Collective to wide-ranging activism in gay and lesbian.

The Parker award is funded by **Io Cyrus, Tonia Poteat, Rachel L. Gould and Laurie Giandomenicom**. Cyrus is an associate in the firm's Boston office, where she practices in the Health Care Section. She advises clients on regulatory compliance and risk management, fraud and abuse matters, and judicial or administrative proceedings.

**The Mabel Hampton Honorary Academic & Human Rights Leadership Award:** Mabel Hampton (1902 - 1989) was an inspiration to younger gays and lesbians. She was an entertainer and activist. Hampton became one of the catalysts for the Lesbian Herstory Archives in New York City when she donated her extensive collection of 1950s paperbacks.

Donor Representatives are **Wendy and Lee Hampton**. Lee is currently the executive director of a New Orleans non profit. This recent career change follows vice presidencies at two North Carolina Universities. Wendy recently managed a Florida nonprofit that provided counsel and assistance to teen mothers.