

Common Hour Talk, Activism and Political Engagement, Tuesday, January 21 11:10AM  
Community Foundation Theater, Gund Gallery  
Panelists Speakers: Camilo Viveiros and Jeff Singer

### Political Activism and Social Change

This panel examines one of the critical legacies of Martin Luther King, Jr. – political activism as a means of creating social change. This Common Hour presents two speakers, who are engaged in movements today that address related issues of housing equity and immigrant rights.



**Camilo Viveiros** is an organizer for multi-racial economic and environmental justice. Based on years of direct experience leading organizing campaigns, Viveiros offers perspectives on community organizing, based on his work in a number of social campaigns. For example, as regional director of the Massachusetts Alliance of HUD Tenants and as regional organizer for Mass Senior Action, he helped coordinate campaigns for better housing for low income tenants and senior citizens. As lead organizer for the George Wiley Center, which advocates statewide multi-racial economic justice in Rhode Island, he advocates on-the-ground grassroots efforts among local organizations.

He comes to Kenyon to share his experiences in this range of contemporary social movements and to talk about some of the ways in which organizing takes place today. For more info see <http://camiloviveiros.org/>



**Jeff Singer**, the former president and CEO of Healthcare for the Homeless has spent the last 40 years working with vulnerable individuals and families in Baltimore, Maryland. During his tenure at Healthcare for the Homeless it tripled its size and expanded its reach to provide more services to more people in region, nevertheless ever striving nonetheless to “bring Maryland closer to a future without homelessness.” Now in retirement as a member of CASH (City Advocates in Solidarity with the Homeless) he has been able to spend more time in action and advocacy working with and for homeless people and for the right to housing. He serves as an adjunct professor of Social Work, teaching about Healthcare and Social Policy at the University of Maryland School of Social Work. And he writes and edits for the Baltimore Street Newspaper, *Word on the Street*.

He comes to Kenyon to share his experiences as an advocate for issues of Homelessness and an observer of the history of social action.

He is also the uncle of Aaron Lynn ‘14

For more info see: <http://www.hchmd.org/blog/jeff-singer-announces-retirement-after-40-years-in-human-services/>