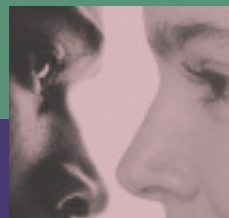

**CENTER FOR
GENETICS AND
SOCIETY**



2005 ANNUAL REPORT



Introduction

During 2005 the Center for Genetics and Society underwent a major expansion in staff, constituency outreach and media presence, and played the lead role in holding California's new stem cell program accountable to the public interest.

At the beginning of the year CGS had six staff; by November we had eleven. In the course of the year CGS presented at thirty-eight conferences, symposia and other public events; was cited in over 100 accounts in local, national and international press outlets; and logged ten appearances on local and national radio and television.

In April CGS documented and publicized the conflicts of interest among members of the governing board of California's new stem cell program. Our continued presence changed the debate over stem cells in California from one of unquestioning enthusiasm to one in which the need for effective regulation of stem cell research, and a thoughtful approach to it, are now widely acknowledged.

In the rest of the country and overseas, CGS increased its efforts to alert key civil society con-

stituencies to the challenges posed by the new human genetic technologies and the dangers of a revival of eugenic ideologies. In the United States we met with and briefed the leadership of organizations addressing women's health, reproductive rights, racial justice, economic justice, disability rights, socially responsible science, and other concerns. We met with leaders of counterpart organizations in Mexico, Costa Rica, Thailand, India, Spain and Brazil. People everywhere recognized the need for concerted education and action.

As gratifying as our work has been, we realize that we are just laying the groundwork.

Fortunately, CGS is working with a growing number of civil society organizations and individuals to develop compelling messages, smart organizing, and a growing infrastructure that can shift the onus of debate from those of us who advocate the public interest and precaution to those eager to charge forward into a new epoch of genetically-modified humans. We remain confident that a truly human future will prevail.

OUR MISSION

The Center for Genetics and Society is a non-profit public affairs organization working to encourage responsible uses and effective societal governance of the new human genetic and reproductive technologies. We support benign and beneficent medical applications of these technologies, and oppose those applications that objectify and commodify human life and threaten to divide human society. We work in a context of support for the equitable provision of health technologies domestically and internationally; for women's health and reproductive rights; for the protection of our children; for the rights of the disabled; and for precaution in the use of powerful new technologies.

OUR HISTORY

The Center for Genetics and Society formally opened its doors in October 2001. It was founded by socially concerned academics, civil society leaders and others in Northern California, and quickly established a network of national and international colleagues. The Center focused its early work on alerting key civil society constituencies to the challenges posed by the new human genetic technologies. We subsequently became active in the policy arena, working with state elected officials, members of Congress and United Nations delegates in support of responsible policies.

— Policy Engagement and Special Initiatives —

During 2005 CGS continued its leadership role in holding California's stem cell program accountable to the public interest, building understanding of the implications of the new human biotechnologies among key constituencies, and working to reframe the debate in the media and among influential civil society leaders.

GENDER, JUSTICE AND HUMAN GENETICS

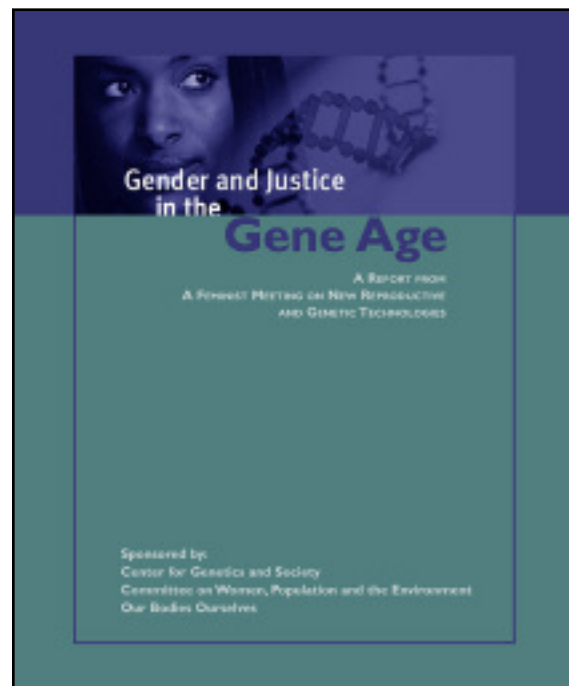
2005 saw significant expansion by the program on Gender, Justice and Human Genetics under the direction of Program Director Sujatha Jesudason. Patricia Berne and Osagie Obasogie were hired as Project Directors on Race, Disability and Eugenics; and Emily Galpern was hired as Project Director on Reproductive Health and Human Rights.

With increased staff came increased capacity to build awareness and understanding of feminist and social justice concerns raised by these technologies. Gender & Justice staff made more than 20 public presentations to allies in the women's health, human rights, disability rights and racial justice communities. This work led to follow-up requests by national organizations for assistance in educating their own staff on these issues and in finding ways to build awareness among their constituencies.

Highlights of 2005 included CGS-hosted briefings for key activists in the disability rights movement and the LGBTQI rights movements. At both briefings, allies came together to deepen their understanding of the new reproductive and genetic technologies and the challenges they raise.

The Project on Reproductive Health and Human Rights made significant progress in 2005 both in California and at the national level. We proposed and helped establish a Reproductive Technologies subcommittee of the California Coalition for Reproductive Freedom. We also worked with Planned Parenthood Federation of America and Smith College, the sponsors of the major *Reproductive Justice for All* national conference, to bring the issues of human biotechnology to a new level of awareness. A quarter of the conference participants spent almost two days in intense discussions on these topics.

On the increasingly controversial issue of sex selection, CGS staff worked with key domestic violence organizations in the United States, who recognize sex selection as an issue of violence against women. With our encouragement, the National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum identified sex selection as one of eight "calls to action" in its National Agenda for Action. CGS staff traveled to India and Thailand to connect with advocates and activists in those countries who are working to end sex selection.



CGS published its report on the 2004 conference "Gender & Justice in the Gene Age," held at the Ford Foundation in New York City.

BIOTECHNOLOGY ACCOUNTABILITY

At the beginning of 2005 CGS vowed to ensure that California's \$3 billion stem cell program, established the preceding November with the passage of Proposition 71, would be administered in accordance with the public interest, and that deficiencies in the original legislation would be corrected.

It was a busy and productive year. In February CGS worked closely with public interest attorney Charles Halpern and former Assistant Secretary of Health Phillip R. Lee on the petition they filed with the state of California calling for closed meetings of the stem cell program to be open to the public. In March, CGS Associate Executive Director Marcy Darnovsky testified before the Subcommittee on Stem Cell Research Oversight convened by State Senator Deborah Ortiz (D-Sacramento), and called upon legislators to make California a model for the rest of the country by adopting tough oversight requirements for stem cell research and other human biotechnologies.

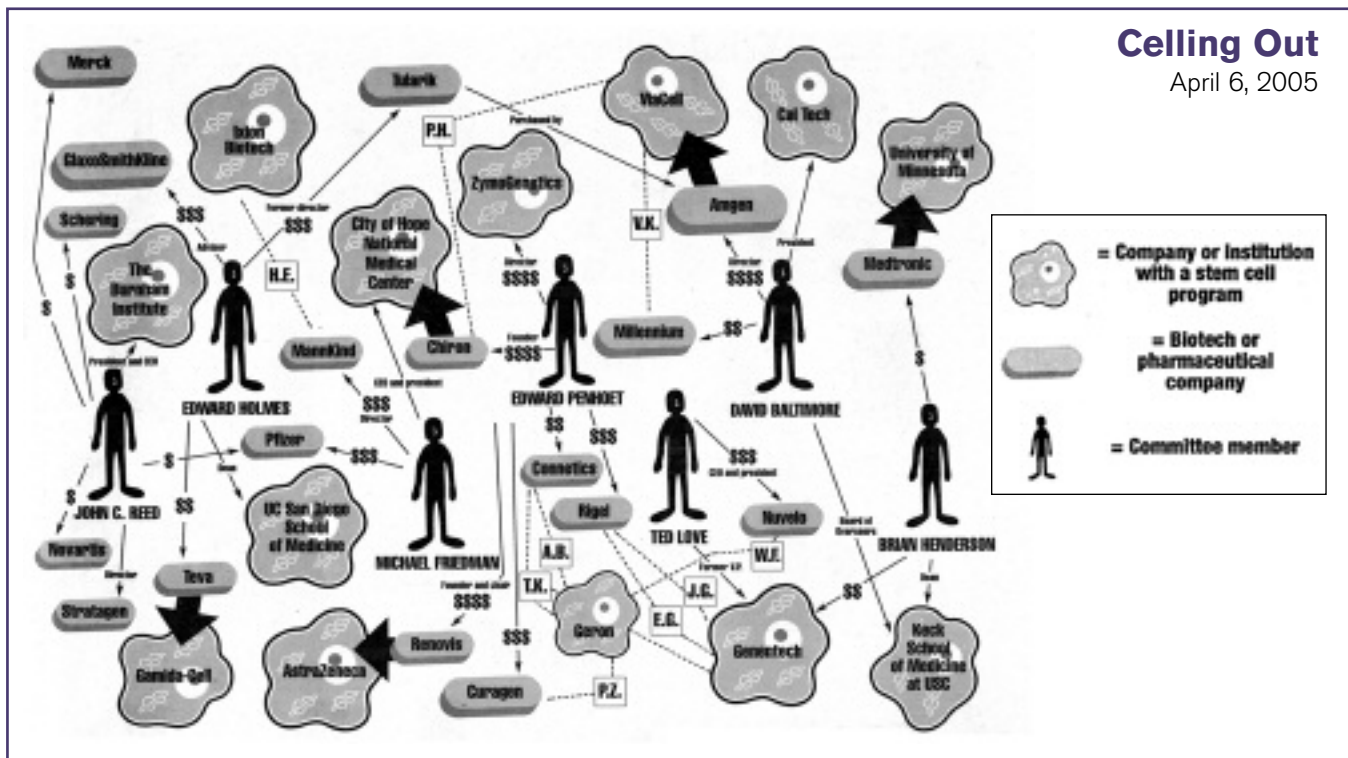
In April CGS released the first detailed analysis of conflicts of interest among members of the stem cell institute's governing board. We also convened the first strategy meeting of California public interest groups committed to holding the stem cell program accountable to the public interest. In October CGS Biotech Accountability Director Jesse Reynolds testified before the special California Senate

and Assembly joint committee hearing on intellectual property rules concerning stem cell research. He called for policies that would reduce rather than exacerbate already unacceptable health care disparities.

Throughout 2005 CGS attended meetings of both the stem cell institute's governing board and the powerful but unaccountable "working groups," offering public comments and written communications at most of them. Our principled stance and careful interventions earned us the respect of legislators, journalists, civil society advocates, and biomedical researchers.

CGS's 2005 efforts in this arena culminated in the preparation of a comprehensive report assessing the stem cell program's first year. Entitled *The California Stem Cell Program at One Year: A Progress Report*, it was released on January 18, 2006, following a press briefing the day before. Major California newspapers gave the announcement prominent coverage.

The report assessed the performance of the California Institute for Regenerative Medicine (CIRM), assigned grades in key areas, and offered specific policy recommendations. It called on the CIRM to fulfill its campaign promises, such as ensuring financial returns to the state; to move quickly to establish accountable and responsible governance; and to adopt enforceable ethical

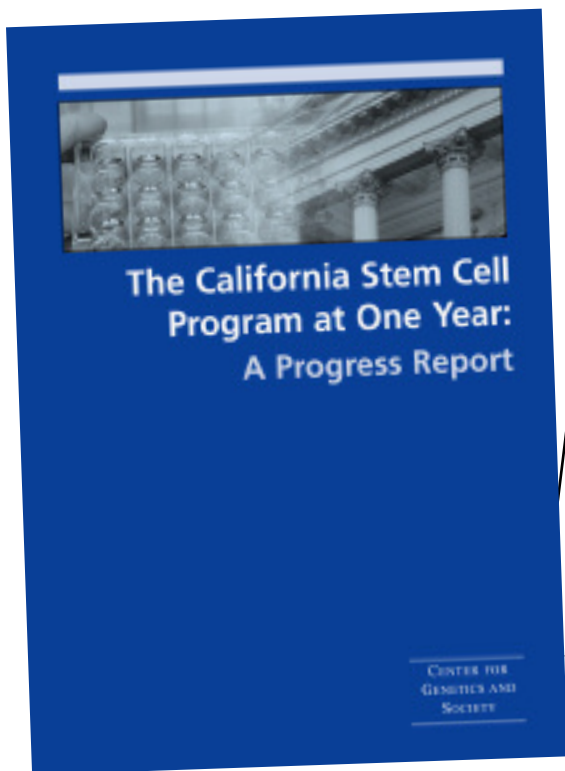


CGS revealed conflicts of interest on the CIRM board. (Graphic by the *San Francisco Bay Guardian*, art by Gus D'Angelo)

safeguards and research standards, such as those protecting women who may provide eggs for the research. Notably, the report also called upon the controversial chair of the state stem cell program, Robert Klein, to resign his position.

Our concerted efforts during 2005 significantly changed the course of public debate concerning stem cell research in California and compelled the CIRM to adopt partial

reforms. Legislators, journalists and an increasing sector of the general public now realize that too much is at stake to blindly entrust scientists and biotech entrepreneurs with unfettered control over these powerful technologies. However, the institutional changes that would ensure the necessary public oversight and control are not yet in place. We are committed to pursuing our efforts and enlisting new allies towards this end.



CIRM Progress Report: Overall grade for the first year:	
Keeping Campaign Promises	C-
Ensuring returns on public investments	C
Maximizing health equity	D
Establishing Accountable and Responsible Governance	C-
Building organizational infrastructure	C
Minimizing conflicts of interest	D
Cooperating with the state legislature	D
Fostering transparency with open meetings	B
Providing responsible leadership	D
Establishing Ethical Safeguards and Research Standards	C+
Protecting women who provide eggs for research and other research subjects	C+
Preventing reproductive cloning and other unacceptable applications of stem cell technologies	C

Testimony and Public Comment

During 2005 CGS was invited on three occasions to testify at California state legislative hearings in Sacramento:

March 9: CGS Associate Director Marcy Darnovsky testified before the California Senate and Assembly Health Committees and the new Senate Subcommittee on Stem Cell Research Oversight concerning the need for strong public oversight of stem cell research.

May 3: CGS Executive Director Richard Hayes testified before the California State Assembly Business & Professions Committee on AB 1428, the bill to ban pet cloning.

Oct. 31: Biotechnology Accountability Project Director Jesse Reynolds testified at the California Joint Assembly and Senate Health Committees hearings on intellectual property rights and stem cell research in California.

In addition, Marcy Darnovsky and/or Jesse Reynolds were present and offered public comment at all ten meetings held during 2005 of the governing board of California's stem cell program, the ICOC. This close monitoring of the proceedings helped establish CGS's credibility with the press and public officials.

CGS ON-LINE

The number of unique visitors to CGS's website continued to grow during 2005, from monthly averages of 33,200 visitors in 2003, to 41,900 in 2004, and to 51,200 in 2005, an increase of 54% over those two years. New sections were added addressing pet cloning and sex selection, and many existing sections were expanded. We plan a major overall of the website during the second half of 2006 to transform it into a dynamic communications hub.



Subscriptions to CGS's semi-monthly email newsletter, *Genetic Crossroads*, also continued to grow, with a total of 4,100 subscribers by December 2005. Under the editorship of Parita Shah, *Crossroads* will be published on a monthly basis beginning in January 2006.

CGS also produces the *Report to Colleagues*, which goes to about 400 close supporters about five times a year, and the *Daily News Update*, which compiles breaking news on a daily basis.

REPORTS, ARTICLES, OP-EDS, RADIO & TV

In its expanding role as a center for communications about human biotechnologies, CGS produced a steady stream of high quality reports, articles, and op-eds, and was frequently interviewed on radio and TV.

April 5: CGS releases *Conflicts of Interest in California's Stem Cell Program*, a report showing that seven of the 29 members of the governing board of California's stem cell research institute have significant business and personal ties to companies connected to stem cell research.

April 15: Publication of *Rights and Liberties in the Biotech Age: Why We Need a Genetic Bill of Rights* by Sheldon Krinsky and Peter Shorett (editors), with Marcy Darnovsky's chapter on "Human Rights in a Post-Human Future."

April 18: *TomPaine.com* publishes "Learning from California's Mistakes" by Richard Hayes.

May 15: CGS releases *Gender & Justice in the Gene Age*, its report on the conference it co-sponsored with Our Bodies Our Selves and the Committee on Women, Population and the Environment in May 2004.

May 15: *San Francisco Chronicle* runs the op-ed "First test for stem-cell institute — money: Funding mechanism must avoid conflict of interest" by Jesse Reynolds.

May 22: *KPIX Ch 5 TV Eyewitness News*, San Francisco (CBS) interviews Richard Hayes.

May 25: *KTVU Ch 2 TV Mornings on 2*, Oakland (Fox) interviews Richard Hayes.

May 29: *KCBS TV National News* (CBS) interviews Richard Hayes.

June 15: Publication of the *Encyclopedia of Science, Technology, and Ethics*, by Carl Mitcham (Ed.), with an entry on sex selection by Marcy Darnovsky and Sujatha Jesudason (Macmillan Reference USA).

June 3: *Voice of America* interviews Jesse Reynolds for international broadcast.

June 6: Marcy Darnovsky debates University of Pennsylvania bioethicist Glenn McGee on *Chicago Public Radio's* nationally syndicated *Odyssey*.

July 5: *San Francisco Chronicle* runs the op-ed "One step forward, two steps back" by Osagie Obasogie.

July 6: *KPFA Evening News*, interviews Jesse Reynolds.

July 19: *TomPaine.com* publishes "Stem Sellouts" by Jesse Reynolds.

August 8: *Boston Globe* runs the op-ed "Mentoring Gender, Selecting Sex" by Osagie Obasogie.

August 23: KPIX CBS 5 Eyewitness News interviews Marcy Darnovsky in “The Stem Cell Debate Continues to Heat Up.”

September 26: Osagie Obasogie is a guest on *The Koji Nnamde Show*, WAMU/American University Radio, on “Sports Doping.”

October 21: *Cincinnati Enquirer* runs the op-ed “Jose Canseco and Human Genetic Engineering: Will He Be Right Again?” by Osagie Obasogie.

October 21: ABC7 TV Evening News interviews Marcy Darnovsky on “Designer Babies Pose Ethical Challenges.”

November 15: Marcy Darnovsky is a guest on *Insight* on KXJZ Capital Public Radio, Sacramento.

November 29: *The Nation On-Line* publishes “Eggs vs Ethics in Stem Cell Debate” by Emily Galpern and Marcy Darnovsky; reprinted by *CBS News online*.

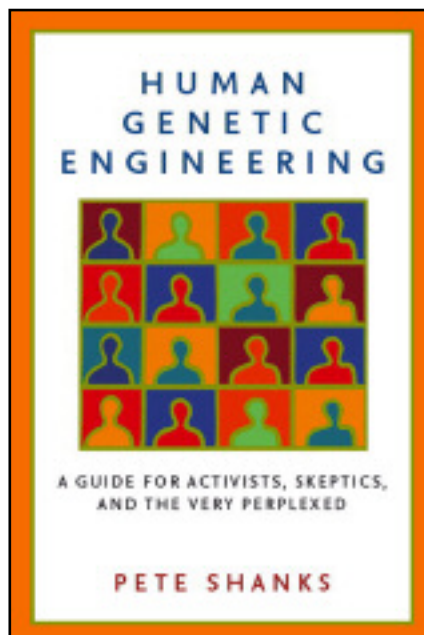
MEDIA CITATIONS

In 2005 CGS staff were quoted or cited on over a hundred occasions in stories in newspapers and journals, including:

San Francisco Chronicle
Associated Press
San Diego Union Tribune
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San Francisco Business Times
Los Angeles City Beat
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San Francisco Bay Guardian
Wired
Los Angeles Times
UC San Diego Guardian
San Francisco Weekly

MIT Technology Review
Seminario Universidad
American Medical News
Capitol Weekly
The Scientist
South Florida Sun-Sentinel
CanWest News Service
Sacramento News & Review
Wall Street Journal
New York Times
Los Angeles Daily News



2005 saw the publication of *Human Genetic Engineering: A Guide for Activists, Skeptics and the Very Perplexed* by CGS Associate Pete Shanks (Nation Books).

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The *San Francisco Bay Guardian* newspaper named CGS as the “local hero” organization for 2005 in its special Best of the Bay issue in July. The paper wrote,

“Oakland’s Center for Genetics and Society made the news last year when it was one of the only liberal organizations to raise questions about California’s stem cell initiative. Since then, **the mainstream news media have started to recognize that many of the group’s warnings were prescient.** But stem cell research is just one narrow thread in the tangle of genetic technologies that the academics and activists who work at the center are monitoring.”

-Conferences, Meetings, Workshops, Symposia-

In 2005 CGS alerted and informed key civil society constituencies about the challenges posed by the new human biotechnologies at over 38 events in 11 states and 8 countries. Major conferences, workshops, meetings and symposia in which we played key roles are shown below.

January 26-30: CGS Gender, Justice and Human Genetics Program Director Sujatha Jesudason presented *(Re)creating Life: Ethical, Social and Gender Aspects of New Human Genetic Technologies* at the World Social Forum in Brazil.

February 11: Sujatha Jesudason presented *Race, Gender, and Justice: New Frontiers in Advocacy* at Policy Summit 2005: Black Women's Health, a one-day event sponsored by the California Black Women's Health Project in Sacramento, CA.

February 25-27: Sujatha Jesudason presented on *Emerging Issues in Reproductive Health: Technology & Ideology* at Women Coming Together: Claiming the Law for Social Change in Cincinnati, OH. Sponsored by the Ford Foundation.

March 5: Sujatha Jesudason presented *The Future of Reproductive Justice* as a keynote speaker at an International Women's Day Celebration at the California Science Center, hosted by a coalition of Los Angeles area women's health and reproductive rights organizations.

March 11-13: Sujatha Jesudason presented on the *New Challenges of Sex Selection* at the Incite! Conference on the Color of Violence III: Stopping the War on Women of Color, in New Orleans, LA.

March 14: CGS Associate Director Marcy Darnovsky briefed government relations staff of Planned Parenthood Federation of America's affiliates on stem cell politics.

March 18: CGS International Associate Rosario Isasi participated in the expert workshop on assisted reproduction technologies organized by the European Commission, the European Society of Human Genetics, and the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology in Seville, Spain.

April 2-3: Marcy Darnovsky was a workshop presenter and plenary speaker at the Civil Liberties and Public Policy Program conference *From Abortion Rights to Social Justice: Building the Movement for Reproductive Freedom* at Hampshire College in Amherst, MA.

April 9: Sujatha Jesudason spoke on *Race, Gender and Emerging Issues in Reproductive Rights* at the ChoiceUSA Gloria Steinem Leadership Institute in Tucson, AZ.

April 14: Rosario Isasi presented at the government of Canada conference *A Brave New World: Where*

Biotechnology and Human Rights Intersect in Ottawa.

May 25: Marcy Darnovsky spoke on *The Debate over Stem Cell Research* at a Seattle Rotary Club meeting and at a meeting of Seattle reproductive rights leaders, both organized by the Women's Bioethics Project.

June 7: Sujatha Jesudason and Marcy Darnovsky presented on *Reproductive Freedom in the Gene Age* at the California Coalition for Reproductive Freedom's Reproductive Freedom Day in Sacramento, CA.

June 21: Sujatha Jesudason presented on *Sex Selection: Old and New Challenges for Asian Women* at the National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum's national convening on Reproductive and Sexual Health in Oakland, CA.

July 17-25: Rosario Isasi was the featured presenter in a series of meetings and briefings with academics, media, community organizations and governmental officials in Costa Rica and El Salvador, sponsored by the Mexico City office of the Heinrich Boell Foundation.

July 21-24: Sujatha Jesudason presented on *Sex Selection: The Old and New Challenge for Asian Communities* at the National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum Membership Gathering in Seattle, WA.

July 21: Marcy Darnovsky spoke on *Stem Cells and Social Values: Beyond Embryo Politics* at the ACLU biennial conference in New Orleans, LA.

July 23: Marcy Darnovsky spoke at Tikkun's Spiritual Activism conference on *The New Human Biotechnologies: Why Progressives Don't Have God on their Side and How to Change This* in Berkeley, CA.

August 7: Osagie Obasogie presented on a panel at the American Bar Association Conference on *The Legal, Ethical and Economical Issues of Pet Cloning*, in Chicago, IL.

September 9-10: Sunita Puri presented on *Sex Selection: The Old and New Challenge in South Asian Communities* with collaborative partners at the Aarohan Conference on Violence Against South Asian Women in the US, hosted by Manavi in New Jersey.

September 21-25: Sujatha Jesudason and allies spoke on *Reproductive Screening Technologies: Strengthening an International Women's Health Movement against Sex and Eugenic Selection* at the 10th International Women and Health Meeting in New Delhi, India.

September 28: Patricia Berne presented on *Reproductive and Emerging Genetic Technologies and its Impacts on Local Communities* at the Health Council of Marin.

October 1: Emily Galpern and Osagie Obasogie spoke at the West Coast Leaders Conference of Law Students for Choice on *The Meaning of Choice: Implications for Pro-Choice Activists in the Gene Age* at University of California Berkeley Boalt Hall School of Law.

October 7-9: Osagie Obasogie presented at the LatCrit Conference on the *14th Amendment Implications of Human Germline Engineering* in San Juan, PR.

October 15: Patricia Berne and Emily Galpern presented at the SisterSong Women of Color Reproductive Health Collective's National Membership Meeting on *Genetics and Justice: Implications of Reproductive and Genetic Technologies for Women of Color*, in Emeryville, CA.

October 21: Marcy Darnovsky was a plenary speaker at *Eugenics in California: Science, History, Policy and Ethics* at California State University at Sacramento, CA.

October 27-30: Sujatha Jesudason presented at a workshop on *Sex Selection as a Transnational Issue* and at a workshop on *Gender and Justice in the Gene Age: What We All Need to Know* at the Association for Women's Rights in Development 10th International Forum in Bangkok, Thailand.

November 10-13: Sujatha Jesudason presented on *Assisted Reproduction and Genetic Technologies* at the *Reproductive Justice for All: US Policy Conference* hosted by Planned Parenthood of America and Smith College.

November 21: Sujatha Jesudason and Sunita Puri hosted a convening of Bay Area-based South Asian domestic violence prevention organizations around the issue of sex selection.

December 1: Emily Galpern presented at the University of California San Francisco's Center for Reproductive Health Research and Policy on *Genetics and Justice: The Science, Politics, and Policy of the New Genetic and Reproductive Technologies*.

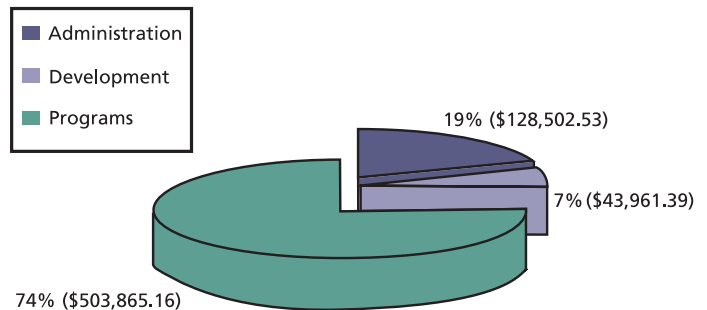
Finances

During 2005 CGS received \$885,000 in income, spent \$843,000, and ended the year with a cash balance of \$ 225,000.

As part of our expansion plan, CGS established new finance and budgeting procedures, and new performance management and salary administration procedures.

CGS Funding History	
Year	Total Funds Raised/ Committed
2000	\$165,700
2001	\$329,500
2002	\$392,400
2003	\$620,000
2004	\$609,500
2005	\$885,000

2005 OPERATIONAL EXPENSES



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The Appleton Foundation, CS Fund/Warsh-Mott Legacy, Changing Horizons Fund, Ford Foundation, Foundation for Deep Ecology, Homeland Foundation, StarFire Fund, Aurora Foundation, Jennifer Altman Foundation, French American Charitable Trust, Pettus-Crowe Foundation, Heinrich Boell Foundation, Ahimsa Fund, the Tides Foundation, Ms Foundation, and individual donors. In-kind support has been provided by Public Media Center.

Organizational status

CGS is currently a project of the Tides Center. We plan to incorporate as an independent 501(c)3 organization during 2006–2007.

Staff

In February of 2005 CGS made a commitment to expand its program and administrative staff. At that time we were operating with six staff (4.75 FTE). Thanks to the generosity of our funders, by November of 2005 CGS had grown to eleven staff (10 FTE). This expansion has greatly increased our capacity to address our issues of concern.

Richard Hayes, Ph.D., Executive Director, served for many years on the national staff of the Sierra Club and as a political organizer with the Democratic Party and a wide range of environmental and social and economic justice organizations. In the early 1990s he chaired the Sierra Club's campaign to stop global warming.

Marcy Darnovsky, Ph.D., Associate Executive Director, has taught courses on the politics of science and technology at the Hutchins School of Liberal Studies at California State University, Sonoma and on the sociology of gender at California State University Hayward. She has long been active on social justice and environmental issues in California, and has more than 60 publications to her credit.

Sujatha Jesudason, M.A., Gender, Justice and Human Genetics Program Director, worked for many years in behalf of immigrants, people of color and working women. She serves on the Board of Directors of the National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum and other organizations, and is a doctoral candidate at the University of California at Berkeley.

Jesse Reynolds, M.S., Biotechnology Accountability Project Director, served as a U.S. EPA Fellow and was co-founder of Students for Responsible Research at the University of California at Berkeley. SRS played a key role in calling public attention to the efforts by the biotechnology industry to influence the direction of university research.

Rosario Isasi, J.D., M.P.H, International Associate, is currently a Postdoctoral Fellow at the Centre de Recherche en Droit Public (CRDP), Université de Montréal. She has worked on international human rights, mental health and anti-torture initiatives, and serves as a member of the Advisory Board of Global Lawyers and Physicians.

Osagie Obasogie, J.D., Project Director on Race, Disability, and Eugenics, was a Harlan Fiske Stone Scholar at Columbia University School of Law, and served as editor of the *National Black Law Journal*. He is currently a doctoral candidate in sociology at the University of California at Berkeley.



CGS Staff: Left to right, top row: Charles Garzón, Emily Galpern, Richard Hayes, Marcy Darnovsky, Osagie Obasogie. Left to right, bottom row: Sunita Puri (former staffer), Leah Ottersbach, Patricia Berne, Jesse Reynolds, Sujatha Jesudason, Parita Shah. Insert: Rosario Isasi



Patricia Berne, B.A., Project Director on Race, Disability and Eugenics, has been active with organizations addressing racial justice, gender-based violence, and the welfare of the Haitian diaspora. She is currently Board president of San Francisco Women Against Rape and a doctoral student at the Wright Institute in Berkeley, California.

Emily Galpern, M.P.H., Project Director on Reproductive Health and Human Rights, has worked to promote community health through education and advocacy for over ten years. She has done research on women's sexual and reproductive health in Ecuador, and on the impact of racial discrimination on health.

Charles Garzón, M.A., Director of Finance and Administration, has worked for over fifteen years with progressive public policy and advocacy organizations. Before coming to CGS he worked for the progressive policy think tank Demos, and for the Puerto Rican Legal Defense Fund, both in New York City.

Parita Shah, M.P.A., Communications Director, comes to CGS with experience in politics, policy and communications. Before beginning at CGS, she worked for the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation in their Global Health Advocacy group, the Kerry-Edwards for President Campaign, and the Clinton White House.

Leah Ottersbach, B.A., Administrative Associate, has worked as a community organizer and fundraiser for racial, economic and social justice organizations, including Californians for Justice in San Diego. She has served on the board of directors of the Kentucky Foundation for Women.

2006 and Beyond

Both challenges and opportunities face us in 2006. While sentiment for unrestrained development of new human biotechnologies persists in some quarters, the need for responsible social governance is being recognized by many. CGS staff are increasingly being invited to speak at conferences and meetings, comment for news stories, and write in print and on-line publications. Currently confirmed activities include:

January 20: CGS Reproductive Health and Human Rights Director Emily Galpern will speak on *Reclaiming Choice: Sex Selection in Asian Pacific American Communities* at the west coast briefing of the National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum, *Reclaiming Choice, Broadening the Movement*, in San Francisco, CA.

February 24-25: CGS Race, Disability and Eugenics Director Osagie Obasogie will speak at St. Anthony Hall at Yale University on *Inequality and the New Reproductive and Genetic Technologies*, and will speak about emerging issues in reproductive rights law at the Yale Law School conference *Rebellious Lawyering*.

March 3-4: CGS Associate Director Marcy Darnovsky, Biotechnology Accountability Director Jesse Reynolds, and International Associate Rosario Isasi will be featured panelists at the Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California at Berkeley conference, *California's Stem Cell Initiative: Confronting the Legal and Policy Challenges*.

March 8-10: CGS Executive Director Richard Hayes will appear on the panel *What the Future Holds: What Are We Creating, and Should We Ever Say No?* at the BioAgenda Summit in Palm Springs, CA.

March 8: CGS Gender, Justice and Human Genetics Director Sujatha Jesudason will speak on *The Challenges of Sex Selection* at a Center for American Progress briefing on Asian Pacific American Women and Sexual and Reproductive Justice in collaboration with the National Asian Pacific American Women's Forum.

April 18: Richard Hayes and CGS Communications Director Parita Shah will speak on *Re-Designing Humanity? The Promise and Perils of the New Human Biotechnologies* at the World Affairs Council in San Francisco, CA.

April 21-22: Marcy Darnovsky will be a plenary panelist at *Is There a Global Bioethics? Moral, Legal and International Norms in Bioscience*, hosted by the International Humanist and Ethical Union at the Apignanni Center in New York City.

April 7: Osagie Obasogie will speak on regulating race-based medicines at the *Race, Pharmaceuticals, and Medical Technology* conference hosted by the Center for the Study of Diversity at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Cambridge, MA.

May 2-4: CGS Race, Disability and Eugenics Director Patricia Berne and Emily Galpern will speak at a two-day series of events titled *Designer Genes: Genetic Technologies and the De-selection of Queer Bodies* at the New York City LGBT Community Center.

May 24-25: Sujatha Jesudason will speak on sex selection at the Society for the Study of Psychological Issues in Washington, DC.

May 31: Sujatha Jesudason will speak on sex selection at the Institute for Women's EmPOWERment annual meeting, *Muevete! Moving from Vision to Action*, sponsored by the Ms Foundation, in Atlanta, GA.

June 1-2: Richard Hayes will speak on an opening panel at an invitational meeting on *Human Enhancement* sponsored by the American Association for the Advancement of Science in Washington, DC.

June 15: Sujatha Jesudason and Richard Hayes, with Dorothy Roberts, author of *Killing the Black Body*, will speak on *Gender, Justice and the New Human Biotechnologies: New Challenges to Equality, Human Rights and Democracy* at the Ford Foundation in New York City.

June 13: Marcy Darnovsky will speak on the panel *The Values Debate: Anti-American Right* at the *Take Back America* convention sponsored by the Campaign for America's Future in Washington, DC.

October 20-22: Patricia Berne will speak at the *Bioneers: Visionary and Practical Solutions for Restoring the Earth and People* conference in San Rafael, CA.

November 4-8: Emily Galpern will be a moderator and panelist at the American Public Health Association annual meeting in Boston, MA.

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