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KEYNOTE SPEAKER

Felice Yeskel

Felice Yeskel is Founder and Executive Director of Class Action (<http://www.classism.org>), a national, non-profit organization that inspires action to end classism by raising awareness, facilitating cross-class dialogue, supporting cross-class alliances, and working with others to promote economic justice. She also founded United for a Fair Economy, where she served as Co-Director for over six years.

Dr. Yeskel is on the faculty of the Social Justice Education Program at the University of Massachusetts, Amherst, where she founded and for over 20 years directed The Stonewall Center: A LGBT Resource Center. She also co-directed DiversityWorks, Inc., an organization of social justice educators that provides training and consulting on issues of diversity and multiculturalism. She has led hundreds of workshops and given talks across the country about economic inequality and about healing divisions among people of different class backgrounds, races, genders, and sexual orientations.

Dr. Yeskel recently edited a special issue of the journal *Equity and Excellence in Education* on Class and Education, which was published in March. She is the co-author of *Economic Apartheid in America*, first published by The New Press in fall 2000 and followed by a second edition in fall 2005. She has also written chapters in the following books: *Teaching for Diversity and Social Justice*, *The Narrow Bridge: Jewish Perspectives on Multiculturalism*, *Money Talks: So Can We*, and *Coming Out of the Class Closet*. Her articles have appeared in *The Diversity Factor*, *The Women's Review of Books*, *Sojourner*, *The Holistic Education Review*, *Journal of Women & Religion*, *Sh'ma: A Journal of Jewish Responsibility*, and *Bridges: A Journal for Jewish Feminists and Our Friends*. Dr. Yeskel has frequently appeared as a guest on radio shows across the country discussing issues of class, economic justice, and social change.

Dr. Yeskel comes from a working-class Jewish family from New York City's Lower East Side. She received her doctorate in Organizational Development in 1991.