

**CTA Conference on Racial and Social Justice**  
**Saturday Keynote Speaker**  
**Keron Blair – The Alliance to Reclaim Our Schools Director**



Keron Blair is the new Alliance to Reclaim Our Schools Director. He is an organizer with ten years of experience working for social change and he most recently served as the Membership Director for United Working Families in Chicago. He was also the Field Director for Raise Illinois, a statewide campaign to raise Illinois' minimum wage, and for Illinois Unites for Marriage, the campaign that secured the freedom to marry for gay couples in Illinois.

Keron has been a trainer and campaign strategist for the Midwest Academy, where he worked with groups at the city, state and national levels to design and implement strategic campaigns on a wide set of issues, including public education. In 2008, Keron began a three-year position as the director of Interfaith Worker Justice in New Orleans, helping to build local coalitions to strengthen rights for workers.

Keron is excited to join the AROS team because, as he notes, "We may lose public education as we know it in our lifetimes. I want to be part of the fight to make sure that doesn't happen." You can follow him on Twitter here: [@Keronblair](https://twitter.com/Keronblair).