

## Linda Burnham - Brief Bio

Linda Burnham served as National Research Director and Senior Advisor at the National Domestic Workers Alliance for nearly a decade. Burnham has been an activist, writer and strategist, focused on women's rights and racial justice, since the 1960s. She co-founded the Women of Color Resource Center, where she served as Executive Director for 18 years, and was a leader in the Third World Women's Alliance. Burnham has published numerous articles on African-American women, African-American politics, and feminist theory in a wide range of periodicals and anthologies. She edited the anthology *Changing the Race*, a collection of essays about how race played out in the election of Barack Obama, to which she contributed the article "Obama's Candidacy: The Advent of Post-Racial America and the End of Black Politics?." She co-authored, with Nik Theodore, *Home Economics: The Invisible and Unregulated World of Domestic Work*, the first national, empirically grounded study of domestic workers in the U.S. Her recently completed research, *Living in the Shadows: Latina Domestic Workers in the Texas-Mexico Border Region*, co-authored with Lisa Moore, was published in 2018. Within weeks of Trump's inauguration, Burnham wrote the widely circulated "No Plans to Abandon Our Freedom Dreams," a critique of the problematic fixation on "identity politics" and an exploration of the role of white identity formation in U.S. nation building and Trump's electoral victory. For the past few decades, Burnham has been a mentor to leading social justice organizers and advocates. She is currently working on a book about domestic worker organizing.