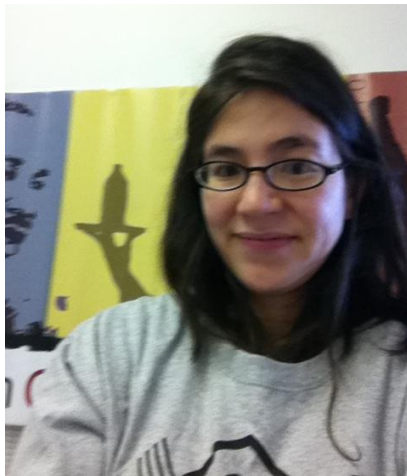


2011 PROGRESSIVE ORGANIZER OF THE YEAR NOMINEE



MINSU LONGIARU
COORDINATOR – ROC-MI

WHAT THE NOMINATOR SAID:

“Minsu deserves this award because of her commitment to the leadership development of ROC-Michigan restaurant worker members, now a total of 650... Under Minsu’s leadership ROC-Michigan has become a model for worker organizations around the country and has provided evidence that a new movement can be built with workers at the helm.”

MAJOR ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

Minsu Longiaru learned organizing strategies while studying directly under Marshall Ganz. In 2008, she founded the Restaurant Opportunities Center of Michigan (ROC-Michigan), a worker-led organization dedicated to improving working conditions and increasing opportunities for advancement in restaurants. This year, ROC-Michigan and Andiamo Restaurant reached a settlement after a 15-month struggle over minimum wage and overtime violations. Minsu paved the way for Andiamo workers’ victory through a federal lawsuit and weekly protests that mobilized over 1000 restaurant workers and supporters. She coordinates a workgroup of Doing Development Differently in Detroit, a coalition of labor, faith, environmental, and community groups. The workgroup’s Good Food, Good Jobs Act, the first of its kind, would link basic food quality and workplace standards to Detroit’s liquor licensing process for access to healthy food and family-sustaining jobs. She recently launched ROC-Michigan’s worker-led Board of Directors, and will soon be opening COLORS of Detroit, a worker-owned restaurant and training center. Minsu has also led efforts nationally by shaping the National Workers Centers Network at Interfaith Worker Justice.