**New Bridging Capital Interview Ideas shared on 3/21/19**

* Conservatives
  + Staff of Addison Eagle Newspaper
  + VFW Post on Exchange Street (also veterans)
  + American Legion on Rte. 7 South (also veterans)
  + Rotary Club of Middlebury (there are clubs all over VT). Variety of views and lots of business people. Spence Putnam attends meetings
* Progressives
  + John Turner – permaculture farmer, veteran with PTSD, Spirit in Nature Eco-Spirit Award Winner for 2019 - <http://www.wildrootsfarmvermont.com/>
  + Rachel Smolker – anti-fossil fuel activist and US Rep for Forest Watch
* Indigenous
  + Randy Kritkausky, identifies as Native American and lives in Whiting. Daughter Laurel lives in Ripton (DM – I have contact emails for both)
* Religious
  + Ed and Ann Wheeler. Ed is Minister, both lived in Bangladesh for 20 years, home-schooled grandchildren, and host Midd World College students
  + Religious Conservatives
    - Victory Baptist Church in Ferrisburgh
    - Assembly of God Church in Ferrisburgh
      * In general, church contacts can be found online or the Religious Directory of the Addison County Independent
* Education
  + Homeschoolers (often religious conservatives)
    - Margie Bekoff may have names / ideas for homeschoolers in Addison County
    - Lianna Tennell Peabody in Vergennes (not religious)
  + Tony Bates (teacher, also a landlord and comedian)
  + Peter Burrows, superintendent of schools in Middlebury
  + Christina Johnston, Weybridge Elementary School Principal
  + Christina Wadsworth, 5/6 grade teacher at Weybridge Elementary
    - Fran can “pave the way” for you at Weybridge
  + Early Childhood Educators
    - Quarry Hill School / Sue White (ages 3-4, mostly middle-class)
    - Mary Johnson Childcare Center (birth-5, varied income levels)
* Progressives
  + Henry Harris – dynamic climate activist and leader, member of environmental bar association and founder of the VT Climate Union. Also single parent.
* LGBQT+
  + VfV member Margie Bekoff has contacts in Trans Community
  + Nancy Edwards-Spinner has contacts in LGBQT+ community. She is a weaving artisan, long-time Bennington County resident now living in Cornwall. World traveler
* Farmers
  + Elmer Farm / Spencer Blackwell. CSA veggie farm in East Middlebury. Also family with young children.
  + Mike Eastman, Addison VT – small organic dairy
  + Peter James / Monument Farms Dairy
  + Robert Foster / Foster Brothers Dairy
    - Both monument farms and foster brothers have migrant workers
  + Farmer Steve Pratt (802-458-5729
  + Jane and Nate Palmer – farmers and also activists against LNG pipeline
  + Larry Clark (85 and lives in house he grew up in, very nice) 462-2505
  + Mark and Cheryl Cesario – organic beef and Cheryl is a UVM Grazing Specialist. 462-3759
* Black People
  + NAACP, Rutland Chapter. Ask Julie Conason (part of VfV) to get you in touch
  + SURJ (Joanna Colwell, Amy Mason, Kathy Comstock) – check website
  + Black Lives Matter in Burlington
  + Can François Clemmons help you connect with folks?
  + Black faculty @ Midd
* Food Access / Insecurity
  + [VT Gleaning Collective](http://vermontgleaningcollective.org/)
* Homeless
  + Charter House, John Graham, COTS
  + Stephen Marshall has homeless experience (contact through Fran)
* Renewable Energy
  + Rich Carpenter, ACORN Energy Co-op
* Energy Efficiency
  + Paul Markowitz (already interviewed)
* Business Community
  + Vermont Businesses for Social Responsibility (more progressive)
    - 700 members across VT, Danforth Pewter in Midd as a good contact
  + Chamber of Commerce (tend to be more conservative)
  + Sarah Kaeck, owner of Bee’s Wrap (on Exchange Street). Business owner and also parent of three young kids.
* Incarcerated Vermonters
  + Contact filmmaker Bess O’Brien of Kingdom County Productions. Filmed a recent documentary called Coming Home that interviewed recently released individuals. Bess could help you with contacts.
* Addicted Vermonters
  + Will Porter, MD, of Bristol Family Health may be able to help with contacts

**Bridging Capital Interview Ideas from Surveys (2/13/19 List)**

Specific Groups / Contacts (loosely grouped)

* Sustainable Ag
  + Area beekeepers (Ross Conrad, Kirk Webster, Pedro Salas) and others working with pollinators (Charlotte who works at Middlebury College and her husband Francis)
  + NOFA-VT
  + Young organic farmers pioneering permaculture
  + Maine Farmland Trust and Maine Organic Farmers and Gardeners Association
* Religious
  + Retired Unitarian Minister--Champlain Valley Unitarian Universalist--Johanna Nichols
  + Spirit In Nature
  + ICAN (Interfaith Climate Action Network)
  + Members of the Social Action Caring for Creation Committees at Ascension Lutheran Church
  + Rev. Dr Nancy Wright, pastor of Ascension and a life-long environmental and social activist
  + Western Priory
* Energy/Climate
  + 350.org
  + VECAN
  + Members of the Bristol Energy Committee
  + Community groups focused on our energy future
* Groups that represent new/different perspectives
  + High school kids who take classes at the Hannaford Career Center
  + People who take classes at CCV
  + Rotary
  + Undocumented workers
  + The black community
  + Indigenous groups/people in VT
* Social/Environmental/Racial Justice oriented groups
  + SURJ (Showing up for Racial Justice) leaders/members
  + Hunger Free Vermont or the Addison County Hunger Council
* Multi-focus non-profits in VT
  + VPIRG
  + Rural Vermont (ruralvermont.org)
* Other / Unknown
  + BRIDGES of Lincoln
  + Brattleboro Community TV
  + Board members of Addison County River Watch Collaborative
  + Will Miller Chapter or the Green Mountain Veterans For Peace
  + Jane Beck--Folk Life Museum
  + Ret. Judge John Sessions--Vermont Federal Judge-Burlington, VT

Other Broad Categories mentioned

* Creative groups (e.g. music, literary)
* Hospice
* Environmental groups
* Business groups
* Activists for justice

Possible other groups not mentioned by survey respondents

* [Vermont Interfaith Power and Light](https://www.vtipl.org/) (George Lakey was the speaker at their fall conference)
* [Capstone Community Action](https://capstonevt.org/node/126)
* [Vermonters for a New Economy](https://www.neweconomyvt.org/)
* [Vermont Low Income Advocacy Council](http://vermontcap.org/resources/#vliac)
* [Vermont Affordable Housing Coalition](http://www.vtaffordablehousing.org/)
* [Vermont Peace and Justice Center](http://www.pjcvt.org/)
* [Rights and Democracy VT](http://www.radvt.org/)
* [VT Climate and Health Alliance](https://www.vtcha.org/)
* [VT Youth Lobby](http://www.youthlobby.org/)
* [The Root Social Justice Center in Brattleboro](http://www.therootsjc.org/black-indigenous-people-of-color-caucus-bipoc.html) (organized the Black, Indigenous, and People of color (BIPOC) caucus)
* [Legislative sponsors of H.3](https://legislature.vermont.gov/bill/status/2020/H.3) – An act relating to ethic and social equity standards for public schools
* Possible conversations also around the [UN Sustainable Development Goals](https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment/sustainable-development-goals/)