

2007-2008 National NLG Student Chapter Digest

This digest was compiled from responses to the NLG Student Chapter Survey sent in to the student organizer during the second half of the law school calendar year of 2007-2008. The digest was finalized and released in May 2008. Please note that the members completing the surveys are not necessarily the same as the listed chapter contacts, and survey responses should not be construed as reflective of the chapter contacts' personal views. Occasionally a survey question went unanswered; in these cases, the question was omitted from the digest. Because not all chapters responded to the survey, not all are represented in this digest. At present there are just over 100 NLG student chapters.

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Chapter Name: University of Alabama
Main Contact(s): Matthew Krell, Class of 2009
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Chapter Stats: 20 Members
\$0 Budget
Chapter Website N/A

Chapter Happenings

- Co-hosted Liberal Bloc Party
- preparing Know Your Rights presentations
- Legal Observer trainings
- attempting to arrange visit from Marjorie Cohn
- Guild member David Gespass will visit campus to speak about the NLG's Pakistan Delegation

What is your vision for the NLG at your law school?

Right now, our vision is to have an organization that can have events once in a while and have people show up. Be enough of a counterweight to the Federalist Society that the student body is aware of alternative visions.

What organizing resource or program would be most useful to your chapter?

Organizing manual ("how to" on events, fundraising, recruiting, etc.)

Does your school have a Loan Repayment Assistance Program? No

Does your school offer any courses on civil rights or critical legal studies? Yes

Has your chapter signed on to the TUPOCC manifesto/pledge? No

Does your chapter have TUPOCC membership? No

Describe your relationship with the National Office, any National Committees, NLG students on other campuses, and non-student NLG members.

We're attempting to work with the Alabama Guild chapter on bringing Prof. Cohn to town.

Do you work closely with any other groups on campus, locally, or nationally?

Students for a Democratic Society provides most of our legal observer opportunities.



Chapter Name: Loyola New Orleans
Main Contact(s): Nikki Thanos, Class of 2010
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Chapter Stats: 5-15 Members
\$1000 Budget approximately
Chapter Website N/A

Chapter Happenings

Our chapter is in a rebuilding stage (like everything in New Orleans). Last year we just had a couple of speakers--this year we're focusing on reinvigorating relationships between students and legal workers in the city.

What organizing resource or program would be most useful to your chapter?

How to set up an NLG Mentoring Program

Does your school have a Loan Repayment Assistance Program? Yes

Does your school offer any courses on civil rights or critical legal studies? Yes

Has your chapter signed on to the TUPOCC manifesto/pledge? No

Describe your relationship with the National Office, any National Committees, NLG students on other campuses, and non-student NLG members.

We're trying to build a stronger network of Gulf Coast post-Katrina legal workers. I (Nikki) do work on the Int'l Cmte.

Do you work closely with any other groups on campus, locally, or nationally?

Decent relationships with local community organizations; very little, as a chapter, in terms of good national networking

Is there any way the National Office & Student National VPs can better support your work?

Are all the manuals listed in the "what would be most useful to you" pulldown in existence?
Can we get copies of all those resources?

We also would like to share resources about how other student chapters have coordinated a Disorientation at the beginning of the school year.

Any ideas for how to grow and strengthen the NLG nationally?

Looking forward to TUPOCC's reading resources on critical race theory/outsider jurisprudence



Chapter Name:	Case Western NLG Chapter
Main Contact(s):	Uri Strauss, Class of 2009 uristra@gmail.com
Chapter Stats:	8 Members ~\$500/year
Chapter Website	N/A

Chapter Happenings

- legal observer training
- screening: when the levees broke (fundraiser for people's hurricane relief fund)
- future: week against the death penalty
- talk on "Iraq and Vietnam: how to stop a war"
- John Quigley talk on Israel, Palestine and international law

What is your vision for the NLG at your law school?

An organization that does education and training on law & the people, and challenges the self-serving orthodoxies of law school and the power-serving orthodoxies of the legal industry.

What organizing resource or program would be most useful to your chapter?

Organizing manual ("how to" on events, fundraising, recruiting, etc.)

Does your school have a Loan Repayment Assistance Program? Yes

Does your school offer any courses on civil rights or critical legal studies? Yes

Has your chapter signed on to the TUPOCC manifesto/pledge? No

Describe your relationship with the National Office, any National Committees, NLG students on other campuses, and non-student NLG Members.

In frequent contact with Michel Martinez at the national office. We have a few contacts with Cleveland attorneys and other regional attorneys (from Pittsburgh and Michigan).

Do you work closely with any other groups on campus, locally, or nationally?

We have a good working relationship with the law school's ACS chapter. We work with the catholic student group every year on the death penalty.

Any ideas for how to grow and strengthen the NLG nationally?

Mostly we need to get our own sh*t together.

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Chapter Name: University of Arizona
Main Contact(s): Eric Pavri and Maya Abela, Class of 2009
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Chapter Stats: 67 Members
No annual Budget, we've got about \$250 in an account.
Chapter Website N/A

Chapter Happenings

Lately:

- border human rights march
- legal observers at SOA Watch demonstration at Ft. Huachuca

- collecting donations of clothes and toys for a trip to Imuris orphanage in Sonora on Dec. 16
- three ongoing legal referral clinics

Future:

- continue speaker series
- jointly sponsor speaker from Witness to Innocence Project with Law Students Against the Death Penalty

What is your vision for the NLG at your law school?

Continue to be the catch-all organization that serves as an alternative for a small but active group of politically-progressive students.

What organizing resource or program would be most useful to your chapter?

NLG Street Law Curricula

Does your school have a Loan Repayment Assistance Program? No

Does your school offer any courses on civil rights or critical legal studies? Yes

Has your chapter signed on to the TUPOCC manifesto/pledge? No

FYI - I am not sure about our Chapter's status from previous years related to the TUPOCC manifesto and / or membership...We'd be open to learning more about TUPOCC.

Describe your relationship with the National Office, any National Committees, NLG students on other campuses, and non-student NLG members.

We have a good relationship and regular contact with our local non-student NLG, headed by Paul Gattone. Our main interaction with the national NLG has been via Michel, the student organizer. She has been invariably encouraging and supportive. Most of our contacts with other Guild members and students happened at the Convention in DC.

Do you work closely with any other groups on campus, locally, or nationally?

The main organizations would be the Latino Law Students Association, the Environmental Law Society, and a local NGO called Derechos Humanos (Coalition for Human Rights), among others.

Is there any way the National Office & Student National VPs can better support your work?

I feel that they are generally supportive. I think that our main challenge is just trying to come up with and organize events while balancing the responsibilities of a regular law student. It's important to us that the National Office and Student VPs be available to us when we need their help or advice.

Any ideas for how to grow and strengthen the NLG nationally?

I think that the Guild is on the right track in many ways, but I think that additional visibility of the work of Guild members, identifying themselves as Guild members, is always

a positive. Guild work such as the Guantánamo habeas advocacy, opposition to the Iraq War, or impeachment of the Bush and Cheney could maybe be publicized via media outlets such as Democracy Now or others?

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Chapter Name: University of Illinois
Main Contact(s): Eric Sirota, 2009
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Chapter Stats: 15 Members
\$2000 Budget
Chapter Website N/A

Chapter Happenings

Service activities mostly - tour and service at the Juvenile Detention Center, Service Day with Habitat for Humanity, co-sponsored Angel Tree gifts for children of inmates with the Christian Law Students Association, Health Care Reform Workshop, Co-sponsor service trip to New Orleans over winter break with the Student Hurricane Network. Next semester we are planning know-your-rights workshops with a battered women's shelter and possibly the juvenile detention center. We would also like to bring in a speaker about prison reform.

What is your vision for the NLG at your law school?

I view NLG as a way to get students directly involved in the community, whether through legal pro bono work or other service. I believe this inspires a sense of empathy in students which make them more likely to want to help vulnerable peoples in their practice of law. I would also like to do some more radical political initiatives, but am not sure where to start.

What organizing resource or program would be most useful to your chapter?

NLG Speakers Bureau

Does your school have a Loan Repayment Assistance Program? Yes

Does your school offer any courses on civil rights or critical legal studies? No

Has your chapter signed on to the TUPOCC manifesto/pledge? No

Does your chapter have TUPOCC membership? No

Describe your relationship with the National Office, any National Committees, NLG students on other campuses, and non-student NLG members.

I have had some contact with Michel and have been invited to a regional conference in Wisconsin. We sent reps to the National Conference in DC.

Do you work closely with any other groups on campus, locally, or nationally?

Yes, we work closely with the Student Hurricane Network and have also worked with the Christian Law Students Association, and have many overlapping members with Street Law.

Is there any way the National Office and the Student National VPs can better support your work?

I think we need help finding speakers. The National Office has been helpful in this way, but the more help the better.

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Chapter Name: Chapman Law School
Main Contact(s): Shirley Peng, 2009
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Chapter Stats: 15 Members
\$500 Budget
Chapter Website: <http://chapman.edu/law/students/NLG/>

Chapter Happenings

We had our inaugural meeting the first week of school.

We participated in the national Jena 6 day by tabling in the lobby, informing our classmates what was going on by word of mouth, timelines and posters and giving out stickers supporting the Jena 6.

Our first big event was a speaker event, Peter Young, who talked about being a convicted "Animal Enterprise Terrorist."

We participated in Diversity Week where we had another all day Jena 6 Tabling and co-sponsored with the Minority Law Student Association where we had Professor Broadous, a female African-American ex-District attorney who led a discussion on Jena 6 at lunchtime.

Our very own Professor Lipman also led a discussion on the undocumented immigrants/Walking the line documentary screening one night.

We sold Ben & Jerry's for the diversity week food fair.

We had Professor Dean Spade (activist, attorney and law professor, founder of Sylvia Rivera Law Project (focusing on gender, racial and economic justice) come and speak on Trans Rights and the War on Terror.

We co-sponsored several of our Chapman Dialogues including:

- Debate on Guantánamo Bay: Rule of Law or Rules of War?
- 2nd Amendment & Why It Won't End the Battle Over Guns
- The Role of Ethics & Morality in Capitalist Economies
- The New Model of Public Interest Law
- Social Movements and the Ethical Construction of Law

For next semester, we have a few debates arranged with the Federalist Society. We are planning to screen a Human Trafficking DVD the first week of school. We are also planning to show another documentary "Supreme Injustices". We are also thinking of flyer-ing outside local high schools for the Military Resistance Project. Having a legal observer training and having Jim Lafferty come and talk to the members. We also want to put together a panel with local attorneys who are all about NLG causes.

What is your vision for the NLG at your law school?

Informing my classmates what is going on outside of the OC bubble.

What organizing resource or program would be most useful to your chapter?

Guide to the Guild's famous cases/attorneys

Does your school have a Loan Repayment Assistance Program? Yes

Does your school offer any courses on civil rights or critical legal studies? No

Has your chapter signed on to the TUPOCC manifesto/pledge? No

Does your chapter have TUPOCC membership? No

Describe your relationship with the National Office, any National Committees, NLG students on other campuses, and non-student NLG members.

Since we just started, I think we have a great relationship with the National office. Michel has been amazing. I went to a speaking event that Majorie Cohen was speaking at in South OC and met her. 4 of us went to the Student Activist weekend in LA at Jim Lafferty's home and spent the weekend discussing NLG goals, so our local chapter's relationship is really good too.

Do you work closely with any other groups on campus, locally, or nationally?

We work really closely with Minority Law Student Association and the Public Interest Law Foundation. We also find different areas and co-sponsor with a bunch of other student organizations like Animal Law Society, Family Law Society, Immigration Law Society, etc.

Is there any way the National Office and the Student National VPs can better support your work?

Not that I can think of!

Any ideas for how to grow and strengthen the NLG nationally?

No, it's just very hard for most students in law school to have time to balance school and the cause.

Is there any way the National Office and the Student National VPs can better support your work?

No, everyone's been great!

Additional Comments?

Thank you for everything!

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Chapter Name: NLG Rutgers-Newark
Main Contact(s): Kacy Wiggum, 2009
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Chapter Stats: 30 Members
\$100 Budget/semester
Chapter Website N/A

Chapter Happenings

Led a day of solidarity for Jena Six at the law school where we sold black ribbons and baked goods to raise \$600 for the legal defense fund, hosted Dennis Cunningham who screened Forest for the Trees, screened Doing Justice and Justice is a Constant Struggle, protested JAG with Outlaws, and cosponsored with the Immigrant Rights Collective an ACLU presentation about anti-immigrant ordinances. The next event we have planned is January 15th and will be a discussion about National Security and Civil Liberties.

What is your vision for the NLG at your law school?

It would be great to have an actual budget. \$100 a semester does not even buy pizza for the meetings. Also faculty involvement/administrative support would really help with planning events and driving attendance. Finally, I would like to see more students participating in community initiatives/policy advocacy/direct action.

What organizing resource or program would be most useful to your chapter?

NLG Speakers Bureau

Does your school have a Loan Repayment Assistance Program? Yes

Does your school offer any courses on civil rights or critical legal studies? Yes

Has your chapter signed on to the TUPOCC manifesto/pledge? No

Does your chapter have TUPOCC membership? No

Describe your relationship with the National Office, any National Committees, NLG students on other campuses, and non-student NLG members.

Most of the support we receive is from Michel Martinez, the NLG student organizer, because we are not a staffed chapter.

Do you work closely with any other groups on campus, locally, or nationally?

We are also in touch with Melissa Gertz who is leading the movement to establish an NLG NJ chapter. The only other NLG student group we work with is the NY chapter which is staffed.

Is there any way the National Office and the Student National VPs can better support your work?

It would be great if there was scholarship/funding for students to attend the NLG conference.

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Chapter Name: Peoples College of Law
Main Contact(s): Kevin Breslin, 2009
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Chapter Stats: 3 Members
\$0 Budget
Chapter Website N/A

Chapter Happenings

Scheduled legal observer training.

What is your vision for the NLG at your law school?

Since we were founded by guild members we would like to aid in the continuation of efforts seeking justice and helping people in need. We would also like to expand and recruit among the new students.

What organizing resource or program would be most useful to your chapter?

Does your school have a Loan Repayment Assistance Program? No
Does your school offer any courses on civil rights or critical legal studies? No
Has your chapter signed on to the TUPOCC manifesto/pledge? No.
Does your chapter have TUPOCC membership? Yes

Is there any way the National Office and the Student National VPs can better support your work?

It would be nice for someone to make a visit and explain some of the guild activities. We are also always looking for instructors.

Any ideas for how to grow and strengthen the NLG nationally?

Having just seen the movie The Corporation in our corporations class and seeing Jim Lafferty with the lawyers guild logo really made us feel good. So taking high profile cases and getting the name out there.

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Chapter Name: Pitt Law National Lawyers Guild
Main Contact(s): Rachel Rosnick, 2010 (joint degree program)
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Chapter Stats: 10 Active Members (60 on mailing list)
\$310 Budget [~\$210 increase in Budget from Pitt Student Bar Association, plus supplemental funding grant (\$500) from the

Graduate/Professional Student Association to fund our debate between Marjorie Cohn and Michael Lewis.]

Chapter Website: <http://pittnlg.wordpress.com>

Chapter Happenings

In September, we started the year off hosting a meet and greet between new students and NLG attorneys and had Prof. Lobel give a brief history of the Guild at our Dis-Orientation. We also tabled with a petition and information on the Jena 6 National Day of Outrage. In November, four of us made it to DC for the national convention and we hosted a debate with the Federalist Society between Marjorie Cohn and Michael Lewis on the subject of torture. In December, we handed out HIV testing information and condoms at a busway on World AIDS Day. We also participated in the national student walk-out for the Jena 6 and the Darfur torch relay in October. Our future plans include a talk by Dan Kovalik on the CocaCola/Columbia case he was involved with, trying to host an event with Peter Young on the AETA and trying to host an event with either Seneca Nation on their ongoing suit against the US government over interstates 90 and 68 (or better yet, Lakota Nation - I would die of happiness if I could get someone to come talk about what they're trying to pull off).

What is your vision for the NLG at your law school?

I'd like it to be one of the major student groups on campus - not just at the law school. Motivating law students to do anything is next to impossible and I'd like to form strong partnerships with undergraduate student groups who are much, much more active.

What organizing resource or program would be most useful to your chapter?

NLG Speakers Bureau

Does your school have a Loan Repayment Assistance Program? No, but one is supposedly in the works

Does your school offer any courses on civil rights or critical legal studies? Yes, Prof. Delgado teaches a course on Race, Racism and American Law but I'm not familiar with it.

Has your chapter signed on to the TUPOCC manifesto/pledge? No, but I'm sure we would - how do we sign on?

Does your chapter have TUPOCC membership? No, unfortunately.

Describe your relationship with the National Office, any National Committees, NLG students on other campuses, and non-student NLG members.

We've developed strong connections with NLG lawyers in Pittsburgh this year, thanks mostly in part to the meet and greet we held in September. The only other law school in the city does not have an NLG chapter (Duquesne).

Do you work closely with any other groups on campus, locally, or nationally?

We're trying to work with undergraduate groups - we participated in the undergraduate Darfur group's event and the city-wide student walk-out for the Jena 6. I'd like to work on a

city/campus wide Jena 6 event sometime in the spring with all of these groups if at all possible.

Is there any way the National Office and the Student National VPs can better support your work?

Not that I can think of!

Any ideas for how to grow and strengthen the NLG nationally?

I think having a national student website would be extremely beneficial: lists of speakers, important dates, chapter contacts and websites, organizing materials, etc, etc.

Additional Comments?

Thank you, Michel, for being awesome! Seriously, it warms our little hearts when we get e-mails from you. You're the best.



Chapter Name: Western State University College of Law
Main Contact(s): Arabelle Malinis, 2008
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Chapter Stats: 15 Members
Budget: \$400- \$600 /year
Chapter Website: TWEN- Westlaw but currently unavailable

Chapter Happenings

Careers in Public Interest Law, Anti-Death Penalty Campaign, LRAP, Immigration Rights, forums on environmental issues

What is your vision for the NLG at your law school?

For law students to be involved in social justice work in the community and someday build strong alliances with community organizations. To establish legal clinic where folks can get free legal advice.

What organizing resource or program would be most useful to your chapter?

How to win an LRAP Campaign

Does your school have a Loan Repayment Assistance Program? No

Does your school offer any courses on civil rights or critical legal studies? Yes

Has your chapter signed on to the TUPOCC manifesto/pledge? Yes

Does your chapter have TUPOCC membership? Yes

Describe your relationship with the National Office, any National Committees, NLG students on other campuses, and non-student NLG members.

Great relationship with NLG-LA and TUPOCC members in Southern California

Do you work closely with any other groups on campus, locally, or nationally?

Yes- last year we worked with NLG at Whittier and OC Recruitment Awareness Project.

Is there any way the National Office and the Student National VPs can better support your work?

Create a network of progressive attorneys and legal workers who are willing to come to our campus and speak to the students.

Any ideas for how to grow and strengthen the NLG nationally?

Work with progressive youth organizations especially at high school and college levels. Also, working with community leaders and community organizations on a continuous basis by inviting them to our meetings and attending their meetings.

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Chapter Name: University of Wisconsin Law School
Main Contact(s): Sarah Erlinder, 2009 & Paul Burant, 2009
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Chapter Stats: 15-20 Active Members
\$800 from the school, plus our own fundraising efforts.
Chapter Website: www.hosted.law.wisc.edu/nlg

Chapter Happenings

This fall we had speakers including Len Weinglass, Gitmo attorney Brent Mickum and animal activist/"terrorist" Peter Young. We also did some fundraising like a bake sale and good progress toward a spring t-shirt sale which will be superawesome. We had 3 meetings this fall, and we had community guests at each- a discussion about the Cuban 5, a presentation about volunteer opportunities in immigration detention centers and opportunities to provide referrals and information to the local homeless community. We're also excited to host the Midwest regional this spring!

What is your vision for the NLG at your law school?

Continue to host programming on social justice issues, but perhaps even more importantly- create a community in which people who want to work for people and do social justice work feel supported, and not totally insane like can happen in the rest of the school.

Describe your relationship with the National Office, any National Committees, NLG students on other campuses, and non-student NLG members.

We have contacts with NLG "grown ups" in the community, but not a lot. Most of our contact with NLG students on other campuses based on personal friendships, but we'd like to grow our relationship with Marquette.

Do you work closely with any other groups on campus, locally, or nationally?

We've co-hosted events with other law, grad and undergrad groups, but don't work "closely" with them. There is a lot of crossover between NLG and Student Hurricane Network as well as Public Interest Law Foundation and identify-based groups like APALSA-SALSA, LLSA, BLSA, at least in terms of members.

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Chapter Name: BLS-NLG
Main Contact(s): Beth Baltimore, 2008 & Melissa Brennan, 2007
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Chapter Stats: 15 Members
\$4,335 Budget
Chapter Website N/A

Chapter Happenings

Fall 2007:

- Welcome Back BBQ
- Screening of "911: Dust and Deceit at the World Trade Center" with Joel Kupferman
- Burma: A Human Rights Crisis
- Jena 6 Event
- Legal Observer Training
- Peter Young & Behind the Mask Screening
- Screening of "On the Edge: The Femicide in Ciudad Juarez" with remarks by Coco Fusco.
- Transgender Legal Rights in NY with Pauline Park of NYAGRA
- NYC - Citywide Disorientation
- Lunch with a Professor to discuss finding a faculty advisor (we still don't have one)
- National Convention
- Study Break & Screening of Justice is a Constant Struggle

Plans for the Spring:

- LRAP
- Anti-War Committee
- Race and the Law Conference - February 2008
- Gentrification and Community Development in Brooklyn, co-sponsored with the BLS-ACLU (focusing on gentrification in Bushwick, the changes in the Fulton Mall, and community development issues)
- Party/Fundraiser for Color of Change in Support of the Jena 6 defense team, co-sponsored with the BLS-ACLU

What organizing resource or program would be most useful to your chapter?

How to set up an NLG Mentoring Program

Does your school have a Loan Repayment Assistance Program? Yes, but it's undergoing changes because of the CCRAA.

Does your school offer any courses on civil rights or critical legal studies? Yes

Race and the Law (offered for the first time this semester)

Clinics: <http://www.brooklaw.edu/academic/clinics/geninfo.php>

Has your chapter signed on to the TUPOCC manifesto/pledge? Yes

Does your chapter have TUPOCC membership? Yes

Describe your relationship with the National Office, any National Committees, NLG students on other campuses, and non-student NLG members.

We've developed much closer relationships with the other NYC area law students over the past couple of years. We had a citywide disorientation party and a dinner with chapter contacts from all of the NYC law schools and members of the NYC EC and the NO.

We have had BLS students on the EC of the NYC Chapter for the past 2 years and many of us have worked or are working with NYC-NLG attorneys. Jessica Spector is an intern with Joel Kupferman and the EJ Rep for BLS.

We <3 Michel and the NO. Everyone has always been very responsive and has helped with whatever we've needed!

Do you work closely with any other groups on campus, locally, or nationally?

We've co-sponsored events with the BLS Chapters of the ACLU, SHN, BLSA, SALDF, Legal Association of Women, OutLaws, Christian Legal Society, International Law Society, but do not have a close relationship with any of the student groups.

Any ideas for how to grow and strengthen the NLG nationally?

Maybe some nationally coordinated campaigns that increases visibility of activist lawyering while in law school - maybe working with professors somehow? Or some kind of internship bank, which could help with a mentorship program, but also give students specific projects with which they could get involved on an ongoing basis.

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Chapter Name: Temple University/Philadelphia

Main Contact(s): Rebekah Horowitz, 2009
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Chapter Stats: 25 Members
\$600 Budget:

Chapter Website N/A

Chapter Happenings

We are doing a week against the death penalty; an immigration forum and taking people to the rebellious lawyers conference. We are hoping to have a potluck (or two) and some happy hours as well as other things that we come up with once we are back in school.

What is your vision for the NLG at your law school?

To be a real alternative for students that are interested in law for social justice- both for people who want to do public interest and don't. And both as a social network as well as for career networking.

Does your school have a Loan Repayment Assistance Program? Yes

Does your school offer any courses on civil rights or critical legal studies? Yes

Has your chapter signed on to the TUPOCC manifesto/pledge? No

Does your chapter have TUPOCC membership? No

Describe your relationship with the National Office, any National Committees, NLG students on other campuses, and non-student NLG members.

Interact with the Philadelphia chapter as well as some with the student chapters on other local campuses and nationally.

Do you work closely with any other groups on campus, locally, or nationally?

We work with the student public interest network as well as the black law student association and the Temple democrats

Any ideas for how to grow and strengthen the NLG nationally?

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Chapter Name: NLG Student Chapter at UCLA

Main Contact(s): Mike Weinstein, 2008
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Chapter Stats: 20 Members
Undetermined Budget

Chapter Website N/A

Chapter Happenings

For the spring semester three events are planned:

- (1) Legal Observer Training. Est. Date - 2.15.08.
- (2) Public Interest Fair Lobbying. Est. Date - 2.2.08
- (3) SDADP. Est. Date - TBD (have we determined what day to hold SDADP this year?)

What is your vision for the NLG at your law school?

This year we hope to

- Get students more involved in Guild activities;
- Foster mentor/mentee relationships between Guild attys and students
- Build a stronger relationship with the LA Chapter

What organizing resource or program would be most useful to your chapter?

NLG Street Law Curricula

Does your school have a Loan Repayment Assistance Program? No

Does your school offer any courses on civil rights or critical legal studies? Yes

Has your chapter signed on to the TUPOCC manifesto/pledge? No

Does your chapter have TUPOCC membership? No

Describe your relationship with the National Office, any National Committees, NLG students on other campuses, and non-student NLG members.

Cursory relationship at best. Few of our members are involved with any organizations located outside of LA and (to my knowledge) no member is actively involved in any programs of national magnitude.

Do you work closely with any other groups on campus, locally, or nationally?

No. However, many of the Guild students are enrolled in UCLA's Critical Race Studies program. While no formal coalition has yet been formed, we (the UCLA chapter) have been discussing forming one.

Is there any way the National Office and the Student National VPs can better support your work?

Not at the moment.

Additional Comments?

Can you send more information about TUPOCC and SDADP?



Chapter Name: Widener National Lawyers Guild Student Chapter

Main Contact(s): Lorraine Gordon, 2009
lorrainegordon@mail.widener.edu

Chapter Stats: 10 Members
\$200.00 Budget

Chapter Website: N/A

Chapter Happenings

We just started this year! We have had a general meeting and film screening about "Freedom Summer" to get everyone pumped about student activism and social change. Yay! We're planning a legal observer training and a street law project for the fall.

What is your vision for the NLG at your law school?

I'd like it to be the main bastion of student activism at widener. I focussed group with a clear message and commitment to social change. (Many public interest groups have muted messages here)

What organizing resource or program would be most useful to your chapter?

NLG Street Law Curricula

Does your school have a Loan Repayment Assistance Program? Yes

Does your school offer any courses on civil rights or critical legal studies? Yes

Has your chapter signed on to the TUPOCC manifesto/pledge? No

Does your chapter have TUPOCC membership? No

Describe your relationship with the National Office, any National Committees, NLG students on other campuses, and non-student NLG members.

I have a really good relationship with my local Philadelphia chapter office (Carrie Ritter is the best!). I know a few NLG members from Temple- Danielle! I have a good relationship with her and our local ACLU in Philadelphia.

Do you work closely with any other groups on campus, locally, or nationally?

Yes. The ACLU and a program called the Law and Inequality Project.

Is there any way the National Office and the Student National VPs can better support your work?

Not yet!

Any ideas for how to grow and strengthen the NLG nationally?

High School participants!



Chapter Name: NLG King Hall

Main Contact(s): Deborah Gettleman, 2009

ddgettleman@ucdavis.edu

Chapter Stats: 40 Members

\$1000 Budget

Chapter Website: <http://students.law.ucdavis.edu/NLG/index.shtml>

Chapter Happenings

We had a legal observer training in the fall and we are now planning a week-long series of events under the theme "the Changing Face of the Civil Rights Movement." With panels discussing the work of civil rights attorneys, the immigrant rights movement, the queer rights movement, and the effects of poverty on our civil rights. The week will end with a "know your rights" training.

What is your vision for the NLG at your law school?

My goal with NLG at King Hall is to get students active in the community. Law school does so little to actually prepare you to use your law degree to effect change, our hope is that the NLG can step in and facilitate that happening

What organizing resource or program would be most useful to your chapter?

NLG Street Law Curricula

Does your school have a Loan Repayment Assistance Program? Yes

Does your school offer any courses on civil rights or critical legal studies? Yes

Has your chapter signed on to the TUPOCC manifesto/pledge? Yes

Does your chapter have TUPOCC membership? Yes

Describe your relationship with the National Office, any National Committees, NLG students on other campuses, and non-student NLG members.

We have NLG king hall members who are active with the NLG Sac chapter that was recently formed.

Is there any way the National Office and the Student National VPs can better support your work?

Perhaps in the NLG newsletters you can devote one page to showcasing the work of NLG chapters at various law schools. That way we can appreciate the work of our comrades but also get ideas on how else to get active and be effective in our school communities

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Chapter Name: Lewis & Clark Law School

Main Contact(s): Becky Straus, 2009

straus@lclark.edu

Chapter Stats: 40 Members

\$3000 Budget

Chapter Website <http://law.lclark.edu/org/nlg/>

Chapter Happenings

mentor program, radical lawyer speaker series, animal rights activist speaking event, day of solidarity with the Jena 6, legal observing, campaign to encourage high school youth to "opt-out" of the military holding their personal information, and staffed a GI Rights

Hotline. Future: Bernadine Mellis's "The Forest for the Trees", regional "build the Guild" meeting with Oregon student chapters, Day Against the Death Penalty, and more

What is your vision for the NLG at your law school?

That we continue to attract law students who are looking for inspiration and an outlet for their social justice passions.

What organizing resource or program would be most useful to your chapter?

NLG Street Law Curricula

Does your school have a Loan Repayment Assistance Program? Yes

Does your school offer any courses on civil rights or critical legal studies? No

Has your chapter signed on to the TUPOCC manifesto/pledge? No

Does your chapter have TUPOCC membership? No

Describe your relationship with the National Office, any National Committees, NLG students on other campuses, and non-student NLG members.

After meeting at the Convention, we will be doing outreach to other Oregon law school chapters this semester. We have a strong relationship with the Portland chapter, many of whom hold National Committee positions.

Do you work closely with any other groups on campus, locally, or nationally?

We have partnered with the Environmental Justice and Multicultural groups on campus. Some students are members of groups in Portland such as Recruiter Watch PDX, PDX Peace, Portland Legal Defense Network, Resistance Against Genetic Engineering, and others.

Is there any way the National Office and the Student National VPs can better support your work?

From my perspective they do a great job already.

Additional Comments?

Thank you for your always helpful support!



Chapter Name:	Stanford Law School
Main Contact(s):	Eunice Cho, 2009 eunice.cho@stanford.edu
Chapter Stats:	5 Members \$1000 Budget (up to the administration)
Chapter Website	N/A

Chapter Happenings

Co-sponsored the Shaking the Foundations conference at Stanford law School; hosted a workshop on legal observing; social outings; film nights.

What is your vision for the NLG at your law school?

NLG is very small at SLS, partly due to the fact that SLS is a small and somewhat center-to-right leaning school. Most of the liberals join ACS, because of access to info about clerkships (what motivates a lot of students here.) Basically, we'd like to expand NLG and help to support the few radical students at SLS.

What organizing resource or program would be most useful to your chapter?

NLG Guide to Public Interest Law Schools, jobs, etc.

Does your school have a Loan Repayment Assistance Program? Yes

Does your school offer any courses on civil rights or critical legal studies? No

Has your chapter signed on to the TUPOCC manifesto/pledge? No

Does your chapter have TUPOCC membership? Yes

Describe your relationship with the National Office, any National Committees, NLG students on other campuses, and non-student NLG members.

We've worked a bit with the SF NLG on events and workshops

Do you work closely with any other groups on campus, locally, or nationally?

Not really...

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Chapter Name: University of San Francisco School of Law
Main Contact(s): Shawna Casebier and Andrew Younkins
Chapter Stats: 10 Members
Approximately Budget \$400 per semester
Chapter Website N/A

Chapter Happenings

FALL 2007 ACHIEVEMENTS

1. First general membership meeting to recruit students; screening of "Justice is a Constant Struggle"
2. Co-sponsored multi-group BBQ social with PILF and others
3. Co-sponsored Bar Night with HELPO
4. Helped plan and participate in 39th Annual Progressive Lawyering Day
5. Co-sponsored speaker on sex worker rights in the Phillipines with PALS
6. Sent 3 board members to 70th annual NLG Convention in D.C.
7. Hosted Dennis Cunningham, Esq. as speaker at "Forest for the Trees" screening
8. Co-sponsored speaker Peter Young on animal rights with SALDF

9. Co-sponsored film screening of "Death of a President" with ACS
10. Raised \$150 through candy gram sales
11. Hooked a few people up with NLG mentors
12. Went to SF NLG Board meetings

SPRING 2008 PLANS

1. Jena 6 event in February
2. Day against Death Penalty in March
3. Legal observer training
4. Anti-racism training?
5. Immigrants rights event

What is your vision for the NLG at your law school?

1. More sustained campaign work v. isolate events
2. Recruit more members
3. Have two general meetings to recruit and retain members
4. Connect people to local committee work, i.e. immigration committee
5. Get folks involve with PLD
6. Get folks mentors and hook them up with progressive internships
7. Involve members more in leadership and planning

Does your school have a Loan Repayment Assistance Program? Yes

Does your school offer any courses on civil rights or critical race theory? Yes

Has your chapter signed on to the TUPOCC manifesto? No, but we should and will!

Does your chapter have TUPOCC membership? Yes, 1 active member but need more

Describe your relationship with the National Office, any National Committees, NLG students on other campuses, and non-student NLG members:

USF has a great relationship with N.O. Student Organizer Michel Martinez, and its board members are actively involved in the Immigration Committee, Anti-Racism Committee, TUPOCC, Mentorship Committee, and Anti-Sexism Committee. We also have a good working relationship with all the SF NLG staff members an local SF NLG board members. We work with NLG student organizers at GGU and New College, primarily on Progressive Lawyering Day. We are all involved in other student groups at USF and like to co-sponsor events and cross-support other groups on and off campus.

Of the following outreach pieces, program guides, Guild resources, which would be the most helpful to you/your chapter?

Organizing toolkit. We need to get more students involved in the Guild. Information as to how the Guild can enhance students' and practitioners' careers could be helpful.

Do you work closely with any other groups on campus, locally, or nationally?

We have co-sponsored campus events with EJS, PILF, SALDF, and PALS. We are planning a Jena 6 event with BLSA and undergraduate professors. We are all also involved in other NLG allied and other community based groups locally and nationally.

Is there any way the National Office and the Student National VPs can better support your work?

Keep Michel happy so she keeps doing a great job. Maybe more LRAP support because we really need that. Sustain communication from SNVPs on issues all student organizers will work on throughout the year.

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Chapter Name: Santa Clara University School of Law (SCU-NLG)
Main Contact(s): Rachel Leff-Kich, 2010
rachel.leffkich@gmail.com
Chapter Stats: Expecting 15-20 Members
Unknown Budget at this point
Chapter Website: Coming soon!

Chapter Happenings

We are just starting. I am planning the first meeting, which I'm hoping to have in early Feb. We are co-hosting an NLG Legal Observer training with the SCU-ACLU this month,

What is your vision for the NLG at your law school?

SCU is known for our commitment to social justice, and as such has many avenues already for public interest work. SCU-NLG hopes to work with the other SCU groups such as the Public Interest/Social Justice Coalition and the ACLU, as well as act as a liaison between the SF chapter of the NLG and SCU students who want to be involved with local NLG causes and events.

Of the following outreach pieces, program guides, Guild resources, which would be the most helpful to you/your chapter?

Organizing manual ("how to" on events, fundraising, recruiting, etc.)

Does your school have a Loan Repayment Assistance Program? I think so.

Does your school offer any courses on civil rights or critical race theory? Yes. Race and Law, Critical Race Theory, and others.

Has your chapter signed on to the TUPOCC manifesto? No, I don't know what it is, but we are interested in it.

Describe your relationship with the National Office, any National Committees, NLG students on other campuses, and non-student NLG members.

We are hoping to have events with Stanford's chapter and attend many of the SF chapter's events and join the SF chapter's committees. As we are just starting our scope is relatively limited, but we are definitely interested in forming relationships with any of the above groups/people.

Do you work closely with any other groups on campus, locally, or nationally?

The PISJ Coalition at SCU, the SCU-ACLU and hoping to be involved with other campus organizations. Possibly the ONE Campaign to eradicate hunger.

Is there any way the National Office and the Student National VPs can better support your work?

Yes! I have asked for materials to distribute at our first meeting ~ flyers, brochures, newsletters. That would be really helpful.

Any ideas for how to grow and strengthen the NLG nationally?

Not yet...but we WILL respond to this question at a later date. :)

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Chapter Name: CU-Boulder School of Law
Main Contact(s): Jeff Rezmovic, jrezmovic@gmail.com
Evan Apeal, evanapel@hotmail.com
Chapter Stats: ~ 10 active Members, (including the board) and 50+ who regularly attend our events
Chapter Website N/A

Chapter Happenings

What we're into: (events we either have done this year or plan to do this semester)
Speakers = Father of John Walker Lindh - American Taliban, also a lawyer to discuss his son's case, Judge Kane to discuss culture of privacy in judicial branch, Professor Burkette to talk about environmental justice, Professor Calhoun to talk about state of Habeas and Gitmo, lawyer for Professor Winston Churchill to discuss his present lawsuit against CU

Events: Know your rights event and training, legal observer training, protester's rights, debate about "free speech" zone, Death Penalty Week, theatrical performance on famous asylum case "De Novo", citizenship drives, screening of "Grass" as introduction to failure of war on drugs, panel to discuss retroactivity of changes in powder/crack cocaine disparity, panel of successful, local NLG lawyers

Coordination:

We have a good relationship with the other Colorado law school chapter of NLG at DU law in Denver- plans to coordinate some events. We also have a good relationship with the regional Denver NLG ~ they have provided speakers and support for our chapter to attend the national conference (Thom Cincotta has been wonderful!)

Our vision:

The purpose of our NLG is to allow students who are motivated to do public interest law to have an organization with enough latitude for them to pursue a variety of different issues. We allow our members to set the priorities for the chapter based on interest. We

also try to be an organization that proves that you can do public interest law and still be a normal, productive member of society (for some reason the opposite viewpoint is prevalent at our school).

National support:

We like to know who to contact at national with concerns but prefer to operate as independently as possible. Still, I think that the NLG has done a good job giving just the right amount of support and has always been there when I've had a question. As for strengthening the national org., I rather like the decentralized nature of the NLG and am not sure that more integration is necessary since I think that is how a national org. comes to dominate its chapters. Just my two cents.

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Chapter Name: William and Mary School of Law
Main Contact(s): Alan Kennedy-Shaffer, 2009
axkenn@wm.edu
Chapter Stats: 1 + a couple of lukewarm Members
\$0 Budget, with funding application pending
Chapter Website N/A

Chapter Happenings

I registered our chapter as an official student organization at the law school and submitted a funding application to the corrupt, undemocratic student government. But I have lots of ideas... Several of us at are trying to revive the ACLU chapter and that effort will be underway soon.

What is your vision for the NLG at your law school?

Due to my prominent position on the law school newspaper and involvement in Phi Alpha Delta, I am hoping that we will soon get off the ground and will certainly have the ability to publicize the chapter within the school. I want speakers, marches, rallies...

Of the following outreach pieces, program guides, Guild resources, which would be the most helpful to you/your chapter?

NLG Speakers Bureau

Does your school have a Loan Repayment Assistance Program? No..

Does your school offer any courses on civil rights or critical race theory? No.

Has your chapter signed on to the TUPOCC manifesto? No.

Does your chapter have TUPOCC membership? No.

Describe your relationship with the National Office, any National Committees, NLG students on other campuses, and non-student NLG members.

Great relationship with Michel Martinez, to whom I was introduced via the Center for Constitutional Rights.

Do you work closely with any other groups on campus, locally, or nationally?

Not yet-but I would like to work with Phi Alpha Delta, I already write for the law school newspaper, and our Democratic group (which nominally has two dozen members but is pretty much inactive).

Is there any way the National Office and the Student National VPs can better support your work?

Perhaps we could discuss ways to get the chapter off the ground, considering the largely conservative (and apathetic) law student body.

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Chapter Name: Penn Chapter of the NLG

Main Contact(s): Laura Paley, 2009
paley@law.upenn.edu

Chapter Stats: 5 Members
\$0 Budget

Chapter Website: N/A

Chapter Happenings

Our chapter was just re-started this school year. We haven't done much yet. Last semester we had a casual lunch for 1Ls interested in public interest so they could meet some of the 2Ls and 3Ls who are going into public interest after graduation. This semester we are planning a film series. Hopefully we will also have a speaker at some point later in the semester.

What is your vision for the NLG at your law school?

Well, at the moment there is not a lot of interest at our school. Our school is so corporate and people don't seem to care about much. So our goal for this semester is to get our name out there with our film series. Hopefully that will draw people in. And then perhaps host a debate with the Federalist Society.

What organizing resource or program would be most useful to your chapter?

NLG Speakers Bureau

Does your school have a Loan Repayment Assistance Program? Yes

Has your chapter signed on to the TUPOCC manifesto/pledge? No

Does your chapter have TUPOCC membership? No

Describe your relationship with the National Office, any National Committees, NLG students on other campuses, and non-student NLG members.

We are in touch with Steve Gotzler and Carrie Ritter of the Philly chapter of the NLG. They have been very supportive and have offered us any help we may need. They actually came to our first meeting last semester and Steve ran it.

Do you work closely with any other groups on campus, locally, or nationally?

Not yet.

Is there any way the National Office and the Student National VPs can better support your work?

A list of speakers would be fantastic.

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Chapter Name: University of Minnesota
Main Contact(s): Katherine Belzowski, 2009
belzo010@umn.edu
Chapter Stats: 16 Members
\$0 Budget
Chapter Website: N/A

Chapter Happenings

NLG Attorneys came in discussed the work they do. Upcoming is training as legal observers for the RNC.

What is your vision for the NLG at your law school?

Bigger, Better, Super Active!

What organizing resource or program would be most useful to your chapter?

How to set up an immigration court-watching program

Does your school have a Loan Repayment Assistance Program? No

Does your school offer any courses on civil rights or critical legal studies? Yes

Has your chapter signed on to the TUPOCC manifesto/pledge? No

Does your chapter have TUPOCC membership? No

Describe your relationship with the National Office, any National Committees, NLG students on other campuses, and non-student NLG members.

I get a ton of emails and feel super connected and really well informed about current NLG issues and events.

Do you work closely with any other groups on campus, locally, or nationally?

Not yet but hopefully in the future.

Is there any way the National Office and the Student National VPs can better support your work?

I don't think so at this point. Maybe in the future when we are more active.

Any ideas for how to grow and strengthen the NLG nationally?

I don't have a good enough idea about the status of NLG nationally to make any real good suggestions. I'm new to the scene :)

Additional Comments?

THANK YOU MICHEL FOR YOUR HARD WORK!



Chapter Name: Suffolk Law School
Main Contact(s): Anthony Naro, 2008
anthony.naro@gmail.com
Chapter Stats: 5-7 Members
\$1500
Chapter Website: N/A

Chapter Happenings

Currently working to put together a panel on Trying Murder Cases in Massachusetts. May be doing a Genocide event with other groups at school. Last semester held an event on Wrongful Convictions (see: http://www.492cafe.org/video/2007_11_16-convictions/). Have held some street law clinic trainings re: civil liberties.

What is your vision for the NLG at your law school?

We try to keep the branch alive, introduce students to the NLG, get the students involved with MA NLG activities, hold valuable events at Suffolk for greater Boston community and Suffolk Law students.

What organizing resource or program would be most useful to your chapter?

NLG Guide to Public Interest Law Schools, jobs, etc.

Does your school have a Loan Repayment Assistance Program? Yes

Does your school offer any courses on civil rights or critical legal studies? Please describe. Yes

Has your chapter signed on to the TUPOCC manifesto/pledge? No

Does your chapter have TUPOCC membership? No

Describe your relationship with the National Office, any National Committees, NLG students on other campuses, and non-student NLG members.

Involved mainly with MA branch. Co-sponsor events with groups like Black law Students Association, ACLU, and ACS

Do you work closely with any other groups on campus, locally, or nationally?

See above

Is there any way the National Office and the Student National VPs can better support your work?

Not that I can think of. Good job so far!

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Chapter Name: CalWestern
Main Contact(s): Rachel MacCratic, 2011
ms.rachelness@gmail.com
Chapter Stats: 20 active Members, 40 enlisted
\$0 Budget
Chapter Website: N/A

Chapter Happenings

Last trimester we trained on how to do legal observation and provided support for the NoBorderCamp. This trimester we are taking a tour of the maquilas and visiting the CITTAC.

What is your vision for the NLG at your law school?

I would like to grow it, then ferret out the relevant social movements in our city.

What organizing resource or program would be most useful to your chapter?

How to win an LRAP Campaign

Does your school have a Loan Repayment Assistance Program? Yes

Does your school offer any courses on civil rights or critical legal studies? No

Has your chapter signed on to the TUPOCC manifesto/pledge? No

Does your chapter have TUPOCC membership? No

Describe your relationship with the National Office, any National Committees, NLG students on other campuses, and non-student NLG members.

Well, Michel is great and so is Kate Yavenditti. Um, Marjorie pointed us in the right direction in getting started, which was cool. Our advisor, Prof. Garcia, is busy but warm. We put in some input for the Southwestern Regional Conference, but it's scheduled a week before finals. E.feon Cobb, Brett, and Troy, of USD are pleasant, though their NLG chapter has languished. Kate Russell and the new Thomas Jefferson president have been great and we're putting on a showing of Young, Jewish, and Left, with them.

Do you work closely with any other groups on campus, locally, or nationally?

We work closely with the Jewish Student Union, the Middle Eastern Law Students' Association, Pride Law, La Raza, PILF, and Amnesty International. My goals for coalition

building include building relationships with our African American student organization, the Environmental Law kids, the International Law kids, and I've already gotten commitments from our Business Law Society to come down to the CITTAC with us, which I think is amazing. I would like to have the Federalist Society in the future, as well. We've thrown in occasional support for the California Innocence Project in conjunction with Hillel.

We've been working with anarchist affinity groups, and with the CITTAC, so far. We've been running ourselves horizontally, which allows for lots of ideas, and Heather's son Sonny running around at meetings. We do have one ISO member in the chapter. She was a little attached to Robert's rules of order, but has come around.

Is there any way the National Office and the Student National VPs can better support your work?

You know, I know Michel, but I didn't know we had National VPs; awesome for them. I am sure they are intensely neat, like Bobby. Our LRAP fund is tiny at my school. Once we get the LRAP campaign info, Bobby, could you make some suggestions for how to grow the fund. ^_^

Any ideas for how to grow and strengthen the NLG nationally?

How do we grow? I like the idea of being involved with movements that are most relevant to our community space. For San Diego, that means galvanizing students by exposing them personally to the impact of policies of militarization and free trade by not allowing them to hide in condos in La Jolla or downtown. The NLG has it easy, in one regard, in that there are campaigns and movements in existence already, organized and waiting to benefit from whichever of our resources they're comfortable using. For the NLG to successfully be associated with those movements, we can invite more kids to come with us on excursions, and to support other organizations that provide legal support and aid in administrative law to the indigent. I guess this question is more about how to grow the lefty legal profession associated population than the lefty population at large, right? I think those that work in law and its ancillary fields may be more prone to dehumanize the suffering of others by virtue of desensitization by persistent exposure or a buffer of class ascension/unperturbed superiority and I think undoing some of that with community work in direct contact with needy populations would grow our numbers and sympathizers.



Chapter Name:	Pace Law
Main Contact(s):	Amanda Johns, 2009 ajohns@law.pace.edu
Chapter Stats:	2 Members \$0 Budget
Chapter Website:	N/A

Chapter Happenings

Legal observer training, attending Reblaw, program on Burma, and a know-your-rights seminar (hopefully in conjunction with local socialist group and our school immigration clinic)

What is your vision for the NLG at your law school?

A solid group of a few people who can put together informative events to attract other members let Pace students know there are other radical lawyers

Does your school have a Loan Repayment Assistance Program? Yes

Does your school offer any courses on civil rights or critical legal studies? Yes

Has your chapter signed on to the TUPOCC manifesto/pledge? No

Does your chapter have TUPOCC membership? No

Describe your relationship with the National Office, any National Committees, NLG students on other campuses, and non-student NLG members.

We are very new, looking to establish relationships

Do you work closely with any other groups on campus, locally, or nationally?

The animal law group and the women's law group

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Chapter Name: Northwestern Law

Main Contact(s): David Lin, 2009

d.lin2009@law.northwestern.edu

Chapter Stats: 7-10 Members

\$0 Budget

Chapter Website: www.law.northwestern.edu/nlg

Chapter Happenings

We hosted a speaker event where Prof. Francis Boyle and Bill Goodman spoke. We also worked with the New Americans Initiative to train students to help immigrants through the naturalization process.

We tried to coordinate with the Chicago NLG to set up some legal observer trainings and with the DePaul NLG to perform Know Your Rights trainings, but that hasn't worked out so far.

What is your vision for the NLG at your law school?

My vision of the NU NLG chapter was not too ambitious. I just wanted to set up programs that would keep people in the community informed of their rights and have law students help insure that people could actually invoke those rights (e.g. KYR, Legal Observations, Citizenship workshops). I also wanted work with other student groups on

campus to keep the community abreast of current events in the field of human rights and civil rights.

What organizing resource or program would be most useful to your chapter?

Organizing manual (“how to” on events, fundraising, recruiting, etc.)

Does your school have a Loan Repayment Assistance Program? Yes

Does your school offer any courses on civil rights or critical legal studies? Yes

Has your chapter signed on to the TUPOCC manifesto/pledge? No

Does your chapter have TUPOCC membership? No

Describe your relationship with the National Office, any National Committees, NLG students on other campuses, and non-student NLG members.

We have put on one event with the Chicago NLG Chapter, the Bill Goodman and Francis Boyle event. We have tried to enlist their help numerous times to get a legal observer trainer or a KYR trainer here, but nothing came of it.

Additional Comments/Concerns/Questions

I never set up regular meetings with "members," or really put forth any kind of agenda. Generally, I just put on events and sent out general e-mails to see who in the law school at large was interested in coming. This is partially because we have no money, and partially because I just don't lead well.

I have worked with Joe Marguiles, Locke Bowman, and Maria Lahood, along with numerous other students, through the clinic here on matters pertaining to what the NLG is all about. I think that there are a lot of people here interested in doing legal work on issues which the NLG promotes, but few people here interested in the activism side. Also, I am not knowledgeable on how to coordinate activist events.

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Chapter Name: Fordham University Law

Main Contact(s): Zaid Hydari, 2009
hydari@law.fordham.edu

Chapter Stats: 12 Members
\$750/year Budget

Chapter Website: <http://law.fordham.edu/ihtml/sa-2groupdetailsPP.ihtml?id=602&sid=34&template=sa>

Chapter Happenings

1. Solidarity campaign with Fordham Security guards - who are currently subcontracted by the university and represented by a company union. We have been very active in fighting for a change in contractor and a change in union. Details to follow, hopefully, in a Guild Note submission.

2. LRAP reform project - to increase and expand Fordham's existing LRAP.

What is your vision for the NLG at your law school?

To continuously challenge the university to maintain respectful working conditions for all employees and service providers. To ensure that progressive-minded students have a forum for their thoughts and energy and to feel that they have a support group. To provide incentives to those students going into public interest work. To support other civil/human rights' campaigns in the city.

What organizing resource or program would be most useful to your chapter?

How to set up an immigration court-watching program

Does your school have a Loan Repayment Assistance Program? Yes

Does your school offer any courses on civil rights or critical legal studies? Yes

Has your chapter signed on to the TUPOCC manifesto/pledge? No

Does your chapter have TUPOCC membership? No

Describe your relationship with the National Office, any National Committees, NLG students on other campuses, and non-student NLG members.

We have a relationship with the NYC chapter - they have provided us with LO training and we try to send LO's out sometimes.

Do you work closely with any other groups on campus, locally, or nationally?

We partner with the Latin American Law Students Association at Fordham and Black Law Students Association too.

Is there any way the National Office and the Student National VPs can better support your work?

We need better communication. Mainly our fault.

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Chapter Name: Arizona State University

Main Contact(s): Eric Templeton, 2008
eric.templeton@asu.edu

Chapter Stats: 7 members
No budget, but access to discretionary funds

Chapter Website: nlgasu.com

Chapter Happenings (Events lately? Future plans? Campaigns you are working on?)

1/29 held a panel discussion on the AZ employer sanctions law which would (it is enjoined temporarily) revoke business licenses of businesses that hire undocumented workers
We are coordinating with the AZ chapter of the ACLU to give law students the opportunity to help out on AzCLU cases.

We plan to have another panel discussion about local human rights villain Sherrif Joe Arpaio.

What is your vision for the NLG at your law school?

I want it to be a place where students interested in progressive causes and social justice can get together. I want to promote an alternative view on the purpose and possibilities of legal education from the standard one. I'd like us to be an active and efficacious force in the law school and the community on the issues of interest to our members.

What organizing resource or program would be most useful to your chapter?

Organizing manual ("how to" on events, fundraising, recruiting, etc.)

- Does your school have a Loan Repayment Assistance Program? Yes
Does your school offer any courses on civil rights or critical legal studies? Yes
Has your chapter signed on to the TUPOCC manifesto/pledge? No
Does your chapter have TUPOCC membership? No

Describe your relationship with the National Office, any National Committees, NLG students on other campuses, and non-student NLG members.

I'm in fairly regular contact with the Student Coordinator. I've emailed other NLG chapters.

Do you work closely with any other groups on campus, locally, or nationally?

We just started a project with the Arizona Civil Liberties Union, we may hold some debate-type events with the Federalist Society here.

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Chapter Name: University of Denver
Main Contact(s): Micky Devitt, 2008
mdevitt08@law.du.edu
Chapter Stats: 25 members
Budget of \$700 per year plus up to \$2500 extra for specific projects
Chapter Website: www.law.du.edu/nlg

Chapter Happenings

Every year we host a week of events and awareness on poverty law related issues and a week of events on Death Penalty/Criminal Injustice issues. We co-sponsored a "do ask, do tell" silent protest against JAG recruiters on campus with the Outlaws (our GLBTIQA law group). We're also working on an event/letter campaign with the diversity law students on the ABA accreditation/bar pass issues.

We are ramping up for the DNC in Denver by (1) training legal observers, (2) working with the People's Law Project to set up a mass defense triage center, and (3) working on student/protestor solidarity housing, etc. for people coming to Denver this August.

What is your vision for the NLG at your law school?

To be as well known as the mainstream groups like Amnesty International and more active than the opposition.

What organizing resource or program would be most useful to your chapter?

NLG Speakers Bureau

Does your school have a Loan Repayment Assistance Program? Yes

Does your school offer any courses on civil rights or critical legal studies? Yes

Has your chapter signed on to the TUPOCC manifesto/pledge? Yes

Does your chapter have TUPOCC membership? No

Describe your relationship with the National Office, any National Committees, NLG students on other campuses, and non-student NLG members.

Our Chapter's work with Michel Martinez and NLG Students has been fantastic.

Do you work closely with any other groups on campus, locally, or nationally?

We work a lot with Amnesty International and the diversity law student groups (APALSA, NALSA, BALSAs, LALSAs)

Is there any way the National Office and the Student National VPs can better support your work?

It's hard for me to imagine them doing more than they already do. They're great.

Any ideas for how to grow and strengthen the NLG nationally?

We need to face some of the institutional race issues that caused our Student VP to resign last year. I thought the Anti-Racism training at the last Convention was a good step, but I'd like for race and gender issues to generally be a bigger institutional focus.

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Chapter Name: National Lawyer's Guild UNM SOL Chapter

Main Contact(s): Tania Shahani, 2010
shahani@unm.edu

Chapter Stats: 4 Members
\$800 Budget

Chapter Website: not fully set up,
<http://lawschool.unm.edu/organizations/nlg/index.php>

Chapter Happenings

We've been off to a slow start. Our chapter was restarted by us new 1Ls, and 2 of the people that showed interest in spear-heading the group dropped out. So far, we only participated with the Black Law Student's Association on the Jena 6 awareness day. 2Ls and 3Ls seem focused on their own stuff, and because the school is small, people are very focused on their own little projects. Also, as 1Ls, we've suffered from a lot of flakiness. Actually, it's probably the most stressful organizing I've ever done because no one commits. I'm trying to think of ways to get people maybe to sign on to statements that only a few of us write, but even that's not going so well. Blah blah blah, bitch bitch bitch. Sorry Michel.

We had several hate crimes on campus at the start of last semester. Shayla and I wanted to circulate a letter and have those at the law school who oppose hate crimes sign on. Then we wanted to give it to the dean of UNM.

The upcoming SDADP day sounds like something to work towards as well.

What is your vision for the NLG at your law school?

To leave behind something for future NLG-interested students.

What organizing resource or program would be most useful to your chapter?

How to set up an immigration court-watching program

Does your school have a Loan Repayment Assistance Program? Yes

Does your school offer any courses on civil rights or critical legal studies? Yes.

Has your chapter signed on to the TUPOCC manifesto/pledge? No

Does your chapter have TUPOCC membership? No

Do you work closely with any other groups on campus, locally, or nationally?

Not Yet

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Chapter Name: Marquette University Law NLG

Main Contact(s): Tonya Turchik, 2009
tonya.turchik@marquette.edu

Chapter Stats: 15 Members
\$500 Budget

Chapter Website: http://law.marquette.edu/cgi-bin/site.pl?10917&dfStudentOrg_studentOrgID=50

Chapter Happenings

This is our second year organizing an Alternative Spring Break to New Orleans. This year we have 15 participants. We host 2-3 "Dinner and a Movie" nights throughout the year. We pick a documentary and screen it with a local NLG member and have a discussion

following the viewing. We have watch documentaries on labor law, woman's suffrage, the death penalty, etc. We have sponsored Election Protection Training.

What is the vision for the NLG at your law school?

To sustain membership. This is our second year as an active chapter. Right now we are working to keep membership up. We also try to work with the Milwaukee NLG chapter as much as possible.

What organizing resource or program would be most useful to your chapter?

Organizing manual ("how to" on events, fundraising, recruiting, etc.)

Does your school have a Loan Repayment Assistance Program? No

Does your school offer any courses on civil rights or critical legal studies? No

Has your chapter signed on to the TUPOCC manifesto/pledge? No

Does your chapter have TUPOCC membership? No

Describe your relationship with the National Office, any National Committees, NLG students on other campuses, and non-student NLG members.

We work with the Milwaukee NLG chapter all the time. They are very supportive to our cause and help in any way they can.

Do you work closely with any other groups on campus, locally, or nationally?

Yes. Campus: The Public Interest Law Society and National Law School Democrats. We have also worked with the Federalist Society (in a Gay marriage debate), Association of Women in Law, and others.

Is there any way the National Office and the Student National VPs can better support your work?

Emails on ideas for school events would be great.

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Chapter Name: Drake University Law School

Main Contact(s): Jenn Miller, 2009
jrm006@drake.edu

Chapter Stats: 7 Members
\$1300 Budget

Chapter Website: N/A

Chapter Happenings

Besides sending 3 chapter members to convention, we hosted a Legal Observer Training and when opportunities permitted, a few members of the group actually did Legal Observation.

Plans to have a movie night and have a speaker come to campus are in the works for this semester.

What is your vision for the NLG at your law school?

Raise awareness and understanding of this group and its goals among the student body. This chapter is a small one and it is difficult to maintain momentum w/ the members we have.

What organizing resource or program would be most useful to your chapter?

Organizing manual ("how to" on events, fundraising, recruiting, etc.)

Does your school have a Loan Repayment Assistance Program? No

Does your school offer any courses on civil rights or critical legal studies? Yes

Has your chapter signed on to the TUPOCC manifesto/pledge? No

Does your chapter have TUPOCC membership? No

Describe your relationship with the National Office, any National Committees, NLG students on other campuses, and non-student NLG members.

Our faculty advisor is Sally Frank, who has strong connections with NLG as a whole.

Do you work closely with any other groups on campus, locally, or nationally?

We worked more closely w/ other groups such as Outlaws (our GSA) last year, but have not done as much with them this year. Our hope is to join w/ them in offering a speaker this semester.

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Chapter Name: University of Missouri-Kansas City (UMKC)

Main Contact(s): Jessica Piedra, 2008
umkcnlg@gmail.com

Chapter Stats: 10 Members
\$60 per semester plus local NLG chapter pitches in, we also can ask for funding from the university.

Chapter Website: N/A

Chapter Happenings

We held an event in solidarity with the Jena 6. We just served as legal observers for a march protesting the Minuteman conference in our city. We plan to participate in the SDADP. We have plans to work with career services to get more progressive lawyers on campus (not just big corporate firms).

What is your vision for the NLG at your law school?

We serve as a progressive voice on a pretty conservative campus.

What organizing resource or program would be most useful to your chapter?

Organizing manual ("how to" on events, fundraising, recruiting, etc.)

Does your school have a Loan Repayment Assistance Program? No

Does your school offer any courses on civil rights or critical legal studies? Please describe. Yes. We have a new course called Race and the Law and also a course called Civil Rights Litigation

Has your chapter signed on to the TUPOCC manifesto/pledge? I don't think so, but we would like to.

Does your chapter have TUPOCC membership? Yes - I'm not sure if they are official members.

Describe your relationship with the National Office, any National Committees, NLG students on other campuses, and non-student NLG members.

I frequently e-mail back and forth with Michel Martinez. I attended the '07 conference and met a lot of people. I am a member of the National Immigration Project and the International Committee. We have a few NLG lawyers in our community that support us. We are working on gathering up the NLG lawyers into an organization again.

Do you work closely with any other groups on campus, locally, or nationally?

We have worked with immigration rights groups in our community. On campus, we plan to work with our Midwest Innocence Project Student Organization on the death penalty issue. We work closely with the minority orgs on minority enrollment issues at our school. We also work with the ACLU and the Public Interest Law Association.

Is there any way the National Office and the Student National VPs can better support your work?

Many of the links on the student page don't work, so that would be helpful if they were updated.

Any ideas for how to grow and strengthen the NLG nationally?

We are implementing plans to involve Guild lawyers in the law school chapter on a greater level so that more students are exposed to their work. I have personally reached out to the new students of color and invited them to Guild events.

Additional Comments?

Let me know when you get the hats into the office. Thanks so much for your support with our legal observers!!



Chapter Name: Drexel University College of Law
Main Contact(s): Danielle Jouenne, 2009
Daniellejouenne@yahoo.com

Chapter Stats: 15 Members
\$1,500 (we get lots of school funding)
Chapter Website: N/A

Chapter Happenings

Mentoring program with the Philadelphia Chapter. We are hosting exonerated death row inmate Harold Wilson & victim family member Lorry Post. We have 2 street law programs, tenant's rights & a program on Philly's "stop and frisk" crime prevention program. We are active with the Philadelphia LO chapter. Drexel has made participation in our LO program worthy of pro bono credit. There will be 2 school-wide LO trainings in March. We have a rep on the public interest auction board. Drexel is hosting the Mid-Atlantic Conference in March. Our members are organizing and volunteering.

What is your vision for the NLG at your law school?

If we just continue with the programs we have right now I will be happy. I also want us to get more people of color in our group. We have a few, but not enough representation.

What organizing resource or program would be most useful to your chapter?

Guide to the Guild's famous cases/attorneys

Does your school have a Loan Repayment Assistance Program? No

Does your school offer any courses on civil rights or critical legal studies? No.

Has your chapter signed on to the TUPOCC manifesto/pledge? No.

Does your chapter have TUPOCC membership? No.

Describe your relationship with the National Office, any National Committees, NLG students on other campuses, and non-student NLG members.

We have a close relationship with our city chapter. Their staff person has been very helpful with our organizing.

Do you work closely with any other groups on campus, locally, or nationally?

We work with Law Students for Reproductive Justice and The American Constitution Society.

Is there any way the National Office and the Student National VPs can better support your work?

Information on the following would be helpful: guide to Guild's famous cases/attorneys, Street law curricula, Guide to committees, information on speakers. Also we need to get the pay pal system working better on the national website.

Any ideas for how to grow and strengthen the NLG nationally?

We need more communication. I think we need more networking time at the regional convention. We need a better web presence.

Additional comments:

Because we are a new law school we may have more civil rights courses once the curricula is fully formed. Also, our officers have signed on to the TUPOCC pledge but we have not had the time to present it to our general membership. I believe our secretary, treasurer and programs chair are members of TUPOCC but I'll have to double-check to see if they signed on officially.

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Chapter Name: Rutgers Camden NLG
Main Contact(s): Sheila Maddali, 2009, Toni Telles, Nhan Tu
sheilama@camden.rutgers.edu
Chapter Stats: 15 Members
 \$100
Chapter Website: N/A

Chapter Happenings

We just started this year, but so far we have hosted the Pakistani Lawyers Delegation, held a Know Your Rights presentation and organized an event about state repression of animal rights & environmental activists. We also worked with the Philly chapter in organizing the Regional Convention and attended many happy hours :-)

What is your vision for the NLG at your law school?

To be a huge & awesome force that radicalizes the student body.

What organizing resource or program would be most useful to your chapter?

How to set up an immigration court-watching program

Does your school have a Loan Repayment Assistance Program? Yes

Does your school offer any courses on civil rights or critical legal studies? Yes

Has your chapter signed on to the TUPOCC manifesto/pledge? No

Does your chapter have TUPOCC membership? No

Describe your relationship with the National Office, any National Committees, NLG students on other campuses, and non-student NLG members.

We work very closely with the Philadelphia Guild chapter and are in contact with the local student chapters. We hope to coordinate efforts with the local student chapters next year.

Do you work closely with any other groups on campus, locally, or nationally?

We have held joint events with the Student Animal Legal Defense Fund and the American Constitutional Law Society. We have also attended the undergraduate Progressive Student Alliance events and encouraged them to attend ours

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Chapter Name: Ohio State University - Moritz College of Law
Main Contact(s): Caitlin Watt, 2009
watt.36@osu.edu
Chapter Stats: 5-7 Members, 4 very active
Budget: N/A
Chapter Website: N/A (yet)

Chapter Happenings

We recently had a Reasonable Person lunch where we discussed, with two wonderful professors the way the Reasonable Person standard affects criminal defense and sexual harassment law. We are having an organizational meeting on Friday to discuss next year's recruitment goals.

What is your vision for the NLG at your law school?

I hope we can use the chapter to encourage students not to follow the Big Firm path and to stick with their public interest "change the world" goals that brought them to law school. I want to let them know it is not only good, but also very possible, to use the law to make social, political, and economic change. I could go on forever . . . but I'll stop.

What organizing resource or program would be most useful to your chapter?

Organizing manual ("how to" on events, fundraising, recruiting, etc.)

Does your school have a Loan Repayment Assistance Program? I'm not sure.

Does your school offer any courses on civil rights or critical legal studies?

We have a critical race study, 14th Amendment, civil rights, first amendment, gender and the law, LGBT and the law (though this is a spring break class), and critical race narrative classes at Mortiz.

Has your chapter signed on to the TUPOCC manifesto/pledge? Not as of today. We're quite new.

Does your chapter have TUPOCC membership? Not as of today.

Describe your relationship with the National Office, any National Committees, NLG students on other campuses, and non-student NLG members.

We have quite a few very sympathetic professors here, I have found michel to be very helpful, and I have not yet contacted the leaders at nearby Capitol Law School.

Do you work closely with any other groups on campus, locally, or nationally?

I have contacts with the Criminal Law Society and the Women's Law Society here on campus.

Is there any way the National Office and the Student National VPs can better support your work?

So far I have enjoyed amazing support from the National Office and have not sought support from the Student National VPs. I have no complaints.

Any ideas for how to grow and strengthen the NLG nationally?

I think law school student chapters has to be the way (though, as a law student, I don't know any other avenues). It seems to me that students by and large come to law school with one of two goals: to be rich or to "change the world." Initially coming from a law school with a strong public interest bent, and continuing at a school with a less liberal outlook, I have to say that no matter where you start, there is INCREDIBLE pressure to forget your altruistic goals, follow the law school path of journal, clerkship, bar review courses, and the Big Firm chase. A lot of students fall off the public interest wagon due to this pressure, and the depressing first year curriculum that reminds you above all that the LAW is the LAW and there is no change, and to hope there is makes you the hippie idiot who doesn't belong (our most vocal "hippie idiot" was a wonderful student nick named "San Fran Dan" who became discouraged and moved back to California to go into non-profit work). The National Lawyers Guild fights against this Big Firm traditional student path and allows students to see first hand that change is possible, the law isn't static, and reinforces altruistic goals for the betterment of the entire world. It is beautiful and necessary for students to realize this from the get go.

Additional Comments?

I think I've said too much! I'm really very excited about our new guild chapter at Moritz and I wish I had more news to share.



Chapter Name: UC Berkeley at Boalt Hall
Main Contact(s): Suzanne Martindale, 2010
suzannem@berkeley.edu
Chapter Stats: 15-20 Members
\$250
Chapter Website: N/A

Chapter Happenings

We recently held events for Student Day Against the Death Penalty, including a brown bag lunch with our clinic fellows. Currently, we are working on strategies to address (and protest) John Yoo's presence in our law school!

What is your vision for the NLG at your law school?

Our hope in the coming year is to create better solidarity with the main campus and raise awareness within the law school of the inner workings of our administration. We aim to

promote events that will draw the attention of our crazy-busy law school compatriots, and create a more politically aware student body.

What organizing resource or program would be most useful to your chapter?

Organizing manual (“how to” on events, fundraising, recruiting, etc.)

Does your school have a Loan Repayment Assistance Program? Yes

Does your school offer any courses on civil rights or critical legal studies? Yes

Has your chapter signed on to the TUPOCC manifesto/pledge? No.

Does your chapter have TUPOCC membership? No

Describe your relationship with the National Office, any National Committees, NLG students on other campuses, and non-student NLG members.

We are part of NLGSF, and do interact somewhat with other Bay Area chapters.

Do you work closely with any other groups on campus, locally, or nationally?

We have been trying to increase our presence in the Bay Area...but it's a gradual process...!

Is there any way the National Office and the Student National VPs can better support your work?

Stay in contact while we launch a campaign against John Yoo!

Any ideas for how to grow and strengthen the NLG nationally?

Information dissemination is always a good thing! Ensuring that liaisons periodically check in with individual chapters could lead to a stronger network.

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Chapter Name: UNC Law NLG

Main Contact(s): Miriam Haskell, 2009
miramhaskell@gmail.com

Chapter Stats: 15 Members

Budget: \$0 ~ we just started this year

Chapter Website: N/A

Chapter Happenings:

We had an introductory meeting, which included local members of the state guild chapter. We also held a meeting to elect officers. Next year, we plan to begin a pro bono project, conduct legal observer trainings and hold biweekly lunches with visiting activists and lawyers.

What is your vision for the NLG at your law school?

I want the NLG to provide students with something I have felt a distinct lack of ~ a community dedicated to supporting social justice and leftist change, as well as an alternative to the more mainstream pro bono focus celebrated at the school.

What organizing resource or program would be most useful to your chapter?

NLG Guide to Public Interest Law Schools, jobs, etc.

Does your school have a Loan Repayment Assistance Program?

Our school is planning an LRAP program.

Does your school offer any courses on civil rights or critical legal studies? Please describe. Regarding critical race classes ~ our school claims to offer them sometimes, but they haven't since I have been here.

Has your chapter signed on to the TUPOCC manifesto/pledge? No

Does your chapter have TUPOCC membership? No

Describe your relationship with the National Office, any National Committees, NLG students on other campuses, and non-student NLG members.

I am involved with the statewide NLG.

Do you work closely with any other groups on campus, locally, or nationally?

Yes - campus groups.

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Chapter Name: University of Washington Law School

Main Contact(s): Maya Sheppard, 2010
masheppard@gmail.com

Chapter Stats: 15 Members

\$0 Budget (we formed post-money allocating this year)

Chapter Website: N/A

Chapter Happenings

This year, we hosted a critical theory group, hosted several speaking events; provided organizational and volunteer support for SYLAW (Street Youth Legal Advocacy); planned and executed a legal service trip to New Orleans over Spring Break; built a separate organization devoted to developing a journal entitled DISORIENT; attended Legal Observer trainings and legally observed several Seattle protests. (Events lately? Future plans? Campaigns you are working on?)

What organizing resource or program would be most useful to your chapter?

NLG Street Law Curricula

Does your school have a Loan Repayment Assistance Program? Yes

Does your school offer any courses on civil rights or critical legal studies? Yes
Has your chapter signed on to the TUPOCC manifesto/pledge? Yes
Does your chapter have TUPOCC membership? No

Describe your relationship with the National Office, any National Committees, NLG students on other campuses, and non-student NLG members.

The National Office has been extremely helpful to the development of our organization. Also, the Office was instrumental in setting up a speaking event featuring Paul Wright. We have been in email contact with NLG students on the Seattle U campus, and a few of our members attended the National Convention this year, where they connected with guild members from across the country. Several of us plan to attend the NLG conference in Portland this weekend.

Do you work closely with any other groups on campus, locally, or nationally?

We work with the International Public Interest organization on campus, and we have incorporated SYLAW (Street Youth Legal Advocacy) into our NLG chapter.

Is there any way the National Office and the Student National VPs can better support your work?

The support has been consistent and helpful so far. We would love to plan a conference next year on critical legal studies, and could use advice about planning that.

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Chapter Name: Northeastern University School of Law, NLG Student Chapter
Main Contact(s): Nora Carroll '09, carroll.nora@gmail.com
Jessie Hahn '10, jessie.hahn@gmail.com
Chapter Stats: 25 active members; 50 (?) registered members
(half our student body is off campus at any given time on co-op so we're disjointed that way.)
Budget—We have a base of \$400
(above that it varies from one quarter to another depending on how organized we are in requesting earmarks from Student Bar Assoc., which has \$25,000/yr to distribute among all student orgs. We don't have officers and sometimes that means we don't get our requests in on time.)
Chapter Website We're working on updating this blog-style website:
<http://www.freenusl.org/index.html>. Also, here's the law school website, <http://www.slaw.neu.edu/students/groups.html>.

Chapter Happenings

Speakers, Screenings, Panels:

- **David Cole:** On 09/27/07, in conjunction with the ACLU, American Constitution Society, Const. Society, we co-sponsored speaker David Cole who spoke about his new book [Less Safe. Less Free. Why America is Losing the War on](#)

- Terror. Brief Bio: Cole is an American Law Professor at the Georgetown University Law Center. He has published in various legal fields including civil rights, criminal justice, constitutional law and law and literature. He has litigated First Amendment and other constitutional issues and contributes regularly to the media on topical legal issues.
- **James Yee:** On 10/19/07 the NLG and ACLU co-sponsored a talk by Chaplain James Yee. In his appointed role as chaplain, Yee ministered to Muslim detainees held at Guantánamo Bay naval base purportedly related to the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in the United States, some of whom are suspected al Qaeda terrorists and members of the Taliban. Yee was awarded two distinguished service medals for his work there. When returning from duty at the Guantanamo Bay Naval Base, he was arrested on September 10, 2003, in Jacksonville, Florida, when a U.S. Customs agent found a list of Guantanamo detainees and interrogators among his belongings. He was charged with five offenses: sedition, aiding the enemy, spying, espionage, and failure to obey a general order. These charges were later reduced to mishandling classified information in addition to some minor charges. He was then transferred to a United States Navy brig in Charleston, South Carolina. The government did not name the country or entity for whom it suspected Yee was spying.
 - **Legacy of Torture: The War Against The Black Liberation Movement:** On 10/12/07, NLG members held a screening of this film which documents the story of the San Francisco 8, a group of former Black Panthers who have been arrested on 30 year old murder and conspiracy charges based on confessions obtained through torture at the hands of the New Orleans Police Department. A second year NLG student was working with Attorney Soffiyah Elijah (SF8 defense team member at the Criminal Justice Institute at Harvard Law School) facilitated the screening and post-screening discussions.
 - Also, on behalf of the SF8, NLG students have been culling through COINTELPRO discovery documents for use by the defense team.
 - **Andrew Reynolds:** On 10/29/07, NLG sponsored Professor Andrew Reynolds to speak about the current crisis in Burma. Brief Bio: Reynolds, is a Professor of Political Science at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He received his M.A. from the University of Cape Town and his Ph.D. from the University of California, San Diego. He is the co-organizer of a rapid response advisory group on the current crisis in Burma at the National Endowment for Democracy. He has written about a potential transition in Burma and the consequences of various democratic designs. In 2005 he spent an 'under-the-radar' month in Rangoon, Burma meeting with pro-democracy activists, ethnic leaders and civil society groups.
 - **Building from Community Input: Panel Discussion on Northeastern's Expansion:** On 12/4/07, NLG students hosted *a community forum on University expansion* between neighbors, students and administration. There is a history of antagonism between the University (and its students) and the surrounding neighborhoods. NLG seeks to form a coalition that will allow for peaceful coexistence and harmony between the University and the community. Speakers at the forum included

- Diane Wilkerson, State Senator
- Chuck Turner, City Councilor
- Kerrick Johnson, Roxbury Neighborhood Council
- Rosalind Dawson, St. Botolph's Tenants Association
- Jeff Doggett, Associate Director of Community Affairs, Northeastern University
- Margaret Burnham, Professor of Law, Northeastern University School of Law (moderator)
- **REAL ID Panel discussion:** on 12/6/07, the NLG co-sponsored a panel discussion around the issue of REAL IDs and their right-to-privacy implications, in conjunction with NUSL's Queer Caucus and ACLU chapter. Presenters at the panel included:
 - Libby Adler '94, Professor of Law, Northeastern University (moderator)
 - Daniel Kanstroom '83, Clinical Professor and Director, Boston College Law School International Human Rights Program
 - Eleanor Newhoff, Co-Chair, Board of Directors, NLG (Mass. Chapter)
 - Nancy Ryan, President, Board of Directors, ACLU of Massachusetts
 - Janson Wu, Staff Attorney, Gay & Lesbian Advocates & Defenders
- **MST:** On 12/7/07, NLG sponsored a talk by Tonic from Brazil's Landless Workers Movement ("MST" in Portuguese). The MST is Latin America's largest social movement, with an estimated 1.5 million members organized throughout Brazil. Since 1985, in a country with some of the most unequal distribution of land ownership in the world, MST has won land titles for more than 250,000 landless families through a process of peaceful occupation of unused rural lands. Tonic, a leader in the MST for 20 years, spoke about MST's methods and goals.

Campaigns and Working Groups:

- **Justice for Janitors Campaign:** Along with the undergraduate Progressive Student Alliance, the NLG has been very active in supporting NEU's janitors in their struggle to raise wages and job conditions via an addendum to their contract. Northeastern janitors are the lowest paid at any Boston area college or university and get only three sick days a year. Students in this campaign have gathered signatures from over 10% of the student population supporting improvements in wages, hours and job conditions for the janitors; held numerous rallies and awareness-raising events; flyer prospective students days; obtained statements of support from undergraduate, graduate, and law school student governments; met with administration officials; and are currently planning a large march through downtown Boston to pressure the administration to negotiate with the workers.
- **Roxbury Working Group:** NLG students are working to open communication between the university and the community of Roxbury, where the university is currently expanding to accommodate increased demands for on-campus student housing. We want the planned expansion of the university to be transparent to the surrounding community it will impact. We've been meeting with various Roxbury community members to discuss Northeastern's buy-outs of community housing.

Although NEU has a long and complicated relationship with its neighbors, as students, we hope to encourage NEU to re-engage in dialogues with its neighbors about its plans for growth. This working group organized the forum on 12/4/07 mentioned above. Bridging the gap between Northeastern University and the neighborhood it sits in presents a challenge. There is a history of antagonism between the University (and its students) and the surrounding neighborhoods. There is limited space for Northeastern to grow. NLG seeks to form a coalition that will allow for peaceful coexistence and harmony between the University and the community.

- **Ending the Prison Industrial Complex:** NLG students formed this new student organization. EPIC is a group of law students committed to ending the prison industrial complex (PIC). We meet twice each month to write letters to individuals who are presently incarcerated and to organize events that will engage the NUSL community in a dialogue about the current state of the PIC. This group does not subscribe to a single political ideology. We come together in solidarity against the privatization of prisons and the effects of that privatization on the individuals inside, the judicial system and society.

Campus Activism:

- **Orientation Manual:** sent to all incoming first-year law students the summer before law school that is entirely by-students-for-students. This publication provides an inside look at the school, and contains a wealth of information on the history of social justice work at Northeastern. This manual is specific to the history of NLG at Northeastern and complements the “Disorientation Handbook” put out by the National Office.
- **Prisoner Support:** Printed and sold t-shirts as a benefit for an incarcerated immigrant who faces deportation upon release. He was a client of NLG students who participated in the school’s Prisoner Rights Clinic.
- **Conferences:** Northeastern students attended the NLG National Conference, the RebLaw Conference at Yale Law School, and the Robert Cover Public Interest Law Retreat.
- **Social Justice Curriculum:** Assisted in the student-led drive to improve the Legal Skills in Social Context (LSSC) program.
- **Dialogue with the Administration:** several NLG students have been active in meeting with the Dean and selection committee for the school’s Public Interest Law scholarship regarding ways to make Northeastern a more public interest-oriented school. This has included concerns over the school’s move towards a five-tiered evaluation system (which effectively converts the evaluation system into a “grade” system which we are opposed to).
- **Public Interest Fellows and Adjuncts:** NLG students participate in the faculty/student committee that brings in outside public interest practitioners for visiting fellow and adjunct positions. Students have pushed to bring in more radical practitioners, such as Bill Quigley (Loyola Law Clinics, New Orleans); Nina Perales (MALDEF, San Antonio); and Eugene Benson (ACE, Boston). NLG has also

scheduled meetings with the two Fellows who visited this year: Michael Ratner (CCR, NY) and Christina DeConcini (National Immigration Forum, World Resources Institute).

What is your vision for the NLG at your law school?

Challenging the administration on the University's bad practices. Being a liaison for community organizations who can't get traction with the University's administration regarding its poor employment or neighborhood expansion policies. Politicizing the campus and keeping middle-of-the-road students from turning corporate—through events, speakers, and a critical tone in class discussions. Supporting each other as we deal with the normative socialization process of the law school experience.

What organizing resource or program would be most useful to your chapter?

How to set up an immigration court-watching program

Does your school have a Loan Repayment Assistance Program?

Yes. Though some of us are worried that the school will divert resources away from it now that the College Cost Reduction and Access Act has passed.

Does your school offer any courses on civil rights or critical legal studies? Please describe.

Nothing with that specific title, but some courses that touch on different aspects of critical theory. There is an upper level seminar called "Racism and American Law", but we have to pressure the administration to make sure it's offered during both rotations (half of Northeastern Law students are off campus at any given time on internships, which affects availability of courses). We also have a class called "Sexuality, Gender and the Law" and a seminar called "Women's Rights Lawyering."

- Racism and American Law: To analyze the effectiveness of lawyers and the legal process in providing relief for victims of contemporary racial injustice, this course reviews the development of American law bearing on racial issues from the introduction of slavery to the present. Court decisions, statutes and appropriate writings are used to trace the change in the legal status of African people and then review their continuing efforts to eliminate racist policies in voting, public accommodations and the administration of justice. Special attention is given to the area of education. Some attention is given to limits on the right to protest all forms of discrimination imposed by the courts. The alternatives to legally protected protest activities, including civil disobedience, are also reviewed.
- Women's Rights Lawyering: Building on students' basic background in women's rights, this course addresses the theoretical, strategic and policy concerns that arise in the practice of women's rights law. Students will work through a variety of contemporary case studies involving strategic litigation, legislative drafting, and domestic and international advocacy. Substantive areas addressed will range from poverty law to immigration law to constitutional law to legal ethics, all from a strategic women's rights perspective. The course will also incorporate skill-building

- exercises addressing strategic planning, drafting, coalition-building, media relations and legal research and writing.
- **Sexuality, Gender and the Law:** This course uses case law and theory to address doctrinal problems and justice concerns associated with gender and sexuality. The syllabus is organized around notions such as privacy, identity and consent, all of which are conceptual pillars upon which arguments in the domain of sexuality and gender typically rely. Doctrinal topics include same-sex marriage, sodomy, sexual harassment, discrimination, among others, but the course is not a doctrinal survey; it is a critical inquiry into key concepts that cut across doctrinal areas. Students should expect to write a paper and share some of what they have learned with the class.

Has your chapter signed on to the TUPOCC manifesto/pledge?

Not sure. Maybe you could get back to us on this? So we can discuss it and get back to you.

Does your chapter have TUPOCC membership?

Got no response from other students on this question. There are people of color who participate in the NLG chapter, but it's unknown who has registered with TUPOCC.

Describe your relationship with the National Office, any National Committees, NLG students on other campuses, and non-student NLG members.

Northeastern student rep forwards emails to the group from the National Office. At least one student is participating in a National Committee (the International Labor Justice Working Group of the International and Labor/Employment Committees). Not a lot of contact with NLG students on other campuses, although we invite each other to events mainly through the Mass NLG listserv. There is lots of collaboration with the Mass NLG office.

Collaboration with Mass NLG:

- **Street Law Clinics:** students participate in Street Law Clinics run by Mass NLG. The University has a contract with Mass NLG that allows a Northeastern student to coordinate the Clinics as part of her work-study financial aid package.
- **Legal Observing:** We held two legal observer trainings in the fall to prepare students for the anti-war demonstrations and pro-Palestine conferences. Northeastern students participated in legal observing at both events.
- **MassDissent:** Northeastern students have written articles for the monthly newsletter of Mass NLG, *MassDissent*.
- **Mentorship Brunch:** Mass NLG holds an annual mentorship brunch that several Northeastern students attended. The brunch serves as an idea way for Guild students to meet Guild lawyers and establish a mentorship contact, and for Guild lawyers to share their knowledge, experience, and connections with Guild students.
- **Student Liaisons to the Mass NLG Board:** a Northeastern student attends the Mass NLG board meetings.

- **Happy Hour:** Mass NLG holds a monthly Happy Hour downtown that Northeastern students go to occasionally.
- **Holiday Party:** Mass NLG holds an annual holiday party attended by students.

Do you work closely with any other groups on campus, locally, or nationally?

- **SEIU Local 615:** the union of the janitors on Northeastern's campus. The student-run Justice for Janitors campaign has worked with them to develop the message and demands of the campaign and meets with them regularly.
- **American Federation of Teachers of Peace and Justice Caucus:** We have been collaborating with a Northeastern alum and Guild attorney specializing in immigration, Nelson Brill, to put on a speaker series on campus. The first event discussed the impact of the New Bedford immigration raids last year and was led by Nancy Kelly and John Wilshire-Carrerra, Guild lawyers, Northeastern alums, and directors of Greater Boston Legal Services Immigration Unit. Next event planned will be on prisoner's rights.
- **St. Botolph's Tenants Association:** This apartment building holds people with Section 8 housing vouchers and is located close to the University's campus. The building was recently bought by the University and residents fear the University will eventually use it for student housing and remove them. We have been supporting the tenants in trying to get traction with the Administration in dealing with their concerns. A member of the Tenants Assoc. spoke at the forum on University expansion in December.
- **Massachusetts Transgender Legal Advocates:** Northeastern Law students have been active in launching this new legal clinic for the trans-community in Massachusetts (this clinic is not affiliated with any law school). MTLA is a free legal clinic for low-income transgender and gender queer individuals. Many of our clients are confronting multiple forms of oppression including racism, sexism, transphobia, and/or heterosexism, and face many barriers to accessing mainstream legal and social services. This clinic is designed to provide access to the complexities of the legal world to folks who are often overlooked or marginalized, and who do not have a safe place to obtain such assistance.
- Organized groups to attend rallies around a variety of pressing current issues, including ICE raids in New Bedford, the war in Iraq, and Guantanamo Bay detentions. Supporting the formation of a Rapid Response network locally to immigration raids.

The 2007-2008 Student Chapter Survey

Chapter Name: (Law School)
Main Contact(s): (Name, Grad Year)
(email address), (phone number)
(mailing address)
Chapter Stats: (number of members)
(Dollar Budget, per year or semester)
Chapter Website: (URL)

Chapter Happenings (Events lately? Future plans? Campaigns you are working on?)

What is your vision for the NLG at your law school?

What organizing resource or program would be most useful to your chapter?

- How to win an LRAP Campaign
- How to set up an NLG Mentoring Program
- How to set up an immigration court-watching program
- Organizing manual ("how to" on events, fundraising, recruiting, etc.)
- NLG Street Law Curricula
- Guide to the National Lawyers Guild Committees
- Guide to the Guild's famous cases/attorneys
- NLG Guide to Public Interest Law Schools, jobs, etc.
- NLG Speakers Bureau

Does your school have a Loan Repayment Assistance Program?

Does your school offer any courses on civil rights or critical legal studies? Please describe.

Has your chapter signed on to the TUPOCC manifesto/pledge?

Does your chapter have TUPOCC membership?

Describe your relationship with the National Office, any National Committees, NLG students on other campuses, and non-student NLG members.

Do you work closely with any other groups on campus, locally, or nationally?

Is there any way the National Office and the Student National VPs can better support your work?

Any ideas for how to grow and strengthen the NLG nationally?

Additional Comments?

thank you for filling this out. it's an immeasurable help!
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Summary

Student chapters of the National Lawyers Guild vary quite a bit. Some are large, well-funded, active, and have local NLG members on which they can call for additional support. Others have a few active members, may struggle to involve others, are not allocated funds by their school's student bar association (or its equivalent), rely exclusively on listservs and the National Office for NLG support, and may have an unusually—even aggressively—conservative campus which makes Guild organizing particularly difficult.

The variety of environments and experiences produces a variety of ideas, requests, and needs within our student chapters. While not all suggestions can be acted upon immediately, some can, and others may be integrated into future plans. Suggestions included:

- Improving our web presence; fixing our online-tech issues (PayPal, links, etc.)
- A national mentorship program; internship/job bank
- National (sustained) campaigns that involve students at multiple levels
- More speakers/members local and available to our student chapters
- Taking cases in the name of Guild; getting the NLG in the media more often
- More public community service work
- Getting undergrads, high school and other students involved
- Campus visits by student organizer, other staff, or board members
- 1 all-student page in each issue of *Guild Notes*
- Members/staffers respond when contacted

Additional suggestions are interspersed throughout.

A number of respondent chapters explicitly stated that they are, or are interested in, actively recruiting students of color into their campus group, and would like TUPOCC to assist in this effort. Critical race theory and outsider jurisprudence came up multiple times in the survey (and follow-up discussions). This creates an opportunity for the TUPOCC co-chairs to provide suggestions and dig-in to efforts to increase the number of people of color in the Guild.

Most of our chapters do not currently work with national Guild committees but share an interest in the core issues around which these committees are formed. Committee representatives are encouraged to read this document and seek out mention of their issue, be it racism, labor, prisons, immigration, disability rights, war and the military, police brutality, first amendment rights, international law, gender bias, environmental justice, or countless others. Our students are incredibly dedicated, and support from NLG members and committee leadership will deepen commitments to the work about which we are all passionate, the organization to which we all belong, and ultimately strengthen our fight for social justice.

Please be in touch if you have any questions or to become involved. Thanks.

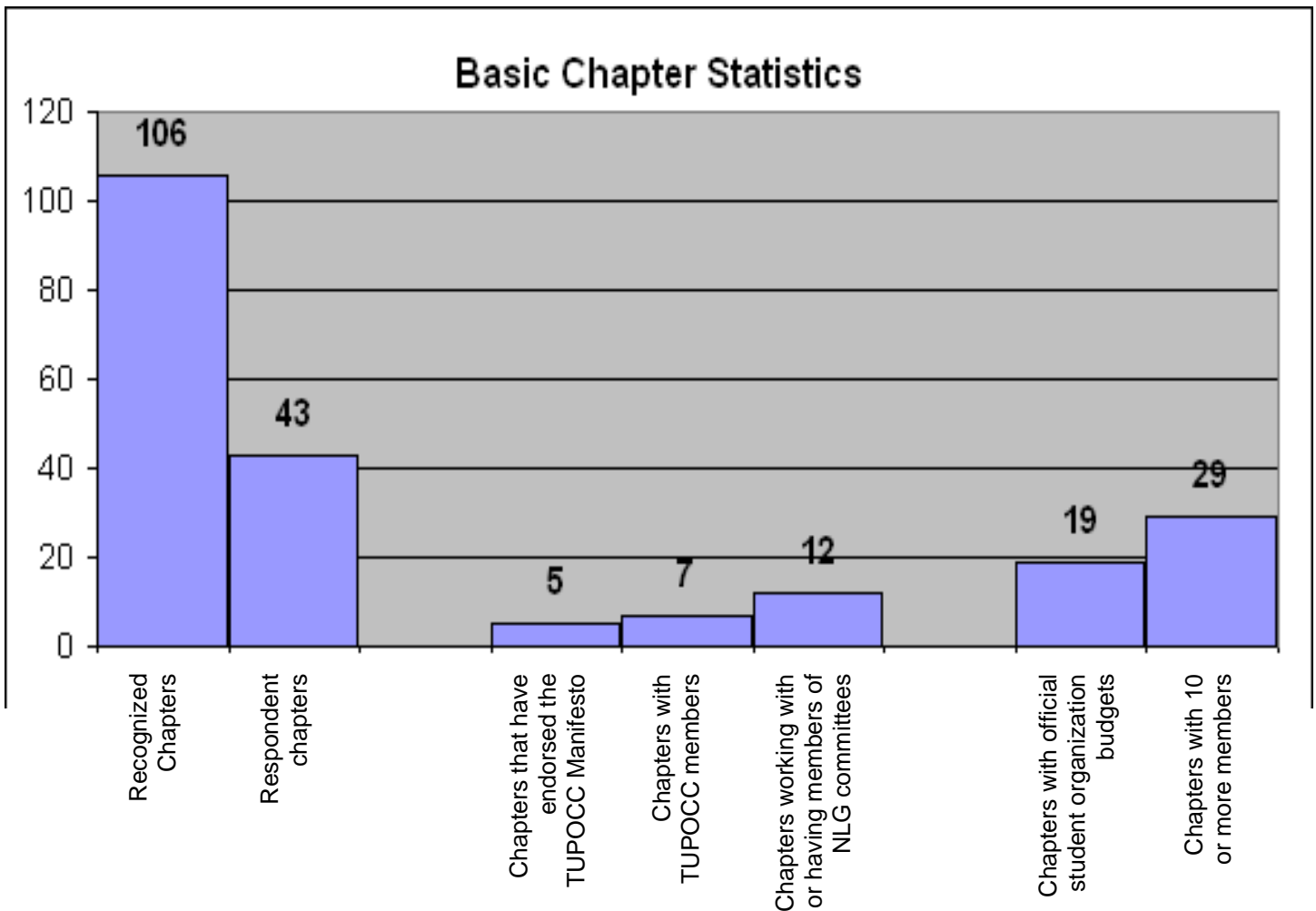
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Tables, and Charts

Basic Chapter Statistics

Recognized student chapters	106
Respondent chapters	43
Chapters that have endorsed the TUPOCC Manifesto	5
Chapters w/ TUPOCC members	7
Chapters working with or having members of NLG Committees	12
Chapters with official student organization budgets	19
Chapters with 10 or more members	29

Out of 106 NLG student chapters known of by the National Office, 43 responded to the Student Chapter Survey. Very few of those chapters engage the NLG—i.e., its local chapters and committees—beyond their campus, with the exception of regular contact with the national student organizer. Chapters tend to be officially recognized on campus, are allotted student organizing funds, and allowed to put on events. Membership levels vary from year to year, and not every student active at the campus level is a dues-paying member of the NLG.



What organizing resource or program would be most useful to your chapter?

Organizing manual (“how to” on events, fundraising, recruiting, etc.)	9
How to set up an NLG Mentoring Program	2
NLG Street Law Curricula	5
NLG Speakers Bureau	5
Guide to the Guild's famous cases/attorneys	2
How to win an LRAP campaign	2
NLG Guide to Public Interest Law Schools, jobs, etc.	3
How to set up an immigration court-watching program	5

Total responses to this question 33

Out of the 43 student chapters that responded to the survey, only 33 answered the question regarding which resource tool would improve their organizing in general or help them to work on a specific project. The majority of those respondents—while hardly statistically significant—selected an all-around organizing manual as the item they could use most. Hopefully this will be developed before the beginning of the 2008-2009 school year. The largest runners-up were a Street Law Manual, a Speakers’ Bureau, and a guide to setting up an Immigration Court-Watching program. I have already completed one Street Law Manual that will be available online shortly (certainly before the new school year), the Speakers Bureau has launched and is accessible online (and growing offline), and I imagine that a national court-watching guide will be possible to produce within the next year as well. The other resources are in some stage of development and likely to be made available as soon as possible, following the release of the most desired resources.

