

NLG Convention Annotated Agenda October 12 – 16, 2011 ● Philadelphia, PA

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Wednesday, October 12, 2011

| <u>Event Time</u> | <u>Event Name</u> | <u>Room</u> |
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| 8AM - 5 PM | National Immigration Project Registration | Foyer |
| 9AM - 5 PM | National Immigration Project Immigration Skills Seminar: The Impact of Criminal Convictions on Immigration Status | Liberty A/B (Lunch-- Liberty C) |
| 2 PM - 5 PM | Philadelphia NLG Chapter Meeting | Freedom |
| 5 PM - 7 PM | National Executive Committee Meeting | Independence A |
| 5:30 - 7 PM | International Labor Solidarity Panel | Off-Site |
| Location: Penn Law School (Room TBA) 3400 Chestnut St. | | |
| Description: Representatives from the Latin American Labor Law Association and the Canadian Association of Labor Lawyers will hold a panel discussing international labor solidarity and the work of their organizations. Free. | | |
| 6-10PM | National Immigration Project Board Meeting | Constitution |

Thursday, October 13, 2011

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| 7:30 AM - 5 PM | Convention Registration | Foyer |
| 7:30 AM - 9 PM | Vendors/Display Tables | Foyer |
| 7:30 AM - 5 PM | Convention Hospitality Room | Board |
| 8 AM - 8:30 AM | National Police Accountability Project CLE Registration | Foyer |
| 8:30 AM - 5 PM | National Police Accountability Project CLE: Developments in Police Misconduct Litigation: Staying Ahead of the Curve | Liberty C |

Description: Karen Blum provides an update about the continuing implications of the Iqbal decision on Section 1983 litigation; Debi Cornwall, Marissa Boyers Bluestine and Toni Gustus present best practices to prevent eye witness misidentifications; Magistrate Judge L. Felipe Restrepo, defense attorney Carlton Johnson and plaintiff's attorney Barbara Wolvovitz offer different perspectives on preparing and conducting successful settlement conferences. Learn about important developments in Section 1983 litigation from David Rudovsky and discuss your trial questions with experienced trial lawyers. For more information visit: <http://www.nlg-npap.org/html/announcements.htm> **Moderator:** Julia Sherwin, Haddad & Sherwin, Oakland CA; **Patrick Geckle**, Patrick G. Geckle, LLC, Philadelphia, PA. **Presenters:** Karen Blum, Suffolk Law School, Boston, MA; **Debi Cornwall**, Neufeld Scheck & Brustin, New York, NY; **Marissa Boyers Bluestine**, Innocence Project, Philadelphia, PA; **Toni Gustus**, Boston, MA; **L. Felipe Restrepo**, Magistrate Judge, Philadelphia, PA; **Carlton Johnson**, Archer & Greiner P.C., Philadelphia, PA; **Barbara Wolvovitz**, Feldstein Grinberg Stein & McKee, P.C., Pittsburgh PA; **David Rudovsky**, Kairys, Rudovsky, Messing, & Feinberg, LLP, Philadelphia PA; **Bill Goodman**, Goodman & Hurwitz, P.C., Detroit MI; **David Robinson**, Robinson & Associates, P.C., Southfield, MI

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| 8:30AM-12:30 PM | Military Law Task Force CLE: Using Civil Practice to Represent GIs | Independence B |
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Description: Federal Courts normally defer to the military and its decisions. However, this deference does not completely preclude judicial relief. This seminar provides roadmaps to accessing the Federal Courts on behalf of your military clients in discharge, deployment, harassment and other cases. **Presenters:** Louis Font, a Boston attorney, has practiced law for over 34 years, specializing in representing active-duty members of the military and veterans. His extensive experience representing military personnel in numerous federal courts includes emergency district court cases challenging transfer orders, medical habeas cases, CO cases, and federal cases involving the safe return of service members declared deserters by military authorities and returning to military control within a federal court district. He has been a member of the NLG and Military Law Task Force for many years. **Peter Goldberger** is an attorney with a national federal appellate practice in Ardmore, PA. Following graduation from Haverford College, he attended Yale Law School, where he joined the NLG in 1972. Peter has counseled and represented COs both under the draft and in the military since 1968 and has argued almost 250 appeals before all the federal circuits and once before the US

Supreme Court. Listed for 15 years in the peer-nominated “Best Lawyers in America,” he authored a 100-page chapter on criminal appeals and habeas corpus in the Third Circuit Practice Manual (Penna. Bar Inst.). He has been a member of the Military Law Task Force for several decades. **James Klimaski** is the principal of Klimaski and Associates, having practiced law since 1976. He practices complex litigation in employment and labor (including Title VII), employee benefits (ERISA), criminal (civilian and military), military administrative, constitutional and civil rights and police misconduct law. A former regional-vice president of the NLG, he is a long-time member of the Military Law Task Force. **Lynn Miller** is a senior associate with the firm of Klimaski and Associates. She began practicing law in 1977 and her extensive experience in complex litigation includes employment and labor law (including Title VII), employee benefits law (ERISA), military criminal law, administrative and administrative procedures law, and constitutional and civil rights law. She has also practiced in reproductive rights law, and is a former editor of the Reproductive Rights Law Reporter.

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| 9 AM -5 PM | National Immigration Project Membership Meeting | Liberty A/B |
| 3 – 4:30 PM NIP Breakout Session #1 | | Liberty A |
| 3 – 4:30 PM NIP Breakout Session #2 | | Liberty B |
| 3 – 4:30 PM NIP Breakout Session #3 | | Constitution |
| 3 – 4:30 PM NIP Breakout Session #4 | | Declaration |

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| 9 AM-12 PM | International Committee Meeting | Senate |
| Description: Business and planning meeting for the NLG’s International Committee, including reviewing its subcommittees’ work and activity and planning activities for the coming year. | | |

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| 1 PM-4 PM | International Law CLE: The Inter-American System: International Options When Justice is Blocked | Independence B |
| Description: The CLE will focus on international law and US courts as well as use of the Inter-American system, particularly on issues of indigenous rights, Puerto Rico, and labor rights, as well as options that can be explored when the legal system is otherwise blocked. The CLE will look at the use of the IACHR as well as NAFTA and CAFTA tribunals. It will offer three hours of legal education, from 1-4 PM. CLE admission is \$75 for non-Guild attorneys, \$60 for Guild members, \$50 for International Committee Members, and \$25 for law students. Moderator: Susan Scott; Co-Chair International Committee, Presenters: Jeanne Mirer, President of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers and co-chair of the NLG International Committee; Brian Concannon; Founder and director of the Institute for Justice and Democracy in Haiti; Fermin Arraiza; Puerto Rican legal scholar and former president of the Puerto Rican Bar Association; Antoinette Moore; Human rights attorney who represents the Mayan peoples in their litigation with Belize of land and natural resource rights; Mark Rowlinson; Staff attorney with the Canadian Steelworkers Union and advocate with the Canadian Association of Labour Lawyers. | | |

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| 1-4 PM | Military Law Task Force Membership Meeting | Senate |
| Description: The meeting will begin with a discussion of perpetual war and its implications for the MLTF’s work, led by Guild president David Gespass. Other topics will include consideration of priorities and projects for 2012; election of steering committee members; discussion of local military law panels; and committee business. At 4:00 we will adjourn to the hotel restaurant for informal discussion and socializing. | | |

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| 2-4PM | Labor & Employment Committee Meeting | Independence A |
| 4:15-5:30 PM | International Labor Justice Working Group Meeting | Senate |
| 5:30-7 PM | National Police Accountability Project Board of Directors Meeting | Declaration |
| 5:30-7 PM | National Immigration Project 40 th Anniversary Reception Honoring the recipients of the 2010 Daniel Levy Award | Independence |
| 5:30-7 PM | Labor & Employment Committee Reception | Constitution |
| 5:45-7 PM | Mass Defense Committee Meeting | Senate |
| 7-8:45 PM | Keynote Address | Liberty Ballroom |
| 9 PM | Quizzo! | Elephant & Castle (Hotel Bar) |

Description: Quizzo is a pub quiz trivia game popularized in Philadelphia. The game is played in teams and won by the team that answers the most trivia questions correctly. Accompanied by drinking and all-around good fun! \$10 per person.

Friday, October 14, 2011

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| 7 AM-8 AM | Past Presidents Meeting | Hotel Restaurant |

8:30-9:45 AM WORKSHOPS I

Demystifying and Building the Guild

Declaration

Description: This workshop will demystify the Guild and how we work to make our organization more accessible and effective. It will also give participants the information and skills to grow our organization and the Guild community so we can ultimately wage a stronger fight for and with the People. New members, new organizers, and first time Convention attendees are especially encouraged to come. COFFEE WILL BE PROVIDED! **Moderator: Caitlin Henry**, a recent law school grad, has worked with the DePaul NLG, Hastings NLG, and the NLG Bay Area's Mentorship Committee. She is always excited to bring new people into the Guild, and convince current members to become more involved. What motivates her - a desire to smash the state. **Presenters: Molly Amour** is a criminal defense attorney in solo practice in Chicago. She is Midwest Regional Vice President, on NLG Chicago's board, the National Next Gen Steering Committee, and is a proud founding member of Chicago's Next Gen Committee. Molly graduated in 2008 from Temple University Beasley School of Law, where she was the chair of Temple NLG and founding member of Philadelphia's Next Gen Committee and Editor-in-Chief of *Temple Political & Civil Rights Law Review* (started by Guild members, of course). Prior to becoming a lawyer, Molly was an actor, restaurant worker, and general agitator. **Andrew Bashi** is a third year law student at Loyola University Chicago. He serves on the board of the Loyola Guild chapter which has successfully advocated for the creation of critical courses, the hiring of a critical race professor, and programmatic changes that have strengthened the public interest program at Loyola. Andrew has been active in these efforts and will share insights on successful organizing strategies. **Nadia Kayyali** is a 2L at UC Hastings College of the Law in San Francisco. Before being elected Co-Student National Vice President, she served as the Co-Law School Vice President for the Bay Area. As a 1L she was active with the Hastings Race and Poverty Law organization. She is the Chair of the Hastings ACLU Club and Staff Editor on the West-Northwest Journal of Environmental Law and Policy. She volunteers as a tenant counselor at the San Francisco Tenant's Union. She received a BA from UC Berkeley. **Dan Spaulding** is a legal worker from the Bay Area. Over the last 10 years he has organized mass defense legal support for protests around the US and beyond. He has also served as the NLG Legal Worker VP and National VP. He is excited to demystify the NLG. **Adrienne Wheeler** grew up predominantly in Savannah in a military family and has a BA from Sarah Lawrence College and a master's degree from NYU. She was a part of a campaign to monitor police activities during protests during the 2004 RNC. She co-facilitated "Know Your Rights" programs and provided training on search and seizure issues. She has testified before city officials and opposed amending municipal parade permitting regulations. After Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, she traveled to New Orleans to conduct surveys from residents living in hotels for local legal advocates. She graduated from Loyola College of Law, New Orleans and is a current Echoing Green Fellow.

Foreign Workers/Temporary Visas – the new low-wage workforce

Liberty B

Description: Each year more workers come to the U.S. on temporary employment visas. These visas cover various types of professions from high-tech workers to landscapers. It is difficult to even assess how many workers enter the USA on these visas due to the government's convoluted tracking systems. Temporary workers are uniquely vulnerable to employment law violations and are difficult to organize. Most foreign workers lack knowledge of their rights and where and how to seek help if their rights are violated. Moreover, most programs require an employee to remain with one employer or face deportation. As a result, many temporary workers are robbed of the bargaining chip most fundamental to the everyday worker: the right to seek similar employment elsewhere. For these reasons and others, they suffer a disproportionate level of employment law violations compared to their USA counterparts. This skills building workshop discusses the technical challenges of working with these "temporary" clients and explores successful organizing models. **Moderator: Cathleen Caron** is the founder and Executive Director of the Global Workers Justice Alliance, an organization dedicated to ensuring portable justice for transnational migrant workers. She has also worked in East Timor heading an anti-human trafficking project for the Alola Foundation and as a staff attorney with the Migrant Farmworker Justice Project in Florida. She is a graduate of the American University Washington College of Law and Dartmouth College. **Presenters: Justin Flores** graduated from the UNC School of Law in 2009, where he was a member of the student chapter of the NLG. He joined the staff of the Farm Labor Organizing Committee, AFL-CIO (FLOC). In 2004, FLOC won the first collective bargaining agreement covering H2A guest workers in the history of the program, using their signature corporate campaign model to hold manufacturers responsible for the conditions in their supply chain. **Jennifer Rosenbaum** is legal director for the National Guestworker Alliance, a membership organization of guestworkers. NGA's members organize in labor camps across the United States to win collective dignity at work. NGA is building national power to win fairness in the terms of migration. **Arthur N. Read** is the General Counsel of Friends of Farmworkers, Inc. a non-profit legal services organization serving low wage farmworkers,

food processing workers, landscaping workers and workers from immigrant communities in Pennsylvania. He has been a Guild member since 1973 and a practicing attorney since 1976 specializing in migrant worker representation since 1979. Most recently he served as local counsel in a successful Administrative Procedure Act challenge to Bush Administration regulation of the H-2B program that is resulting in nationwide increases in wages paid to workers employed in that program. **Ashwini Sukthankar** researches and advocates on international labor rights and transnational labor regulation. Her work has included projects with the ILO, USAID, foundations, global union federations, and national unions. Her prior experience includes serving as the director of the International Commission for Labor Rights. She is a graduate of Harvard Law School.

Anatomy of a Criminal Case – The Irvine 11

Liberty C

Description: The Irvine 11 case may be longest and most involved MISDEMEANOR case in history. 11 students from UC Irvine protested the Israeli Ambassador in February 2010. A year later they were charged with “Conspiracy to Disrupt a Public Meeting” a little used penal code section dating from 1872. A group of NLG lawyers volunteered to represent the 11. The workshop will cover the theory of the case and how the defense was organized and the problems we encountered in the trial and how we used other NLG/ACLU First Amendment cases in our defense of the right to protest and speak truth to power.

Moderator: Daniel Mayfield – One of the lawyers on the case.

Speakers: Joseph Heider, a defendant; **Carol Sobel**, attorney, NLG Executive Vice President, and **Reem Salahi, Jacquie Goodman**, and **Daniel Mayfield**, also attorneys who worked on various aspects of the case.

Snake Oil - The Corporate Sham of Nuclear Power, Natural Gas & Carbon Trades as Solutions for Climate Change

Senate

Description: Climate change, Fukushima, fracking, carbon trading. This workshop takes on the corporate profiteering off climate change by the same transnational energy corporations that are largely responsible for this building global environmental catastrophe. Panelists expose the problems inherent in the false solutions to climate change being sold to the public, including the nuclear fuel/weapons cycle, natural gas and fracking, tar sands and oil shale, and carbon trades and REDD. **Moderator:** Joel Kupferman, Exec. Director of the NY Environmental Law & Justice Project, Exec. Director, Environmental Justice Initiative for Haiti, and co-chair of the Guild’s National and NYC Environmental Justice Committees. **Presenters: Chitose Kondo** is an attorney from Yokohama, Japan, focusing on labor and environmental issues, and is Assistant Director of the Japan Lawyers Association for Freedom. She has a degree from Wells College and studied at the American University in Cairo and the Judicial Research and Training Institute of Japan. After the earthquake and tsunami, and the nuclear accident in Fukushima, the JLAF started up several projects to deal with the widespread devastation and the continuing threats from the nuclear accident in Fukushima. **Daphne Wysham** is the co-director of the Sustainable Energy and Economy Network project of the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, DC and co-host of Earthbeat Radio which airs on 54 stations across the US and Canada. She is a former fellow with the Transnational Institute in Amsterdam, former editor of Greenpeace Magazine, associate of the Center for Investigative Reporting and a member of the Durban Group on Climate Justice. She has written on many environmental issues including carbon trades, the World Bank, and, most recently, the Obama Administration’s energy policies. **Joseph J. Heath** is an attorney from Syracuse, NY who spent most of his career on civil rights litigation, including the class action over the Attica uprising. He shifted his practice to Native American and environmental law and now represents the Onondaga Nation as its General Counsel in a number of indigenous land rights and natural resource matters, including disputes over natural gas development and fracking. **Leslie Leff** is an elementary school teacher from Cheltenham, PA, who participated in and was one of the hundreds arrested during the recent tar sands pipeline demonstrations and civil disobedience in front of the White House. Leslie’s son, Alex Leff, accompanied her to the demonstration and put together, “Dear Senator,” a YouTube video – which will be shown at the Workshop - on the state of the Earth and the responsibility of our elected leaders. **Annie Wilson** is a longtime advocate-legal worker (NLG) for environmental and social justice with a focus on energy policy. Annie has produced many public comments for federal, state and city permits and legislation on behalf of the Sierra Club.

Hot Topic: American Legislative Exchange Council Exposed

Constitution

Description: Established in 1973, ALEC has quietly allowed corporations to reshape our democracy, state-by-state, in almost every area of the law. ALEC “model bills” have been the source for laws that privatize education; limit corporate responsibility through “tort reform;” criminalize immigrants; disenfranchise people of color, students, and the poor through voter ID requirements; enact new barriers to regulating polluters; thwart health care reform; create “supply” for private prisons through tough sentencing laws; prop-up the for-profit bail-bond industry, among other issues. This workshop will give NLG lawyers and legal workers an overview of ALEC and the ALEC agenda, will identify why ALEC poses a threat to almost every population, and will share ideas about how progressives can respond. **Moderator: Brendan Fischer**; Center for Media and Democracy law fellow; University of Wisconsin Law Student. **Presenters: Marge Baker**; Executive Vice President for Policy and Programs, People for the American Way; **Rev. Dr. Robert P. Shine**; Pastor and Founder of Berachah Baptist Church in Philadelphia; Vice-Chair of PFAW’s African-American Religious Affairs program; Chair, African-American Association for Corporate Responsibility; **Nick Surgey**; Legal Associate, Common Cause; **Pedro Rodriguez**, Board Member, Keystone Progress; **Emily Tucker**, Director of Policy and Advocacy, Detention Watch

Description: (1) Legal and political methods of opposing the 2011 Israeli and US government strategy of avoiding confrontation with Flotilla II by sabotaging the boats, filing legal cases in Greece and in the US (lawfare), pressuring governments (including Greece), and pressuring insurance companies to confine the boats (2) Countering the forthcoming Uribe Report, which is expected to conclude that the blockade of Gaza is legal and that the Israeli military attack on Flotilla I was legal (3) How the occupation, the blockade of Gaza, and the attacks on flotilla vessels are illegal and how NLG attorneys can proceed (4) Countering the newly enacted Israeli law making boycott illegal and the new in-legislative-process US anti-boycott law, and how we can use both of the new anti-boycott laws to build the BDS campaign (5) Countering lawfare-type harassment against Palestine activism, and strategies - legal and political - for response (6) Consider whether the Palestinian Authority's bid for Palestine to be admitted as a member of the UN and/or the PA's bid for recognition of Palestine as a state by a large number of countries is a positive step forward for the Palestinian struggle and its possible implications for the US and international Palestine solidarity movement. **Moderator: Audrey Bomse**, advisor to and activist in the Free Gaza Movement, NLG Free Palestine Subcommittee. **Presenters: Marjorie Cohn**, Immediate Past President, NLG; Professor Thomas Jefferson School of Law; **Nasser Barghouti**, President of the American-Arab Anti-Discrimination League in San Diego; **Lamis J. Deek** is a human rights attorney in Brooklyn specializing in defending Arab & Muslim community members, activists and organizers against governmental attack. She is a member of the NLG, an active member of the National Council of Arab Americans and is a past president of the Palestinian Right to Return Coalition; **Barbara Harvey**, Co-leader of Free Palestine Subcommittee BDS task force, former Legal Director at ACLU of Michigan and former Assistant Professor at Wayne State University Law School.

10AM 11:15 AM WORKSHOPS II

Decolonization of Indigenous America

Senate

Description: This workshop addresses the continuing US colonial occupation, ethnocide and slow genocide of Native American and Hawaiian nations and peoples. It focuses on the fundamental human right to self-determination and struggles for decolonization as well as developing human rights norms and international law, including the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous People, recently signed by President Obama. The workshop will cover the available international forums and specific legal actions that have been and can be used to address these issues. **Moderator: Andrew Reid** has been involved in grass roots Native American liberation struggles since the 1970s. He practices civil rights and constitutional law and teaches federal Indian law and Indigenous peoples courses at a Colorado law school. **Presenters: Antoinette Moore** is a human rights attorney. She was and is local counsel in the groundbreaking cases of the Mayan peoples before the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights, the Caribbean Court of Justice and the Supreme Court of Belize, and the follow up with the United Nations Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination. She holds JD and Master's degrees in international human rights law. **June Lorenzo** is a member the Pueblo of Laguna, a sovereign Native Nation in her home state of New Mexico. She has served as in-house counsel for the Pueblo and currently as counsel with the American Indian Law Alliance. Also working with the Indian Law Resource Center, she has focused on the international application of human rights law to indigenous peoples as a participant in the negotiation processes of the drafting of the American Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. She has attended UN Indigenous forums at all levels, including the negotiations on the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples. **Nellis Kennedy-Howard** is a Dine' graduate from the University of New Mexico School of Law who has studied at Oxford University, at the Universidad Autonoma de la Laguna in Torreon, Mexico, and with the Working Group of Indigenous Peoples in Geneva, Switzerland. She is the National Campaign Associate for Honor the Earth, a Native-led organization focusing on developing the financial and political resources for the survival of sustainable Native communities. **Brandy K. M. Toelupe** is a Native Hawaiian attorney practicing federal Indian law with Tilden McCoy & Dilweg, LLP in Denver. She received her undergraduate degree from the University of Iowa and her law degree in 2009 from the University of Denver where she was active with the Native American Law Students Association. She also studied the development of Indigenous Peoples and Federal Indian law in Geneva, Switzerland. During and after law school she clerked with the Native American Rights Fund, working on cases involving the Indian Child Welfare Act, tribal governance, and federal recognition.

Growing Criminalization of Immigration

Constitution

Description: This event will discuss the federal government's increasing focus on criminal prosecutions for immigration offenses. Immigration crimes are now the most prosecuted federal crime, and carry maximum sentences of up to 20 years. Even as dramatically fewer people illegally enter the United States the rates of criminal prosecutions for illegal entry continue to increase. The people prosecuted for these offenses have virtually no voice in our government, so they are easy targets for the private prison industry, and for a federal government looking to increase conviction rates, and appear tough on crime and immigration. Policies such as local-federal partnerships like "Secure Communities," and "Operation Streamline" along parts of the US-Mexico border show that these trends will continue. **Moderator: Bridget Kennedy** works at the Federal Defenders of San Diego, and has spent the past four years representing people charged with immigration and border-related crimes. **Presenters: Norma Aguilar** has been defending people charged with immigration crimes along the California-Mexico border for over a decade. She has trained federal defense attorneys nationwide on immigration and border crime defense, and teaches U.S. trial skills to lawyers and judges internationally. She is currently a

supervisory attorney at the Federal Defenders of San Diego. **Professor Jacqueline Stevens** is a political science professor at Northwestern University. She maintains a blog documenting the harms of border enforcement laws and norms, and researches the instances of US citizens being deported. Her most recent book is *States Without Nations: Citizenship for Migrants*. **Sara Peloquin** worked as a trial attorney at the Federal Defenders in San Diego for four years, representing people charged with immigration and border-related crimes. She currently works at the Bronx Defenders, representing both citizens and non-citizens facing criminal charges. After law school, **Cassandra Lopez** represented people in immigration proceedings who were facing deportation for criminal convictions, with the Centro Legal de la Raza in Oakland. She currently represents people facing criminal immigration charges at the Federal Defenders of San Diego.

Policing, Prosecution and Punishment of LGBTQ

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Description: The panelists will share insights on the racialized policing and criminalization of gender and sexual non-conformity by law enforcement officers, prosecutors, and penal officials in jails and prisons nationwide. They will discuss ways NLG attorneys and legal workers can advocate for LGBTQ people in criminal and civil rights cases, on behalf of LGBTQ people who are incarcerated, and organize in LGBTQ communities and beyond for alternatives to relying on the criminal legal system to produce safety. Specific strategies will be shared on how to defend queer and trans people against sex-related charges (i.e., prostitution and lewd conduct), as well as causes of actions and claims that can be brought to vindicate the Constitutional rights of queer and trans folks, particularly those who are falsely profiled as engaging in sexual activity or as sex workers and/or strip searched by law enforcement and penal officials. Panelists will also share their experiences using cop-watch tactics, court watch organizing, and actions to advocate on behalf of and work in solidarity with LGBTQ people incarcerated. **Moderator: Joey L. Mogul** is a partner at the People's Law Office in Chicago, Director of the Civil Rights Clinic at DePaul University College of Law, and co-author of *Queer (In)Justice: The Criminalization of LGBT People in the United States*. Mogul has represented several LGBT people in criminal cases involving sex-related charges and in death penalty cases, as well as representing several LGBT people in federal civil rights cases involving police and prison misconduct. **Presenters: Andrea Ritchie** is a police misconduct attorney and organizer who has engaged in extensive research, writing, speaking, litigation, organizing and advocacy on profiling, policing, and physical and sexual violence by law enforcement agents against women, girls and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people. She currently coordinates Streetwise & Safe in New York, a leadership development initiative aimed at sharing "know your rights" information, strategies for safety and visions for change among LGBT youth of color who experience of gender, race, sexuality and poverty-based policing in the context of "quality of life" initiatives and the policing of sex work and trafficking. **Miss Major**, is a black, formerly incarcerated, male-to-female transgender elder. She has been activist and advocate in her community for over forty years, mentoring and empowering many of today's transgender leaders to stand tall, step into their own power, and defend their human rights from coast to coast. Currently, Miss Major is the executive director of the TGI Justice Project in California where she instills hope and belief in a better future to the girls that are currently incarcerated and those coming home. **Michael Spiegel** is a solo practitioner in New York now concentrating on section 1983 false arrest and malicious prosecution litigation. He has represented clients facing the death penalty at trial and on federal habeas corpus. He has represented many plaintiffs falsely arrested on sex-related charges, including the recent case of men framed for prostitution after being approached by undercover officers in Manhattan porn shops, and a jury verdict in another case finding that police had a policy or practice of arresting men perceived to be gay for "public lewdness" in public bathrooms. **Pooja Gehi** is a staff attorney at the Sylvia Rivera Law Project in New York where she represents low-income, transgender and intersex people of color in the areas of discrimination, immigration, access to government benefits, proper identification and healthcare. Prior to working at SRLP she wrote criminal appeals in 4th circuit and was a member of the Justice and Solidarity Collective in Washington, DC. **Owen Daniel-McCarter** is a co-founder of the Transformative Justice Law Project (TJLP). The TJLP is a collective of radical lawyers, social workers, activists, and community organizers who are committed to prison abolition, transformative justice, and gender self-determination. TJLP provides free, life-affirming, and gender-affirming holistic criminal legal services to low-income and street based transgender and gender non-conforming people targeted by the criminal legal system.

Challenging the Surveillance State: FOIA Tactics & Skills Training to Uncover Domestic Spying

Liberty C

Description: There is a massive accumulation of information collected by the government on millions of people who broke no law. Initiated by the Bush administration's illegal domestic spying operations and embraced and deepened by the Obama administration, the government is engaged in unchecked and unabated data collection and mass surveillance. There is a growing interest in filing FOIAs and other public records requests, but lawyers and activists alike often lack particularized knowledge on how to file a request that will actually be effective in eliciting the information desired. Presenters will also discuss using FOIA requests as tools for political and community organizing and public education. In addition to a political overview, the program will include specific information and materials on how to compose effective records demands, how to properly define the scope of searches, and specific information on how records and data are kept. The workshop will also discuss how to seek fee-waivers and expedited processing where appropriate and the standards necessary to pursue these requests. **Moderator: Mara Verheyden-Hilliard;** Partnership for Civil Justice Fund; Co-Chair Mass Defense Committee. **Presenters: Carl Messineo;** Legal Director, Partnership for Civil Justice Fund; **Heather Benno;** Civil Rights Attorney, Krizelman Burton & Assoc., Chicago; **Sarah Sloann;** Anti-War Organizer; Paralegal, FOIA Project Manager, PCJF

Relics of a Time and Place: The Case of Mumia Abu-Jamal

Liberty B

Description: For 30 years, the case of Mumia Abu-Jamal has ignited passions among human rights activists and law enforcement officials alike. In early 2011 the NAACP Legal Defense Fund signed on to the case, calling the Abu-Jamal conviction and death sentence “relics of a time and place that was notorious for police abuse and racial discrimination.” **Christina Swarns**, Director of LDF’s Criminal Justice Program, will provide an overview and update of the procedural status of the world’s most famous capital case. **Johanna Fernandez**, Professor of History at Baruch College (CUNY) and producer of *Justice on Trial: The Case of Mumia Abu-Jamal* will join NLG Director **Heidi Boghosian** in exploring precisely how the “relics of a time and place” framed this case. **Moderated by Jim Lafferty**, NLG-LA Executive Director.

Hot Topic: From Madison to Michigan: Union-Busting, Anti-Democracy, and Privatization in the Midwest

Liberty A

Description: Legislation passed in Wisconsin and Michigan has been emblematic of a conservative wave of human-rights-crushing actions taken by state governments in 2011. The backlash was unprecedented and the energy remains high. As the initial protests die down, organizers are searching for a meaningful way to channel this energy. This workshop will give leaders of political action the opportunity to discuss the steps they have taken and will take to protect human rights, fight for worker’s rights, and establish a truly representative democracy. Citizens of Wisconsin and Michigan will report on: **1)** the regional and national impact of Michigan’s recently-enacted Emergency Manager Law on labor communities and communities of color **2)** The many forms that the corporate power grab is taking **3)** The subversion of representative democracy in Wisconsin **4)** Legal and Direct Action strategies in general and specifically the tactics of the Madison NLG and Sugar Law Center. **Presenters:** **Edith Lee-Payne** is Executive Director of the Lee-Lovett Foundation (LLF), a non-profit organization promoting the importance and awareness of organ and tissue donation with emphasis in the African-American community. In memory of Edith’s son, Antoine Lee, the LLF was co-founded with James Lovett Jr., the recipient of Antoine’s heart. **Brandon A. Jessup** is Chairman and CEO of Michigan Forward, a progressive non-profit public policy think tank serving Michigan’s urban centers. Brandon found his penchant for politics while earning his Bachelor’s degree in Computer Information Systems at Eastern Michigan University. **Anthony Prince** is a labor lawyer who lives in Madison and is legal counsel for Teamsters Local 705 in Chicago. He has been active in the NLG Labor and Employment Committee for over 15 years and active in labor and social justice causes for over 40 years. At 17, he was the youngest elected chief shop steward in Teamsters history and since 1974 served in many posts in the Steelworkers, Janitors, Treasury Employees and Professional Engineers Unions. **John Philo** is the Legal Director of the Maurice & Jane Sugar Law Center for Economic & Social Justice and Of Counsel to the law firm of Constitutional Litigation Associates. He has testified before the U.S. Senate Health, Education, Labor and Pensions Committee regarding the rights of displaced workers, and has authored book chapters, legal articles, and papers. John is one of the lead attorneys in the case of *Brown et. al v. Snyder* challenging Michigan’s emergency manager legislation. **Samantha Leonard** is a 3L law student at the University of Wisconsin Law School. As a 2L, she was Chair of the UW Chapter of the NLG, and was lead organizer of the 2011 NLG Midwest Regional Conference. She sits on the Interim Board of the Madison Chapter. Samantha has worked in immigration and domestic violence and was a 2011 Haywood Burns Fellow providing free representation in family law matters to clients of Domestic Abuse Intervention Services.

11:30 AM 1 PM

THE FRIDAY GUILD LUNCHEON

Independence

1:30 PM 3 PM

MAJOR PANELS I

Islamophobia: The New McCarthyism?

Liberty A

Description: In the decade since 9/11, the Muslim-American community has been targeted for increased surveillance and has experienced repression of their free speech and free exercise of religion. This panel will focus on the wave of intensified attacks on the Muslim-American community. Discussion topics for the panel will include: the anti-Shari’ah state legislation, denial of mosque expansion and permission to build, the King hearings, FBI infiltration of mosques, and promotion of Islamophobia in the security industry and intelligence sector. Panelists will also discuss ideas for how the NLG and progressive legal activists could lend support and solidarity to the community. **Moderator:** **Azadeh Shahshahani** Azadeh Shahshahani is the National Security/Immigrants’ Rights Project Director for the ACLU of Georgia. Azadeh is a 2004 graduate of the University of Michigan Law School. She was born in Iran and came to the U.S. at age 16. Azadeh serves as Executive Vice President and International Committee Co-Chair for the NLG. **Presenters:** **Muneer Awad** graduated from the University of Georgia with a BA in 2006, and a JD in 2009. He then moved to Oklahoma to serve as the Executive Director of the local chapter of the Council on American-Islamic Relations. In his second week on the job he filed a federal lawsuit to stop the state from amending its Constitution to ban the consideration of Islamic law and international law. After successfully challenging the anti-Muslim law at the US District Court of Oklahoma, the case went before the US Federal Court of Appeals of the 10th Cir. Muneer has organized Islamophobia workshops for the largest media institutions of Oklahoma. **Thomas Cincotta** has been a member of the NLG since 1996 and currently serves as co-Northeast Regional Vice President. Since 2009, Thom led an investigation of domestic surveillance and political repression at Political Research Associates, a progressive think tank with longtime Guild roots. Prior to leaving PRA in September of this year, Thom published two key reports on how domestic intelligence practices target people of color, dissidents,

and Muslim and Arab-American, Middle Eastern, and South Asian individuals. **Lamis Deek:** Attorney and Human Rights Organizer whose legal practice primarily handles matters related to the Arab and the Muslim Communities. An organizer for over 11 years, she represents Arab Community Members and Leaders against the myriad of abusive governmental policies and tactics, from no-fly lists, often pre-textual and trumped up criminal charges, law enforcement surveillance and misconduct, material support charges, and against the many civil and criminal legal manifestations of the renewed anti-Muslim and anti-Arab atmosphere. She represents a major Muslim organization against attempts to halt construction of a Mosque, and is defending a client against state terrorism charges stemming from the NYPD's once secretive Intelligence Division. **Nina Farnia** is on the board of the NLG Bay Area Chapter. She has participated on the legal teams for major racial profiling and employment discrimination class actions, including *Dukes v. Wal-Mart*, the largest civil rights class action in US history, and *Fazaga v. FBI*, the first class action of its kind filed on behalf of Muslim Americans against the FBI. She has filed FOIA requests of the FBI and the LA Sheriff's Department to uncover information-sharing initiatives between local and federal law enforcement agencies and their practices vis-à-vis Arabs, Iranians and Muslims. She graduated from UCLA with an MA in Urban Planning and a JD, having specialized in Critical Race Studies. **Deepa Kumar** is an associate professor of Media Studies and Middle East studies at Rutgers University. She is the author of *Outside the Box: Corporate Media, Globalization and the UPS Strike*, as well as *Islamophobia and the Politics of Empire*.

Mass Incarceration in the U.S.

Liberty B

Description: 2011 marks the 40th anniversary of the Attica prison rebellion and massacre. This panel will examine the expansion, and then retrenchment, in the rights of incarcerated people, the proliferation of solitary confinement “control units” and the growing movement on the inside and outside to place the issue of the incarceration of people of color in the context of white supremacy in U.S. society as a whole. This will be a moderated discussion among the invited panelists with a goal of reinvigorating NLG lawyers’ and legal workers’ work in both prisoners’ rights and fighting the “New Jim Crow” in the context of our commitment to both human rights and anti-racism. **Moderators:** **Sarah Kunstler** is a lawyer and filmmaker who has long been involved in anti-racist and prisoners’ rights advocacy. **Bob Boyle** is a solo practitioner specializing in criminal appeals and civil rights litigation. He has represented numerous formerly and currently incarcerated political prisoners. **Presenters:** **Liz Fink** was lead counsel in the class action filed by the prisoners murdered and brutalized during the re-taking of Attica prison. She and other litigated the case for nearly 30 years before it was finally settled in 2001. During the same time Ms. Fink represented and continues to represent numerous other prisoners in efforts to both improve conditions and achieve their freedom. **Paul Wright**, formerly incarcerated, founded and still edits *Prison Legal News*, a publication dedicated to empowering prisoners, legal workers and attorneys with the latest legal rulings in prisoners’ rights and successful strategies employed throughout the country. **Dorsey Nunn** is Executive Director of the San Francisco-based Prisoners With Children. A long-time prisoners’ rights activist, Mr. Dunn was recently part of the negotiating team formed during the hunger strike by prisoners at California’s Pelican Bay prison. **Soffiyah Elijah** is the Director of the Correctional Association of New York an organization that advocates for prison reform and alternatives to incarceration. Previously Ms. Elijah was the Director of the Criminal Defense Clinic at Harvard Law School. She continues to represent political prisoners. **Leodus Jones** is the founder and Director of Community Assistance for Prisoners located in Philadelphia, which has fought for the voting and other rights of prisoners. Formerly incarcerated, Mr. Jones was subjected to illegal scientific experiments and, upon release, fought for compensation for those who were victimized by that practice. **Norris Henderson** is the Executive Director of VOTE in New Orleans. Wrongfully incarcerated for 27 years, Norris has had tremendous success in affecting public policy on the rights of prisoners and the criminal justice system. **Nora Carroll** is an attorney with the Parole Revocation Unit of the Legal Aid Society in New York. A member of the NLG-NYC’s Next Gen and Anti-Racism Committees, she worked with others to build support for the 2010 prisoners’ strike in Georgia and the 2011 Pelican Bay hunger strike at Pelican. **Ray Levasseur** helped form the Statewide Correctional Alliance for Reform in Maine in the early 1970s. He was and continues to be an anti-imperialist and prisoners’ rights activist. Mr. Levasseur is a former political prisoner who served 20 years under harsh conditions as a result of his activism.

Challenging the High Price of Free Speech; Skills Training & Strategies for Litigation & Organizing

Liberty C

Description: A new wave of repressive tactics is being used by local governments and law enforcement to prevent traditional First Amendment-protected activities in the U.S. As the Supreme Court grants expansive speech rights to corporations, grassroots activists are finding there is a high price for the “right” to engage in free speech. These tactics are under the radar but have a tremendous impact on grassroots organizing throughout the country. Groups are ordered to pay the police for the right to march; others have been hit with tens of thousands of dollars in fines for making political posters and leaflets available, and some activists have been subject to felony arrests and \$25,000 bail for putting up a single poster. Panelists will provide litigation and organizing skills training developed to fight obstacles to free speech and assembly. Legal practitioners and organizers will discuss successful tactics—from federal court litigation to administrative hearings to public records demands to political organizing against these repressive efforts.

Moderator: Mara Verheyden-Hiliard; Constitutional Rights Attorney, Executive Director, Partnership for Civil Justice Fund, DC; Co-Chair, Mass Defense Committee. **Presenters: Carol Sobel;** Constitutional Rights Attorney, Los Angeles; NLG Executive Vice President; Co-Chair Mass Defense Committee; **Carl Messineo;** Constitutional Rights Attorney, Legal Director, Partnership for Civil Justice Fund, DC; **Karina Garcia;** Founder, LUCHA, Columbia University; High School Teacher, Faculty Advisor, Youth Against War and Racism, NYC; **Brian Becker;** National Coordinator, ANSWER Coalition; **Heather Benno;** Civil Rights Attorney, Kriezman Burton & Assoc., Chicago; **Gideon Orion Oliver;** Civil Rights Attorney, New York, NY.

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| 3:15-5:15PM | PLENARY #1 | Liberty Ballroom |
| 5:30-6:30 PM | Committee for Democratic Communications Meeting | Congress |
| 5:30-6:45 PM | Student Caucus | Constitution |
| 5:30-6:45 PM | Legal Worker Caucus | Declaration |
| 5:30-6:45 PM | Next Generation Caucus | Senate |

Description: Throughout the convention, come visit the NLG Next Gen Committee’s welcome space, hosted by a rotating cast of young lawyers and legal workers from around the country. Our members will be available for RESUME REVIEW, for discussing such dreaded topics as “the job search” and dirty words like “networking,” and for general career advice. We’re here to be a resource and answer questions for newer members about the Convention, the Guild, and how to get involved! All are welcome to stop by and find out how law students and young lawyers can get involved in the national Next Gen Committee, how to organize a Next Gen Committee at your local chapter, and how you can support the Guild's next generation! We will also have dedicated meeting rooms on Saturday and Sunday, and access to the Hospitality room when it is available, for other Next Gen activities!

5:30 PM 7 PM **International Committee Reception** Independence

Description: The International Committee Reception will welcome the Guild’s international guests, from Mexico, Puerto Rico, Argentina, Venezuela, Belize, Japan, Canada, and a number of other countries. Please join us for a reception with food and music, celebrating international solidarity and supporting lawyers and human rights defenders worldwide. The Reception will feature a talk by Tibisay Lucena, President of Venezuela’s National Electoral Council, the institution in charge of all electoral processes in Venezuela, and the fifth branch of Venezuela’s government. The Reception will also feature the presentation of the first awarding of the new national Guild award named in honor of Debra Evenson, former Guild president and longtime international solidarity advocate.

7-8:30 PM **Anarchist Walking Tour** (No Pre-Registration required) Off-Site

Location: Meet at the Philly Chapter Table in the Foyer

9 PM-on... **Student Sponsored Party (open to all)** Off-site

Location: The Field House: 1150 Filbert St.

Saturday, October 15, 2011

| <u>Event Time</u> | <u>Event Name</u> | <u>Room</u> |
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| 8 AM 9 AM | NLG Foundation Board Meeting | Independence A |
| 8 AM 9 AM | National Lawyers Guild Review Meeting | Declaration |
| 8 AM 9 AM | Iran Sub-committee | Congress |
| 8 AM 9 AM | Task Force on the Americas Open Meeting | Off-Site |
| Location: Cosi Restaurant: 1700 Market Street, one block from the hotel. Moderator: Judy Somberg | | |
| 8 AM 9 AM | Indigenous Peoples Rights Committee Meeting | Constitution |
| 8 AM 9 AM | Anti-Sexism Committee Meeting | Independence B |
| 8:30AM 5 PM | Convention Registration | Foyer |
| 8:30AM 9 PM | Vendors/Display Tables | Foyer |
| 8:30 AM 12 PM | NLG Convention Hospitality Room | Board |
| 9 AM 12 PM | Anti-Racism Programming: TUPOCC Training: Critical Race Theory & Community Based Activism; Building a Stronger, More Accountable Movement | Liberty A/B |

Description: This skills and unity session for legal activists of color, organized by the United People of Color Caucus (TUPOCC), invites participants to take a closer look at the ways in which we can strengthen our work through an anti-oppression analysis and practice. Our presenter, Max Rameau, is a Pan-African theorist and organizer. In the summer of 2006, in response to the severe housing and gentrification crisis impacting low income communities, Max helped form what would become Take Back the Land. The organization took over a vacant lot in the Liberty City section of Miami and built a

full urban shantytown, housing 150 otherwise homeless people in all, until a suspicious fire burned the settlement to the ground. Afterwards, Take Back the Land shifted attention to vacant government owned and foreclosed homes, "liberating" them and moving families in, without permission from the government. In 2008, Max authored *Take Back the Land: Land, Gentrification and the Umoja Village Shantytown*, recounting the experiences and political theory behind the action. In 2009, organizations from across the country began expressing interest in Take Back the Land style actions and the organization went national. Max will discuss his experiences in organizing as an activist of color, with reflections upon the importance of the movement being led by impacted communities. TUPOCCers will also facilitate a discussion about key principles from Critical Race Theory and related movements, with an emphasis on how CRT-related tools can help us identify and dismantle manifestations of racism, power, and subordination. *This session is open for individuals who self-identify as "people of color."* **Moderators: Rayna Ghuma & Malika Chatterji**; Co-Chairs of the United People of Color Caucus. **Presenters: Max Rameau**; see event description above

Anti-Racism Workshop

Liberty C

Description: We will examine and explore interpersonal and structural racism and the systemic inequality that comes with it. At this session, and through this work, we will continue to work towards overcoming interpersonal and structural racism in the Guild, focusing our sights on prioritizing and advancing our work towards true liberation and justice inside the Guild and in our work as radical legal activists. We are happy to have two very experienced facilitators from Dismantling Racism Works ("dRworks") return, to continue our multi-year process of working through the effects of racism on the Guild. dRworks is a collaborative of trainers and organizers who have been facilitating Dismantling Racism work for many years. Using a model developed in the early 1990s by Kenneth Jones and Tema Okun, what was once a three-day workshop has developed into the multi-year Dismantling Racism process dRworks facilitates today. Under the leadership of all those at dRworks and with the help of hundreds of people who have participated in the DR process and are working hard to build anti-racist organizations in communities across the U.S., dRworks continues to develop and strengthen the grounding model that we offer to leaders and organizations who come to dRworks for help and support.

Presenters: **Bree Carlson** is a lead trainer with more than 10 years of organizing experience in community, labor, and electoral projects. Working extensively throughout the United States and abroad, Bree has provided training and facilitation to groups ranging from grassroots community organizations and statewide coalitions to regional intermediaries and national organizations. **Suzanne Plihcik** is a community organizer and facilitator for dRworks and the Racial Equity Institute, organizations seeking to strengthen community and institutional relationships through an increased understanding of systemic racism. She is past director of Project Greensboro, a community building organization working with Greensboro neighborhoods and the agencies that serve them.

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| 12 PM | 1 PM | Anti-Racism Committee Meeting | Constitution |
| 12 PM | 1 PM | Queer Caucus | Declaration |
| 12 PM | 1 PM | Report Back on Tunisia Delegation | Independence A |

Description: In March 2011, four Guild members joined with attorneys from the United Kingdom and Turkey in a delegation to Tunisia at the invitation of the Tunisian Bar Association. The cataclysmic political changes, which resulted in the fall of the Ben Ali regime in January, sparked continued changes and protests throughout North Africa and the Middle East. How did such dramatic political change happen so quickly? What are the challenges to the transition to democracy? What was the role of the U.S. in supporting the prior regime? How can Guild members become part of such delegations? Please join us for a lunchtime discussion of these issues and the findings of this delegation. **Moderator: Azadeh Shahshahani** is a human rights attorney and activist based in Atlanta, Georgia. Azadeh is the Director of the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Georgia National Security/Immigrants' Rights Project. The project is aimed at bringing Georgia and its localities into compliance with international human rights and constitutional standards in treatment of refugee and immigrant communities, including immigrant detainees. Azadeh also serves as Executive Vice President and International Committee Co-Chair for the NLG. **Presenters: Steven Goldberg** is a graduate of Harvard Law School and has been an attorney practicing law in Oregon since 1975. He has been involved in numerous political cases, such as representing prisoners challenging medical and mental health conditions and challenging the US Army's stop-loss policy. Most recently Steve was part of the legal team representing an Islamic charity in Oregon, which successfully challenged the Bush Administration's policy of warrantless electronic surveillance of US citizens' international communications. Steve has served as chairperson of the NLG's International Committee and has represented the Guild at meetings in, and delegations to, South Africa, Cuba, and Israel and Palestine. **Audrey Bomse** practiced law in the US for 20 years. She was legal director of the Prisoners Self-Help Legal Clinic located in Seton Hall Law School for several years. She moved to Jerusalem in 2002 and spent six years working as a human rights lawyer, eventually as legal director of a coalition of Palestinian and Israeli human rights NGOs fighting against the systematic use of torture by Israel. She is currently a lawyer with the Free Gaza Movement and has been co-chair of the NLG Free Palestine subcommittee for the past three years. After serving four years in rural Iran as a US Peace Corps volunteer, **Tom Nelson** went to law school (Valparaiso, J.D.; Yale, L.L.M.) and then spent four years teaching law. He returned to the Northwest, became a partner in Portland's largest law firm, and later started his own firm. Together with Steve Goldberg and others, he successfully challenged President Bush's warrantless wiretapping program and further supported individuals targeted for "War on Terror" investigation or prosecution by federal authorities. Tom is part of

the Free Gaza Movement and was on the first boat to break the siege of Gaza in 2008. He was a member of the NLG emergency delegation to Gaza in February 2009, which investigated possible Israeli war crimes during Operation Cast Lead and co-authored a report indicating that probable cause existed for prosecution.

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| 12-1 PM | TUPOCC Administrative Meeting | Independence B |
| 12-1 PM | Haiti Subcommittee Meeting | Senate |
| 12-1 PM | Meeting to Prepare Mass Defense/Legal Observing for G-8/NATO Summits in Chicago in May 2012 | Congress |
| 1-3 PM | PLENARY #2 | |
| | National Elections, Resolutions, Amendments | Liberty Ballroom |
| 3-5 PM | Mural Arts Restorative Justice Tour | Off Site |

Description: This tour focuses on murals created by prisoners, victims and defendants working together, and delinquent or at risk youth. \$35 Pre-Registration required. Sign up at the Philly Chapter table in the Foyer.

3:15 PM 4:30 PM WORKSHOPS III

Opposing State Anti-Immigration Initiatives

Independence B

Description: With the proliferation of hundreds of anti-immigrant bills and policies across the nation, several states have passed or are perilously close to passing anti-immigrant legislation based on Arizona's now-infamous SB 1070 law. On a positive note, the prognosis for anti-immigrant legislative efforts is grim, as activists and litigators ramped up momentum to turn the tide against these hateful proposals, or in some cases, pass positive pieces of legislation such as in-state tuition parity laws. Panelists will discuss campaign and litigation strategies developed by activists and litigators in pivotal states such as Georgia, Utah and Illinois.

Moderator: **Paromita Shah** is an attorney and Associate Director of the National Immigration Project, where she specializes in immigration detention and enforcement. She is an author of the "Deportation 101" curriculum, participates in regular advocacy efforts with ICE officials, and has created an abundance of resources for communities affected by heightened immigration enforcement efforts. Previously Ms. Shah served as Director of Capital Area Immigrants' Rights Coalition in Washington, DC.

Presenters: **Mia-lia Kiernan** graduated from Drexel University with a Bachelor of Arts in International and Area Studies with a focus in Justice and Human Rights. Mia-lia is an organizer with One Love Movement, a group of volunteer activists who came together after a rise in detention and deportation of Cambodian-American community members, friends and family. Mia-lia has also worked closely with the South Philadelphia High School Asian Student Advocates (SASA) and the Asian Student Association of Philadelphia (ASAP) to raise awareness of biased violence against Asian immigrant youth in Philly public schools, and empower students to push for systemic recognition of the problem and advocate for student-centered solutions. Mia-lia is also a member of the Pennsylvania Immigration and Citizenship Coalition (PICC) Public Safety Committee. **Azadeh Shahshahani** is the Director of the National Security/Immigrants' Rights Project at the ACLU of Georgia. The project is aimed at bringing Georgia and its localities into compliance with international human rights and constitutional standards in treatment of refugee and immigrant communities, including immigrant detainees. To that end, a variety of strategies are employed, including development of impact litigation, legislative advocacy, providing training to attorneys, human rights documentation and publishing of reports, public education, and coalition and movement building. Azadeh is a 2004 graduate of the University of Michigan Law School. Azadeh was born in Iran and moved to the United States at age sixteen.

Demo Law & Transgender Activists

Congress

Description: A panel of activist attorneys and legal workers will present a skills-based workshop about special considerations and strategic support for transgender activists and legal workers, including risk assessment in planning actions, legal observing, jail support, bail considerations, and defense strategy.

Moderator: **Micah Ludeke** was the Tom Steel summer intern in 2009 and 2010, working with NLG San Francisco and the Transgender, Gender Variant, and Intersex Justice Project to develop legal resources for and provide direct services to transgender clients in California. He founded and supervises the Minnesota Transgender Know Your Rights Project. Micah graduated from Hamline Law School in Minnesota in 2011. **Presenter:** **Carey Lamprecht** is a legal worker from San Francisco. She has been a part of the NLG for ten years, working mainly with the Demonstrations Committee. She comes from a background of mental health work and plays professionally as a violinist. She will be finishing her Paralegal Certificate in 2012. She is part of the feminist DeRailer Law Collective. **Megan Books** is a radical legal worker in the Bay Area who has been involved with the NLG since the RNC in 2004. She has supported people through the court system by running legal support offices at both large and small actions, giving legal observer and know your rights trainings, and pairing arrestees with attorneys. Outside of the NLG, she is a paralegal at a small law office in San Francisco and specializes in Criminal Defense. **Carlos Villarreal** is the Executive Director of the NLG San Francisco Chapter. He graduated from the University of Texas School of Law in 2002 and worked on criminal justice reform in Austin before moving to California. He blogs at www.shoplifters.us and has been published in the New York Times, San Francisco Chronicle, Counterpunch and

elsewhere on various progressive topics.

FOIA is Your Friend: How to Use Open Government Laws as Tools for Activism ***Constitution***

Description: Open government laws can be useful tools to activists, lawyers, and legal workers alike. This workshop will incorporate general discussion of FOIA with a skills-based FOIA training. First, the workshop will cover the nuts and bolts of how, when, and why to use state and federal FOIA requests. A sample do-it-yourself FOIA letter and an instruction sheet will be among the materials provided for this skills-based component. Panelists will do a brief overview of federal FOIA, including (1) fair grounds for a request—what you can/cannot ask for; (2) what gets exempted out and why; (3) how long the response is supposed to take vs. how long it actually takes. Note: for more extensive coverage of exemptions, the workshop “Challenging the Surveillance State” (10am Friday) is highly recommended. Panelists will then contextualize the discussion by covering timely FOIA topics, including FOIA in the context of animal rights activists, notable Supreme Court cases, funding cuts for Obama data transparency initiatives, the FOIA ombudsman initiatives/FOIA.gov, and FOIA as compared to WikiLeaks. **Presenters:** **Nabiha Syed** is currently the First Amendment Fellow at the New York Times. As a Yale Information Society Project student fellow, she co-founded the Media Freedom and Information Access Practicum, a clinical program litigating for newsgathering and access rights. She holds a J.D. from Yale Law School and is pursuing an M.St. in Comparative Media Law at Oxford, which she attended as a Marshall Scholar. Her interests include freedom of information, digital democracy, and cyber law. **Jeffrey Light** is a progressive lawyer in Washington, D.C. whose practice focuses on representing activists in a variety of contexts, including criminal defense, First Amendment litigation, and FOIA suits. Mr. Light has represented transgender rights, civil libertarian, and animal rights groups in FOIA suits against the federal and D.C. government. Mr. Light earned his J.D. from Georgetown University Law Center in 2004. **Ryan Shapiro** is a doctoral candidate in the Department of Science, Technology, & Society (STS) at MIT. Ryan is broadly interested in the history, practice, and politics of science, technology, and medicine. Ryan’s research explores controversies over animal use and protection in historical and scientific context. He is particularly interested in confluences between disputes over animals and national security. He currently has over 250 FOIA requests in motion with the FBI and other federal agencies.

Reclaim the Radio/Seizing the Airwaves ***Declaration***

Description: We the collective people own radio airwaves. Community radio stations reclaim local airwaves to give voice to the multitude of issues and culture unique to each neighborhood. Currently, access to low power radio stations (LPFM) is virtually non-existent in cities throughout the country. Under the new Local Community Radio Act, the Federal Communications Commission is authorized to open more radio waves for LPFM stations. This process includes designing the new LPFM rules through participation in the rulemaking Comment process, and filing the LPFM license applications. Since 1999 the Guild’s Committee on Democratic Communications has been at the forefront of assisting in the rulemaking process and providing legal assistance to community groups applying for FCC licenses for their own LPFM stations. *Reclaiming the Radio* is an interactive panel designed to provide Guild members with the tools to participate first in the rule making process, and then to help community groups in the license application process. This workshop and its accompanying materials will show the timeline for applying for a LPFM station, the importance of Public Comments in rulemaking, FCC procedures, requirements for community groups applying for LPFM stations, and anticipated rules for the upcoming licensing window. **Moderator:** **Mike Lee**, Philadelphia attorney, NLG Vice President, the Mid-Atlantic Region. **Presenters:** **Brandy Doyle**, **Cheryl Lenza**, **Vania from West Philly Radio**

Emerging Revolutionary Movements: Creative Organizing and Creative Lawyering ***Senate***

Description: This workshop will focus on developing revolutionary movements, which have adopted creative modes of organizing and the role of lawyers in providing legal support for such movements both in solidarity and in direct involvement. As the Arab world has erupted with revolution and as the students of Puerto Rico have taken to the streets, the creative new tactics of youth often are the focus of much attention – from internet organizing to street theater. However, these revolutionary movements are based on the movements of all of society - for example, the Egyptian revolution was not only an accomplishment of the "youth of Facebook," but also, and perhaps primarily, the culmination of strikes of Egyptian workers. Representing and providing legal support to such movements present new and emerging challenges and opportunities for attorneys but also draw on long traditions of movement lawyering and popular legal education. The students involved in the vital strike at the University of Puerto Rico are motivated not only by the fight to stave off tuition increases, but the long-standing struggle to assure that the University remain a center of critical thinking and a forum for the development of decolonization strategies. While the student movement has been characterized by its use of alternative modern mechanisms – street theater, social networking, alternative media such as “Radio Huelga,” they have worked with activists from long-standing struggles, such as the labor movement and progressive attorneys. **Moderator:** **Judith Berkan**, an NLG attorney practicing in Puerto Rico, co-chair of the Puerto Rico Subcommittee, and longtime Puerto Rico anti-colonial activist. **Presenters:** **Xiomara Caro**, a Puerto Rican law student, leader of the UPR strike, and human rights activist. **Suzanne Adely**, an Arab American lawyer and activist and former human rights legal worker in Egypt. **Ibrahim Qatabi**, an Yemeni-American legal worker and activist. **Reem al-Khatib**, a Palestinian activist involved in transnational Palestinian youth initiatives, of the US Palestinian Community Network – D.C. **Steven Goldberg**, Former co-chair of the

International Committee, civil rights attorney, and member of the NLG's delegation to Tunisia.

Philly Workers Rising Up: Innovative Workers Organizing in Philadelphia for Racial and Economic Justice

Independence A

Description: As worker uprisings grow around the globe and here at home, this panel will explore the innovative organizing models used by low-wage workers of color in Philadelphia to win justice at work and build a movement to challenge neoliberalism.

Moderator: **Daniel Gross**, a workers' rights lawyer and organizer, is the Executive Director of Brandworkers International, a non-profit organization protecting and advancing the rights of retail and food employees. He is an organizer with the Industrial Workers of the World with which he helped launch the first union campaign at the Starbucks Coffee Company. Mr. Gross serves on the steering committee of the NLG's Labor & Employment Committee and represents the committee on the Guild's National Executive Council. **Presenters:** **Ronald Blount** is the co-founder and president-elect of the Taxi Workers Alliance of Pennsylvania, and is a recipient of the 2010 Philadelphia Commission on Human Relations Award for Community Service. **Peter Cole** is a Professor of History at Western Illinois University. He has authored multiple articles and two books on the most racially inclusive union in early 20th century America: the Wobblies. **Estivaliz Lezama Caravaca** is a nanny and Costa Rican immigrant leading the first-ever project to organize domestic workers in Philadelphia. In the wake of the historic Domestic Workers Bill of Rights legislative victory in New York, Ms. Caravaca founded the Philadelphia Domestic Workers Association to end the invisibility of nannies, housekeepers, and elderly care givers in Philly, regardless of immigration status. **Fabricio Rodriguez** is the son of an Ecuadorian immigrant father and a Diné mother. He has been a labor organizer since 1998 when he helped his father and his fellow miners fight for a paid lunch break in Juneau, Alaska. Today, Fabricio specializes in innovative organizing strategies and has founded the independent Philadelphia Security Officers Union and the Restaurant Opportunities Center of Philadelphia.

4:45 PM 6:00 PM WORKSHOPS IV

Taking Down DOMA: Ending the Defense of Marriage Act

Senate

Description: Under the 1996 Defense of Marriage Act, states are not required to recognize same-sex marriage. Also, in Section 3 of the act, a marriage would be federally defined as a union between a man and a woman. In February 2011, the Obama Administration announced its conclusion that Section 3 of DOMA is unconstitutional and indefensible. This workshop will discuss community responses to DOMA, some of the federal benefit programs impacted by DOMA, update participants about the status of the litigation and some of its challenges, and discuss options to contribute to the fight to secure equal rights and benefits for all spouses. **Moderator:** **Perna Lal** is a J.D. candidate at The George Washington University Law School. She worked as the Thomas Steele intern at the NLGSF this summer where she focused on queer immigration issues. She is one of the Founders of DreamActivist and also serves as a Board Member for Immigration Equality. **Presenters:** **Helen Casale** is an attorney/shareholder at Hangley Aronchick Segal & Pudlin in Norristown, Pennsylvania. Her practice focuses on family law, and she is an expert in issues that same sex couples face including legal dissolution of civil unions, second parent adoption, custody, and support issues. In 2011 she was listed among the top 50 female attorneys in Pennsylvania. Prior to her law firm experience, Helen was a law clerk for the Honorable Martin A. Herman, Superior Court of New Jersey in the Family Division. **Victoria Nielsen** is the Legal Director of Immigration Equality, a national organization that fights for equality under U.S. immigration law for LGBT and HIV-positive immigrants and their families. She is the primary author of *The LGBT/HIV Asylum Manual*, a comprehensive guide for attorneys, and she has published extensively on legal issues facing LGBT and HIV-positive immigrants and refugees. Ms. Neilson received her law degree from the City University School of Law and her bachelor's degree from Harvard University. **Ivan Espinoza-Madrigal** is a Staff Attorney with Lambda Legal, where he is developing an initiative on behalf of LGBT people of color, LGBT immigrants, and low-income LGBT communities. Before joining Lambda Legal, Iván was an attorney with the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund and was an associate with Fried, Frank, Harris, Shriver & Jacobson. Prior to these positions, he served as a law clerk for Judge Eric Clay in the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit, and for Judge Ronald Ellis in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Legal and Popular Challenges to Zionist Institutions, Activities and Backlash

Declaration

Description: This workshop will deepen our ability to engage with this divisive issue in increasingly effective ways. We will initially describe and offer a brief history of Zionism and explore its influence on civil and political rights here in the United States. Based on this information, the workshop will explore the argument that confronting Zionism is necessary for the success of the Palestinian solidarity movement, stopping racist and anti-immigrant US policy and practice, and even ending US military aggression and occupations abroad. Through presentation, discussion and exercises, we will develop arguments to counter false claims of anti-Semitism and brainstorm opportunities to build joint struggle between Palestine solidarity work, including BDS, and other anti-racist, liberatory movements in the US. Discussion will focus on the important role and work of legal activists and legal-popular partnerships in confronting Zionist activity and backlash. This work includes challenging censorship, documenting and legally challenging the misuse of anti-discrimination policies to silence criticisms of Israel, documenting the links between political repression and Zionist surveillance, legal cases against Zionist organizations that participate in racist projects in the US and in

Palestine, and defending individuals, organizations, and campuses under attack. **Presenters: Nina Farnia, Greg Hom, Mich Levy, Sara Kershner;** All four presenters come from a long history of community based organizing including anti-racist, anti-war, anti-violence and harm reduction work.

Hanging a Shingle: How to Start Your Own Law Practice

Congress

Description: In this economy, amidst cutbacks for public defenders and legal aid and similar financial challenges for small progressive law firms, Guild legal professionals are faced with limited job options. Many of the employment options that remain are politically or otherwise unpalatable. This has led many to consider starting their own legal practice. The logistics of doing this can be daunting. This workshop seeks to answer questions about how to build a responsible and progressive legal practice with the ability to earn an income. The workshop will speak to 1) the ins and outs of the business end of running a legal practice, 2) different areas of law that are conducive to a small progressive practice (i.e. generating revenue while living your values), 3) alternatives to a traditional legal practice, and 4) keys to survival! **Moderator: Molly Armour** is a solo practitioner who focuses her young practice on criminal defense and appeals in state and federal court, with a sprinkling of §1983 civil rights cases. After graduating Temple School of Law in 2008, Molly clerked for the Honorable M. Teresa Sarmina, of the Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas. She then headed home to Chicago and unexpectedly opened the Law Office of Molly Armour. Molly proudly serves as the Midwest Regional Vice President for the Guild. Prior to becoming a lawyer, Molly was an actor, restaurant worker, and general agitator. **Presenters: Michael Lee**, Esquire, is a solo practitioner specializing in expunging criminal records, assisting small businesses and non-profit formation, and educating fellow citizens about their rights. He co-supervises the Philadelphia Lawyers for Social Equality's Criminal Record Expungement Project. Michael is Chair of the NLG Committee for Democratic Communications. Born and raised in Philadelphia, Michael graduated in the 2009 Inaugural class of Drexel Law, and is active in numerous community groups. **Kenneth Kreuscher** is an attorney member of the Portland Law Collective, a collectively run law practice that focuses on civil rights, labor law, and criminal defense. **Roxana Orrell** is a solo practitioner specializing in the areas of Social Security disability, and non-profit and small business law. She is the Treasurer of the NLG. Roxana graduated cum laude from William Mitchell College of Law. After a decade of legal practice that ranged from large and small law firms to becoming corporate counsel and Vice President of Minnesota's oldest legal forms publisher, Roxana decided again that it was time to open up her own shop—this time with the hard-earned lessons and business experience needed for success.

Role of Radical Lawyers in Shaping Political Alternatives to Capitalism's Brutal Meltdown

Independence A

Description: Today's worldwide economic crisis reveals that capitalism cannot solve the crises that it causes, leaving millions without decent wages, benefits, public education, and survival services and inflicting severe harm on the environment. Radical legal activists can play key roles in helping labor and community activists fight for concrete solutions that redirect the vast private wealth of a few to meet the urgent needs of the many. This work can take many forms in legislative, electoral, and political arenas. In defending public sector unions, we can advance the idea that all workers deserve the protections and rights that public unions have achieved. We can fight budget cuts and support universal health care at state and local levels. We can craft truly progressive tax laws to close the growing wealth gap. We can shift the political balance of power away from the dominance of two capitalist parties by fighting to increase ballot access for minor parties and helping to build an anti-capitalist workers party. **Moderator: Val Carlson** is the Seattle NLG Chapter Vice President and a member of NLG's Marxism and the Law Committee, International Committee, and Queer Caucus. **Presenters: Christina Lopez** is a Chicana activist, writer and speaker in the feminist, immigrant rights, labor, socialist and anti-war movements. Author of *Estamos en la lucha: Immigrant Women light the fires of resistance*, she has worked as a court clerk in Arizona and on the staff of the Seattle Human Rights Dept., where she was active in the International Federation of Professional and Technical Employees Local 17. As Seattle Radical Women Organizer she has been instrumental in launching a grassroots advocacy organization, Sisters Organize for Survival, which has fought budget cuts in Washington State, campaigned for an income tax on individuals earning over \$200,000, and petitioned labor leaders to mobilize for mass rallies at the state capital. **Jim Lafferty** is the Executive Director of the Los Angeles NLG and the host of *The Lawyers Guild Show* on Pacifica Radio. A founding member of the Marxism and Law Committee, he is also a former labor lawyer and civil rights lawyer; a member of the Continuations Committee of the newly-formed *Emergency Labor Committee*, Chair of the Board of the *Office of the Americas*; and an elected Fellow of the University of Southern California's *Institute for the Humanities*. **Fred Hyde** is a long-time Guild member who spent much of his legal career defending the right of radicals to freedom of speech and association, and expanding ballot access for minor political parties. A former Administrative Law Judge and active member of Washington Federation of State Employees, he is involved in international labor solidarity work for the Freedom Socialist Party and is a person with disabilities.

Countering Military Recruitment

Constitution

Description: A central precept of the Guild has long been to oppose militarism, empire, and wars of empire. This workshop is conceived to starve the beast of cannon fodder. On the more personal level, it is conceived to help prevent young people from making a life-altering bad choice. It is indeed "Law for the People." The workshop will concentrate on three main subject areas of counter-recruitment: 1) Legislative, administrative and public advocacy (including negotiations with school boards and opting out of having records turned over to recruiters), 2) Efforts to counter recruiters' access to the military's targets, primarily high schools, and 3) substantive points to use in talking with potential recruits. **Moderator: Reber Boulton** is a graduate of Vanderbilt University and has practiced law, the majority of it criminal and civil rights, for 35 years in Nashville, Atlanta & Albuquerque. He was on the staff of the ACLU's Southern Regional office from 1968 to 1971, and is now one of the legal directors of ACLU of New Mexico.

He worked with the NLG's Military Law Office in Japan in 1973-4 helping US Marines resist the war, and is a long-time member of the Military Law Task Force. He also worked with the Wounded Knee Legal Defense/Offense Committee.

Presenters: **Oskar Castro** is a graduate of Rowan University, where he majored in law and human rights. Oskar was the Coordinator of the American Friends Service Committee's National Youth and Militarism Program for eight years and then served as a Senior Program Analyst for one year before joining with Military Families Speak Out as its Executive Director. He also served with INROADS/Philadelphia, Inc., an international non-profit career development organization working with youth of color.

Harold Jordan is proud to be a long-time NLG and Military Law Task Force member. He has done extensive advocacy work on war resistance, students' rights, peace, youth leadership development, military service, and human rights issues. He served as the founding coordinator of the National Youth and Militarism Program at the American Friends Service Committee for 16 years. He chairs the leadership board of The Philadelphia Public School Notebook, an independent, nonprofit news service reporting on public education, and is a leader in the national Dignity in Schools Campaign, a coalition working to stop the school to prison pipeline. Harold works as a Community Organizer at the ACLU of Pennsylvania. The newest Executive Director of the 71-year-old Center on Conscience and War, **Maria Santelli**, recently relocated to Washington, DC from New Mexico, where she organized for more than a decade on nuclear disarmament issues. With a regular presence in the public schools, Maria observed military recruiters at work and developed *Another Side: Truth in Military Recruiting*, a project bringing combat and other veterans into the classroom to expose the myths and realities behind recruiters' sales pitches. Maria founded the New Mexico GI Rights Hotline and authored state and local policy on military recruiting in schools. **Azadeh Shahshahani** is the Director of the National Security/Immigrants Rights Project at the ACLU of Georgia. Azadeh is Executive Vice President and International Committee Co-Chair for the NLG.

Hot Topic: Hactivism 101: Notes from the Online Barricades

Independence B

Description: Online activism is a lot more than just tweeting during a street protest. As more and more of our political, social and cultural discourse takes place on the Internet, organized activism and dissent have also been developing online. This year has seen a massive amount of Internet protest activity and an unprecedented government crackdown on the participants. This panel will explore the concept of online activism; who are the players? How do they organize? What are their goals? The panel will also explore the law as it applies to online activity—how, as with the “Green Scare,” there is an ongoing “Nerd-Scare,” a concerted attempt to stifle online activism and justify draconian sanctions. We will also examine Distributed Denial of Service Protests (DDOS) and ask: does online activism deserve the same First Amendment protection as real world activism?

Moderator: **Abi Hassen** is Mass Defense Coordinator with the NLG national office. He is a former computer programmer and currently works on coordinating efforts to provide legal defense for Anons and other activists. **Presenters:** We will be joined anonymously via audio stream by one or more frontline Anons who have participated in actions such as #opBART. **Gabriella Coleman** is an Assistant Professor of Media, Culture and Communication at NYU. Ms. Coleman specializes in Anthropology of digital media, hackers, and the law. She has written extensively on anonymous, its history, decision-making process, and entree into political activism. She is currently completing a book *Coding Liberal Freedom: Hacker Pleasure and the Ethics of Free and Open Source Software*. **Gráinne O'Neill** is a staff attorney at the Charles Hamilton Houston Institute at Harvard Law School. She directs the Institute's Gideon Project, creating computer resources for indigent defense attorneys nationwide. Grainne has also been central to the Guild's “Green Scare” and “Nerd Scare” outreach efforts.

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| 5PM | 6PM | Next Gen Resume Review | Board |
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Description: Sign up for your appointment at the Next Gen table in the Foyer.

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| 6:15 PM | 7:30 PM | Pre-Banquet Reception (open to all attendees) | Foyer |
| 7:30 PM | 10PM | Banquet (separate ticket required) | Liberty Ballroom |

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| 8AM | 9AM | Free Palestine Subcommittee Meeting | Independence A |
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Description: Plan action for coming year to support further Free Gaza Movement flotillas, counter Israeli attempts at “lawfare,” hold Israeli political and military leaders accountable, build the BDS campaign, support NLG campus work, and hold elections.

Moderator: **James Marc Leas**; Co-chair of NLG Free Palestine Subcommittee. **Presenters:** **Audrey Bomse**; Legal advisor to and activist in the Free Gaza Movement and co-chair of NLG Free Palestine Subcommittee; **Barbara Harvey**; Co-leader of Free Palestine Subcommittee BDS task force; **Uri Strauss**; Leader of Free Palestine Subcommittee task force to demand that the IRS end the illegal tax free contributions to illegal settlements on occupied Palestinian territory; **Liz Jackson**; Co-chair of NLG Free Palestine Subcommittee

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| 8AM | 9AM | Torture Working Group | Senate |
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| 8AM | 9AM | Joint Environmental Human Rights/Environmental Justice Committee Meetings | Declaration |
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| 8:30 AM | 12PM | Vendors/Display Tables | Foyer |
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| 9AM | 10:15 AM | REGIONAL MEETINGS | |
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Northeast in Constitution
Southwest in Independence A

Mid East in Liberty C
Northwest in Senate
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10:30 AM 12:00 PM MAJOR PANELS SESSION 2

The Struggle Against Repression

Liberty A

Description: This panel will address the struggle to stop political repression directed against international solidarity activists and activism, both by the FBI and on campuses, and in particular the targeting of Palestinian, Arab and Palestine solidarity activism. The workshop will address the FBI raids and grand jury investigation targeting activists in Chicago and Minneapolis, as well as other forms and aspects of repression targeting Arab communities and international solidarity activism.

Presenters: **Lamis Deek;** Palestinian lawyer and NYC NLG Executive Committee member who does extensive community organizing and political criminal defense; **Mara Verheyden-Hilliard;** Co-Chair, NLG Mass Defense Committee and Executive Director of the Partnership for Civil Justice Fund; **Hatem Abudayyeh;** Palestinian activist targeted in grand jury subpoenas and Executive Director of the Arab American Action Network; **Reem Salahi;** Attorney with Hadsell, Stormer, Keeny, Richardson & Renick, specializing in civil rights and national security.

Workers' Rights are Human Rights: Fighting the Right Wing

Liberty C

Attack on Public Sector Workers

Description: The right wing attacks on public sector workers and their unions that began in Wisconsin are "ground zero" for democracy in America. Getting rid of collective bargaining and permanently weakening unions would leave all working people, not just union workers, completely defenseless and at the mercy of the rich. The magnitude of the issues at stake has galvanized workers and their allies all over the country. This crisis is also forcing labor and its allies to come to grips with the problems we all face: the nearly limitless reach of corporate power and the inability of our political system to curb it, in an economic system that provides super-profits for the richest of the rich while providing only unemployment, foreclosures and declining incomes to the rest of us. These attacks on workers' human rights present enormous challenges but also tremendous opportunities for all who seek social justice and a more egalitarian society. This moment has heightened our awareness and sense of urgency, captured our attention and brought renewed energy, motivation and a shared sense of commitment to fight back. Panelists will discuss what a broad, reinvigorated social justice movement is doing and must do to seize this moment filled with motivation and readiness to conduct a common effort around a common campaign to make sure that from this day forward, Workers' Rights are Human Rights.

Moderator: **Dean Hubbard** is Senior Counsel at the Transport Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO, where he is responsible for strategic campaigns and research on policy matters including the union's "Workers' Rights are Human Rights" campaign. As the Joanne Woodward Chair in Public Policy and Advocacy at Sarah Lawrence College, he established the Institute for Policy Alternatives. He co-founded the union-side labor and employment law firm Eisner & Hubbard, is co-Chair of the NLG Labor and Employment Committee, and has organized and led investigations, delegations and research on labor issues worldwide. **Presenter:** **Treston Davis-Faulkner** has been the Field Director for Jobs with Justice since 2008. Prior to that he served as the Southern Region Field Organizer for Jobs with Justice. As a student organizer, he helped build the Temple University Graduate Student Association/American Federation of Teachers. As an undergraduate, he led a coalition known as Progressive Unity, which organized with and advocated for the rights of students, workers, and the residents in North Philadelphia, and was the chair of the National People of Color Student Coalition. **Priscilla Gonzalez** is the Executive Director of Domestic Workers United, which organizes for power, respect, fair labor standards, and to help build a movement for change. DWU led the historic six-year campaign for the Domestic Workers Bill of Rights, which in 2010 became the nation's first law to recognize domestic workers as real workers by affording them basic rights and protections. She currently sits on the Coordinating Committee of the National Domestic Workers Alliance, board of ALIGN, and the advisory council of the Direct Care Alliance. El Diario/La Prensa honored her among the Top 25 Women of Achievement in New York. **Roger Toussaint** is International Vice President and Director of Strategic Planning of the Transport Workers Union of America, which represents over 200,000 active and retired transit, rail and aviation workers. From 2001-2009, Roger Toussaint served three terms as President of Local 100, TWU, the largest transportation labor organization in the US. In 2005, Toussaint led a two and-a-half day strike that successfully defeated the efforts of management to divide the union by slashing the pension and health benefits of the newly hired and retirees, the union's most vulnerable members. He started as a Cleaner with the NYC Transit Authority, and then became a Track Worker, the title he currently holds.

12:15 PM 1:15 PM Transformative Caucus

Constitution

12:15 PM 1:15 PM Next Gen Resume' Review

Independence B

Description: Sign up for your appointment at the Next Gen table in the Foyer.

12:15 PM 1:15 PM National Membership Committee Meeting

Independence A

1:30 PM 3:30 PM NEC Meeting

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