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WELCOME TO D.C.!

The NLG District of Columbia Chapter welcomes you to the 2017 80th anniversary #Law4thePeople Convention in the Guild’s “hometown” of Washington, D.C.! To help you get to know the D.C. Chapter, we prepared an update on our work below. We hope you enjoy tonight’s awards dinner and the wonderful lineup prepared for you.

Today, our members are involved in progressive, radical, and left-wing struggles, causes, and movements in the D.C. metropolitan area. Our Chapter has one of the most active Mass Defense Committees in the country, which has sent Legal Observers to more than 37 separate demonstrations in 2017 alone. The D.C. Chapter has also provided support for the historic protests against President Trump – and the historic backlash attempting to silence them. Chapter members are involved with the criminal defense of #J20 arrestees as well as civil suits against the District’s police department. The Mass Defense Committee also provides jail and courtroom support for individuals charged with crimes pursuant to protests. Chapter Legal Observers and mass defense attorneys have assisted the Black Lives Matter movement, Occupy DC protests, environmentalists opposed to fracking and oil pipelines, immigrant rights activists, anti-war demonstrations, labor unionists and workers, and countless others who struggle for justice.

The Chapter’s other committees have also been busy. D.C.’s Criminal Justice Committee testified on behalf of marijuana legalization in D.C. and investigated the mistreatment of prisoners at Virginia’s Red Onion State Prison. The Chapter has recently brought The United People of Color Caucus to D.C. and formed an Anti-Racism Committee, which have held trainings, movie nights, and more to reform the Chapter’s governance, policies, and practices and help members continue to develop and nurture anti-racist principles and actions.

The Labor and Employment Committee provides support for members in one of the D.C. metro area’s most competitive fields of legal practice. The Private Practitioners Group meets regularly to share advice and support among solo or small-firm attorneys and others interested in learning about successful law practice without abandoning the values that brought them to the Guild.

In 2017, D.C. NLG has formed new committees on technology, immigration, and housing, to carry on its work with new tools, in new fields, and alongside new partners. The work of these new committees places the Guild on the cutting edge of developments in law, politics, and society; they combine expertise with the vision imparted by the Guild’s values.

Chapter attorneys, legal workers, and law students continue to share experience and expertise in the form of working groups, study groups, and social groups. Chapter events like happy hours and the annual Disorientation workshop for law students provide an environment to network, share experience, and pass on wisdom. From the North Dakotan winter to the Cuban spring, D.C. Chapter members are using their experience and professional skills to help build the 21st Century grassroots movements necessary to protect civil liberties and to defend democracy now and in the future.

Welcome.

-The D.C. Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild
Program

Friday, August 4, 2017

7 PM-10 PM

7:30 PM   Welcome by Pooja Gehi & Natasha Lycia Ora Bannan

7:45 PM   Presentation of C.B. King Award to Aneesa Khan

7:55 PM   Presentation of Legal Worker Award to Amreet Sandhu

8:15 PM   Presentation of Ernie Goodman Award to Bruce Nestor

8:25 PM   Presentation of Law for the People Award to the Water Protector Legal Collective, accepted by Angela Bibens

8:40 PM   Invite Attendees to Microphone

10:00 PM  Program Concludes

Many thanks to our emcees for the evening:

Turna Lewis, Ria Thompson-Washington, and Jim Klimaski of the D.C. NLG Chapter.
Water Protector Legal Collective
(WPLC) is the on-the-ground legal team for the ceremonial resistance camps at Standing Rock, North Dakota. WPLC maintains a presence on-site and provide legal advocacy, jail and court support, criminal defense, and civil and human rights protection to the Native peoples and their allies gathered there.

WPLC (formerly known as Red Owl) operates in partnership with the National Lawyers Guild and is dedicated to protecting the sovereign treaty rights of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe and providing legal representation and coordination for Water Protectors engaged in resistance to the Dakota Access Pipeline.

Attorney Angela Bibens, NLG member and former WPLC Criminal Ground Legal Coordinator, will accept the award on behalf of the WPLC.

Photo (Left to Right): Indigenous women attorneys of the WPLC at Oceti Sakowin camp:

Julianna Repp, Nez Pierce; Holly T. Bird, San Felipe Pueblo, Yaqui, Apache, and Tarascan; Angela B. Bibens, Santee and Ihanktowan Dakota; Susan Hare, M’Chigeeng First Nation, Manitoulin Island; Heather Dawn Thompson, Cheyenne River Sioux.

Each year the National Lawyers Guild gives the Law for the People Award to an individual whose work embodies the values that our membership holds dear. Previous recipients include Walter Riley, Standish Willis, Jan Susler, Judith Berkan, and Jim Lafferty.
Bruce Nestor is a political activist and attorney whose legal practice focuses on criminal defense and immigration. He has tried over fifty misdemeanor and felony criminal cases to a jury and handled criminal, immigration, and civil appeals. He is a member of the Criminal Justice Act panel for the District of Minnesota. Bruce specializes in the immigration consequences of criminal convictions, including representing people seeking to vacate or set aside past criminal convictions in order to obtain immigration benefits. He has obtained post-conviction relief for aggravated assault, felony drug convictions, and other crimes. He was counsel in *Reyes Campos v. State*, which benefited hundreds of immigrants seeking post-conviction relief before it was ultimately overturned by the Minnesota Supreme Court and in State v. Reynua, a groundbreaking case barring state prosecutors from using federal I-9 forms to prosecute immigrants for forgery and identity theft.

Bruce graduated from the University of Iowa Law School in 1992. He has been in private practice since 1994, after working for the Legal Services Corporation of Iowa. He has appeared in criminal, immigration and civil cases before the U.S. Supreme Court; the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit, Fifth Circuit, and Eleventh Circuit; the U.S. District Court for Minnesota, Southern District of Iowa, Northern District of Iowa, Middle District of Illinois, and Northern District of Alabama; state courts in Minnesota and Iowa; and immigration courts nationwide, including the Board of Immigration Appeals. Bruce is a past president of the NLG (2000-03) and past president of the NLG Minnesota Chapter, a member of the National Immigration Project of the NLG, and a member of the Minnesota Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers.

As an attorney and organizer, he has worked with Centro Campesino, the Minnesota Immigrant Rights Action Coalition, Black Lives Matter, Campaign for a People’s Bailout, Poor People’s Economic Human Rights Campaign, Committee to Stop FBI Repression, and the Anti-War Committee. He has also traveled to Nicaragua, Cuba, Palestine, Arizona, Haiti, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Turkey, and Egypt as a member of human rights delegations.

Ernest "Ernie" Goodman (1906-1997) of Detroit was a founding member of the National Lawyers Guild and an influential civil rights and First Amendment lawyer. Each year the Ernie Goodman Award is awarded to a Guild lawyer who, within the past several years or currently, is engaged in legal struggle against financial, political, or social odds to obtain justice on behalf of those who are poor, powerless, or persecuted. The Goodman Award is given by the National Lawyers Guild Foundation.
Aneesa Khan Longer is a native of Farmingdale, NY, and currently resides in Reston, VA. She graduated from American University, with a BA in American Studies. Following graduation, she worked as a paralegal in the Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division, where she assisted in the prosecution of police brutality, hate crimes, and human trafficking cases. She currently attends the University of Baltimore School of Law and will graduate in May 2017.

In her first year of law school, Aneesa became involved in the NLG during Baltimore Uprising as a legal observer. The following year, she helped start the National Lawyers Guild Student Chapter, serving as their President for the last two years. The student chapter has grown from 6 members to over 60 in their inaugural year. She helps organize legal observer training and support in Baltimore and DC, and recently assisted in the J20 action.

While a student, she also served as President of the American Constitution Society; Director of Membership of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Black Law Students Association; and Treasurer of the Black Law Students Association. Aneesa served as Volunteer Coordinator for Homeless Persons Representation Project from 2014-16, and was the recipient of HPRP’s Outstanding Student Volunteer Award in 2016. Aneesa competed at the Thurgood Marshall Mock Trial Competition, placing First at the Mid-Atlantic Regional Competition and advancing to the National Competition; and the Inter-American Human Rights Moot Court Competition. She provided academic support to fellow students in her role as Teaching Scholar from 2015-16.

In addition to her organizational leadership, Aneesa has worked as a Rule 19-217 Student Attorney in the Pretrial Justice Clinic and Criminal Practice Clinic, where she represented indigent clients in District and Circuit Courts. She has also interned for the Capital Defender Office of Northern Virginia; the Public Defender Service of the District of Columbia; the Maryland Office of the Public Defender; and the Anne Arundel County Circuit Court. Aneesa also previously interned for Council on American-Islamic Relations.

The C.B. King Award is given to an NLG law student in honor of Chevene Bowers King (1923-1988) was one of the country’s most prominent and courageous civil rights lawyers. For over 30 years, he practiced law in Albany, Georgia, where he was a major figure in the civil rights movement. C.B. King was also a great teacher who taught several generations of law students and young lawyers how to practice law with a commitment to the poor, the disenfranchised, and the oppressed.
Amreet Sandhu has focused almost exclusively on building the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) Sacramento Chapter since last fall as Interim President.

Sandhu has been active with the NLG since she was a student at Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland, Oregon from 2006-2009. As an NLG student, she participated in legal observing, the mentorship program, community events and panels, and collaboration for a report to the United Nation’s Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (CERN) as part of the NLG International Committee’s efforts.

During law school, Sandhu served as the Student Bar Association’s Vice President. She worked for the Metropolitan Public Defender’s Office, the Oregon Court of Appeals, and a solo practitioner handling employment cases providing her a background in criminal, civil, and administrative law. For her work, she was awarded the Oregon State Bar’s Public Honors Fellowship. Before law school, Sandhu studied at the University of California Santa Cruz where she graduated in Politics and Community Studies. Her thesis, The Theory & Practice of International Human Rights Law, earned her honors. As part of her undergraduate studies, she interned with Amnesty International in Washington D.C., the California Public Interest Research Group, the Resource Center for Nonviolence, and with Sacramento Area Peace Action providing her with direct experience in a broad spectrum of human rights, anti-war, and environmental issues.

Sandhu served as an AmeriCorps Volunteer focusing on marketing and development for youth empowerment organizations. She also worked as a researcher] for the county court, and as a policy advisor to the Mayor of Portland, Oregon. She enjoys combining her practical skills with her passion for social justice to support local, national, and international social movements.

Amreet Sandhu is currently a member of the NLG’s International Committee, Queer Caucus, and The United People of Color Caucus.

The annual NLG Legal Worker Award is given to a Guild member whose legal support work has demonstrated leadership in the organization, marked by one or more notable accomplishments, and recognized by their peers.

Legal Worker Award

Amreet Sandhu
Abdeen Jabara in 1967 founded and in 1986 became president of the first national Arab American organization, the American Arab Anti-Discrimination Committee. He was a co-founder in the 1970s of the Palestine Human Rights Campaign and a defense consultant in the trial of Sirhan Sirhan and co-counsel in Sirhan's appeal. Jabara represented the first Palestinian activist extradited to Israel. In 1972, he led efforts challenging Operation Boulder, a U.S. Government program targeting activists on Palestine in the U.S. Jabara was plaintiff in a lawsuit against the FBI which revealed for the first time National Security Agency spying on U.S. citizens.

Jan Susler, longtime NLG member and partner at the People’s Law Office in Chicago, has represented Puerto Rican political prisoners for over three decades, serving as lead counsel in the efforts culminating in the 1999 Clinton commutation of their disproportionate sentences and the 2016 Obama commutation of Oscar López Rivera’s sentence. Her work with the Puerto Rican Independence Movement and with progressive movements challenging U.S. foreign and domestic policies has been a constant throughout her 40+ years as a lawyer, activist and teacher. Her practice at PLO focuses on police misconduct and civil rights litigation, including wrongful conviction, excessive force, and death in custody.

Former Guild President Debra Evenson (1942-2011) was one of the visionary architects of Cuba’s legal system, and a staunch defender of the country at home. The award is presented by the International Committee in recognition of brave work to extend justice beyond borders.

The 2017 Debra Evenson Venceremos International Award will be presented at Saturday at the joint International Committee and Labor and Employment Committee Reception.
Jayashri Srinkantiah is the founding director of Stanford Law School’s Immigrants’ Rights Clinic. She has worked with students to represent scores of immigrants facing deportation, while also engaging students in multiple modes of advocacy to advance immigrants’ rights. Srinkantiah and her students have worked in partnership with local organizations to advocate for change at the local and state level, and to create innovative know-your-rights and pro se materials. Examples of advocacy successes include expanding access to justice for immigrants in removal proceedings, disconnecting local juvenile justice offices from immigration referrals, deepening raids response capacity, broadening access to immigration detention facilities, and enabling many individuals to successfully represent themselves.

Srikantiah and her students have also engaged in broader litigation, including in cases fighting against prolonged immigration detention (such as, in partnership with the ACLU, Jennings v. Rodriguez) and in cases to limit the immigration consequences of prior convictions. She has also litigated to protect the rights of immigrant survivors of domestic violence and in Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) cases to expand public access to information about the federal government’s enforcement and removal machinery. In 2014, California Lawyer magazine named Srikantiah one of its Attorneys of the Year.

Srikantiah’s scholarship focuses on pedagogical methods to engage law students in broader-scale social justice work, including in the current difficult political climate. She has served as a mentor to innumerable law students who have gone on to work on behalf of immigrant communities.

Before joining the Stanford Law School faculty in 2004, Srikantiah was the associate legal director of the ACLU of Northern California and a staff attorney at the ACLU’s Immigrants’ Rights Project. She earned her B.S. in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science at the University of California, Berkeley, and her J.D. from New York University School of Law. Following law school, Srikantiah clerked for Judge David R. Thompson of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

The National Immigration Project of the NLG awards the Carol Weiss King Award annually for excellence in the pursuit of social justice through organizing, litigating, and teaching. The award has honored dozens whose work has significantly advanced human and civil rights for all. Prominent U.S. lawyer Carol Weiss King (1895-1952) specialized in immigration law and the defense of the civil rights of immigrants, and was a founding member of the National Lawyers Guild.

The 2017 Carol Weiss King Award was presented at the Keynote Address.
Oscar López Rivera is the longest held Puerto Rican political prisoner in the history of Puerto Rico. After he served more than 35 years of his 70 year sentence for seditious conspiracy and related charges, and as the result of a broad, human rights based international campaign for his release, on January 17, 2016, just days before the end of his second term, President Barack Obama commuted his sentence, ordering it will end on May 17, 2017. He survived endless government efforts to break him, efforts he calls “spiriticide,” including more than 12 years of solitary confinement in supermax prisons Marion and ADX Florence, with his commitment to the independence of Puerto Rico intact.

Moving from Puerto Rico to Chicago at age 14, he was soon drafted into the US Army and sent to Vietnam, where he quickly sensed that he had much in common with the Vietnamese and their liberation struggle. On his return to Chicago, he became an effective community organizer, fighting for the economic and social rights of the Puerto Rican community and people of color.

Inspired by previous generations of Puerto Rican independentistas, he joined the clandestine movement. He was one of 16 Puerto Ricans tried for seditious conspiracy in Chicago, convicted of being members of the FALN (Armed Forces of National Liberation). In 1999, President Clinton commuted the disproportionate sentences of most of his compatriots after they served 16 and 19 years in prison. While encouraging the others to accept the commutation, Oscar declined it, opting to remain in prison until those not offered commutation were released.

He has received a hero’s welcome in Puerto Rico, the U.S. diaspora, and internationally, as he works to create a foundation to build on the unity that resulted in his commutation, and to work at the community level to decolonize his homeland.

The Arthur Kinoy Award was established in 2008 as an occasional award given in the spirit of beloved member Arthur Kinoy. The inaugural recipient was former Jailhouse Lawyer VP Paul Wright. While there are no formal guidelines for the award, on special occasions it may be given to those individuals whose work and passion would have especially appealed to Arthur.

The 2017 Arthur Kinoy Award was presented at the Keynote Address.
The Military Law Task Force

rejoices at the release of Chelsea Manning.

But our joy is tempered by the knowledge she spent seven years in brutal confinement for exposing the ugly face of US imperialism.

It is tempered further by all those political prisoners still languishing in our prisons and jails.

For almost 45 years, I have been an active member of the National Lawyers Guild. Many of the people whom I care most about, I met through the NLG. The struggles and challenges that the organization and its members have taken up during the Guild’s 80 years of existence have been monumental.

Now we are in one of those challenging political times where our tenacity, vigilance, humanity and commitment to justice, democracy and equality must what directs and guides us in the work we all must do.

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Congratulations to all of this year’s NLG honorees, and, in particular, our dear friend, Abdeen, whose generosity, brilliance, kindness, and tireless commitment to justice are a gift to the movement and to all of us.

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CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE HONOREES!
KEEP UP THE STRUGGLE!
~JEFF PETRUCELLY & PAT CANTOR

Bruce sworn in to ND bar
We're so proud of you, Bruce Nestor! Thanks for defending the water protectors!
NLG-Minnesota Chapter

Congratulations Jayashri Srikantiah on being selected as this year's Carol Weiss King award recipient!

You are an inspiration to us all and we are proud to have you as a brilliant colleague and a dear friend. The next generation of resistance lawyers and immigration activists is lucky to have you as a teacher and a role-model.

Congratulations to all the honorees, especially my good friends.

- Jim Fennerty

The NLG Cuba Subcommittee salutes those who never give up in the fight for justice!

Oscar Lopez Rivera, Abdeen Jabara, Jan Susler and Bruce Nestor

Thank you
Brigitt Keller
for 10 years of incredible dedication and leadership with the National Police Accountability Project of the NLG! We salute your brilliant and tireless work.

Michel, Ian, Heidi, John, Carol, Matthew, Ashlee, Jonathan, Howard, David, and Michael.

Congratulations to our Comrade and Friend
~Abdeen~
Always Inspiring Us with Strategic Thinking
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Bruce Nestor
2017 Recipient
Ernie Goodman Award
Congratulations, Jayashri!
Honored to work alongside you for justice!

Love & Respect,
Your Colleagues at the Mills Legal Clinic
Stanford Law School

Congratulations to Jan Susler, whose courage and determination to ensure justice is done continues to inspire us all.
With love and great admiration,
Carol Brook

CONGRATULATIONS ABDEEN, FROM YOUR WEST COAST PALS!

We salute your dedication to the cause of justice for Palestine and your many decades of leadership in the Guild on this issue.
And we honor our many years of collaboration and friendship.

With love and admiration,
Matt Ross, Gloria Lawrence, Marc Van Der Hout, and Jody LeWitter
CONGRATULATIONS ABDEEN, BRUCE, JAN, JAYASHRI AND ALL THE OTHER HONOREES!!!

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR YEARS OF DEDICATION TO ADVANCING THE CAUSE OF JUSTICE FOR THOSE MOST IN NEED. YOU HAVE MADE US PROUD TO WALK BESIDE YOU IN THE GUILD ALL THESE YEARS—AND WE PLAN ON DOING SO FOR MANY MORE YEARS TO COME!!!

MARC VAN DER HOUT AND JODY LEWITTE
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The Water Protector Legal Collective, Oscar López Rivera, Bruce Nestor, Jan Susler, Jayashri Srikantia, Aneesa Khan, and Amreet Sandhu.

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-JOSEPH LIPOFSKY

Many people know about Abdeen Jabara’s bravery, fierce negotiating skills and tremendous advocacy and humanity, but only some of us have also had the pleasure of knowing him as forager extraordinaire.

Here’s to our beloved Abdeen—true friend, political ally and appreciated chef.

Karen Ranucci (and Michael Ratner)

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AND ALL THE Awardees For outstanding Work In Service of Human Rights And Self-Determination For All!

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With love and respect, your Windy City fan club.

Len Cavise, Susan Compernolle, Jeff Frank, Susan Gzesh, Susan Kaplan, Joanne Kinoy, Mary Rita Luecke, Steve Saltzman, Lorry Sirkin, Sandra Tsung

Congratulations to all the deserving honorees.

Bienvenido a casa Oscar Lopez Rivera! with a special shout out to our own Abdeen Jabara, a true champion of justice!
Congratulations to our dear Jayashri on this well-deserved award.
Your sustained efforts for immigrants’ rights are an inspiration to all of us!
We are so proud of you.
Annaiah, Padmini, Puneet, Amritha, Dhruv, Siddhartha, Rob, Aditya, Ishan, and Ammamma

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In solidarity,
Paul A. Shneyer & Laura Friedman
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To our beloved colleague Jan Susler, your brilliance, dedication and spirit could not shine brighter! Felicidades on receiving the Debra Evenson Venceremos Award!

¡Que viva Puerto Rico Libre!

-Puerto Rico Subcommittee of the National Lawyers Guild
Congratulations to our dear friend Abdeen and the other honorees!

Jan Susler

and every honoree for their work fighting for liberation struggles locally and around the world. You have inspired us with your work freeing the Puerto Rican independence movement political prisoners, and advocating for the rights of prisoners everywhere. ¡Adelante!

Helen Hershkoff & Stephen Loffredo
The Center for Constitutional Rights staff and board congratulates our extraordinary friends, colleagues and s/heroes for all they do for justice everyday.

You’re all an inspiration!

Abdeen Jabara (Former CCR Board Member)

Oscar Lopez Rivera
Winona LaDuke
Jayashri Srikantiah
Jan Susler
Bruce Nestor
Aneesa Khan
Amreet Sandhu

Water Protector Legal Collective
Congratulations to Abdeen Jabara

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From David and Judith Chomsky
and Noam and Valeria Chomsky

Congratulations!

To All the Honorees
and All Who Have Gone
Before You
Over the Last 80 Years!

Jim Klimaski & Katharyn Marks

Amreet,
Keep the Struggle Going!
In Admiration
and in Solidarity,
Paul Ortiz, Proud Prof.

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You are a warrior for justice
and an inspiration!

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To our dear friend and colleague Jayashri,

Congratulations for such wonderfully-deserved recognition.

Your dedication, brilliance, and countless contributions to immigrant justice are a model for us all!

We love you,
Lucas and Debbie
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Congratulations to the National Lawyers Guild and to tonight’s honorees!

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We will always have Padova.

Love,
Margaret & Holly
Congratulations to our friend & colleague

Jayashri Srikantiah

with gratitude
for your camaraderie,
strategic insights,
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Jan Susler

Co-Recipient of the 2017 Debra Evenson Venceremos Award

We are thrilled to honor the indefatigable Jan Susler, a long-time NLG member who has represented Puerto Rican political prisoners and advocated for decolonization of Puerto Rico for over three decades. Jan led the legal efforts around the 1999 Clinton commutation of the disproportionate sentences of the Independentistas and the 2017 Obama commutation of Oscar López Rivera’s sentence. This is NLG activism at its best: stirring and effective.

Juddi!
We love you and are proud of you!
- Oliver & Zach
To Oscar for your courage, sacrifice and principled commitment to the independence for Puerto Rico.

To our comrade Jan for your unwavering years of work and support for the freedom of the Puerto Rican Political Prisoners.

You both show us what true love means for people, their liberation & justice!

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THE RISE OF THE ARAB AMERICAN LEFT
Activists, Allies, and Their Fight against Imperialism and Racism, 1960s-1980s by Pamela E. Pennock

This new work details the struggles of Arab American activists on the Palestine issue for several decades after the June 1967 war, including the political work of this year's Debra Evenson "Venceremos" co-honoree, Abdeen Jabara.

Copies of the book are available for purchase at the NLG Registration Table!

All proceeds will benefit the National Lawyers Guild.
Bruce Nestor:

The epitome of Ernie Goodman’s dedication to community law linked to national and international struggles and with unflagging commitment to the NLG.

We have depended on Bruce’s leadership as NLG President in the past and as current President of the NLG Foundation Board

With great admiration and appreciation from your comrades on the National Lawyers Guild Foundation Board:

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We nominated Abdeen Jabara to receive the Debra Evenson Venceremos Award not just because of his great legal and political work for more than 40 years but also because he was the transformative NLG member in the late 1960s through the mid-1970s in getting the NLG to take up and support the struggle for justice, democracy and a nation state for the Palestinian people, and for the next 30 years, he continued to provide great leadership in the NLG supporting justice for the Palestinian people and national liberation.

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