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# NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD 2016 LAW FOR THE PEOPLE CONVENTION

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# New York City & the Origins of the Guild

The New York City Chapter is thrilled to welcome you to the 2016 NLG Convention. It has been a long while since the convention was last held in NYC. Through the generous co-sponsorship of the Public Interest Law Center at NYU School of Law, including Dean Trevor Morrison, Assistant Dean for Public Service Lisa Hoyes and Prof. Helen Hershkoff, our conference this year has access to wonderful Greenwich Village classroom meeting facilities and dormitory housing. Our sincere thanks to NYU for partnering with us.

2016 is turning out to be a turning point year for law in our country. Thus, we feel especially privileged to engage allies from social justice organizations in New York and the East Coast in discussions about the future of crucial progressive issues. The Supreme Court is in the balance for the next generation; public figures project a vision which is less fair, less tolerant, and downright racist. Shocking as these times are, this is when the NLG needs to be at its best to defend peoples' rights.

Hard times have often brought out the best in the NLG. From the Guild's early beginnings, when it was formed as a racially and ethnically integrated alternative to the segregated American Bar Association, NLG-NYC members have played an integral role. The organizational meeting proposing the creation of the NLG took place at the City Club in December of 1936. NYC provided the first national NLG President, Frank P. Walsh and now proudly our current President, Natasha Lycia Ora Bannan.

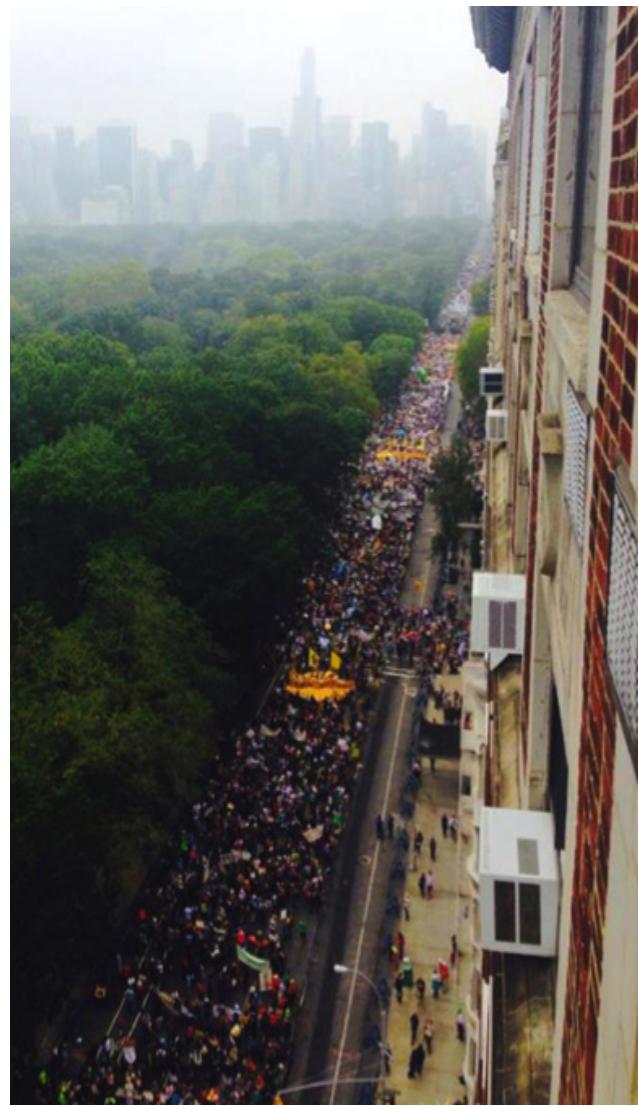
Since then, NLG-NYC members have joined with leaders across the nation in every major program and project of the Guild, initiating national projects that continue today—from Leonard Boudin's leadership in the first Labor Law Committee, to Marty Popper's defense of the Hollywood 10 at the HUAC trials. NYC also gave us Arthur Kinoy, who represented the Chicago 8, Julius and Ethel Rosenberg, and testified before the HUAC. Arthur also co-founded the Center for Constitutional Rights 50 years ago, along with the legendary William Kunstler who answered the call to come to Attica's D-yard to negotiate for the human rights of the prisoners at the rebellion.

NYC also gave us former NLG President Victor Rabinowitz and his law partner Leonard Boudin, who represented the revolutionary government of Cuba, and their partner Michael Krinsky continues that work today. Michael Krinsky brought *NLG v. Attorney General* to hold the FBI accountable for its COINTELPRO activities.

Former NLG President Haywood Burns, who was the coordinator of the defense of the Attica criminal cases, worked with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and defended Angela Davis; Mary Kaufman, who was an observer at the Nuremberg Trials, organized the first Mass Defense Office at the NYC Chapter in 1968, training hundreds of young lawyers who provided legal support and representation for striking Columbia University students, the Black Panthers, the Young Lords, the Weathermen, and countless others.

The Guild's unique strength is each new generation, committing themselves to peoples' movements. In the last year alone, NLG-NYC committees have successfully supported parole seekers in state prisons, hosted numerous CLEs on a range of topics, Legal Observed dozens of mass mobilizations, coordinated legal representation for protestors from the #BlackLivesMatter, immigrants' rights, economic justice, housing, and Occupy Wall Street movements, and provided trainings and networking events to the next generation of legal workers, law students, and attorneys in the movement.

This year, our convention will take place in legendary Greenwich



A view of the People's Climate March in Manhattan, September 2014.

Village, one of the most historic areas of the city. "The Village" was a hub of the Underground Railroad, a crucible of the Labor Movement, and an incubator of literature, art and jazz. The Convention will hold its NLG Student Mixer at the Stonewall Inn, birthplace of the modern LGBTQ movement. We also urge visitors to pause in front of two notable NLG historic sites: 23 Cornelia Street, which was the home of the 1970's National Office and NYC Chapter; and 640 Broadway, home of the NY Law Commune, which defended the Black Panthers and helped launch the network of NLG-related law collectives which caught the national imagination.

While here, we also urge you to explore other areas of the city. Culturally significant neighborhoods such as Harlem, the Lower East Side, Fort Greene, Jackson Heights, and others are just minutes away. And if you need advice on where to enjoy the nightlife, just ask a NYC Guild member—we're more than willing to show you around! We hope you enjoy your stay!

-Carl Lipscombe, President  
Suan Howard, Executive Director  
NLG-NYC Chapter

# 2016 NLG Honorees

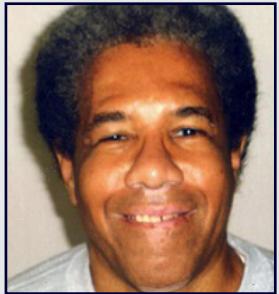
At every NLG #Law4thePeople Convention, we honor members and friends of the Guild whose exemplary work and activism capture the spirit of "law for the people," and speak to the Guild's philosophy of human rights over property interests. Please join us in congratulating our 2016 honorees!



**AUDREY BOMSE**  
Debra Evenson Award



**SOFFIYAH ELIJAH**  
Law for the People Award



**ALBERT WOODFOX**  
Arthur Kinoy Award



**JAVIER MALDONADO**  
Carol Weiss King Award



**EMILY BOCK**  
C.B. King Award



**MICHAEL DEUTSCH**  
Ernie Goodman Award



**NOELLE HANRAHAN**  
Legal Worker Award

**Pay tribute to the awardees with a message in the 2016 #Law4thePeople Convention Dinner Journal!**

Each year, the NLG National Office publishes a keepsake booklet in honor of the NLG awardees. The Dinner Journal is distributed at the Friday Night Banquet and cherished by Guild members for years to come. Placing an ad in the journal is a great way to congratulate our outstanding honorees, recognize this year's keynote speaker, Elle Hearns, publicize your firm or organization, or just share a message of your own—all while supporting the Guild! To learn more about our honorees or to reserve ad space, visit [nlg.org/dinnerjournal](http://nlg.org/dinnerjournal)

## A Message from NYU PILC

New York University School of Law's Public Interest Law Center (PILC) is delighted to co-host the Convention and to welcome the NLG back to campus! While much has changed in the world since the last time PILC co-sponsored the Convention in 1993, one thing remains the same: passionate students yearn to address the world's injustices. PILC is honored that the NLG will bring a vibrant conversation about social justice to our students and campus this summer by hosting a "town square" for the legal community to address issues of racial, economic and global justice.

For those who are unfamiliar with PILC, it was one of the first free-standing public interest centers at a U.S. law school. PILC was founded over 40 years ago with the goal of providing substantial institutional support to students inspired by movements for equality. Since that time, PILC has served as a model for other law schools wishing to support students in similar ways, and it has promoted a culture of collaboration among law schools across the nation. PILC is especially proud of its annual Public Interest Legal Career Fair, which it hosted for the 39th time this year, connecting hundreds of employers with students from 21 law schools in the New York region.

NYU Law students, faculty and staff look forward to welcoming the NLG this summer and to exchanging ideas for promoting justice at this critical time.

-Lisa Hoyes, Assistant Dean for Public Service  
New York University School of Law

# Tentative Schedule

Convention Registration and most events at NYU School of Law: 40 Washington Square South, NYC 10012

WEDNESDAY, 8/3	THURSDAY, 8/4	FRIDAY, 8/5	SATURDAY, 8/6	SUNDAY, 8/7
8:30 AM - 5 PM NIPNLG CLE	8 AM - 5PM NIPNLG Membership Meeting	8 AM - 8:55 AM: NLG Management Training	8 AM - 8:55 AM NLGF Board Meeting	9:30 AM - 10:45 AM Workshops III
5 PM - 7 PM [NEW] Welcome Reception at Center for Cuban Studies	2:30 PM - 5 PM NIPNLG Break Out Sessions	9 AM - 10:15 AM Workshops I	9:00 AM - 10:30 AM Major Panels I	11 AM - 12:15 PM All NLG Regional Meetings
6 PM - 8 PM NPAP Board Meeting	9 AM - 5 PM NPAP CLE	10:30 AM - 11:45 AM Workshops II	10:45 AM - 12:45 PM Plenary II	12:30 PM - 2:30 PM NEC Meeting
6 PM - 10 PM NIPNLG Board Meeting	8:30 AM -12 PM IC Meeting	12 PM - 1:30 PM NLG Union Meeting	1:45 PM - 3:15 PM Major Panels II	1 PM - 2:30 PM Workshops IV
8:30 PM - 9:30 PM NEC Meeting	1 PM - 4 PM MLTF Meeting	2 PM - 3:15 PM Legal Worker & Student Caucus Meetings	3:30 PM - 6:30 PM ARC Programming	2:30 PM (Bus Tour) Land Use & Gentrification in NYC's Lower East Side
	1 PM - 5 PM IC CLE	3:30 PM - 5:30 PM Plenary I	3:30 PM - 6:30 PM TUPOCC Programming	3 PM (Walking Tour) Queer Village 1960s Walking Tour with Jay Toole
	5 PM - 6:45 PM NIPNLG Reception & Daniel Levy Award	5:45 PM - 7:15 PM IC/L&EC Reception: Debra Evenson Award		
	6 PM - 7 PM Pre-Keynote Reception	6:30 PM - 7:30 PM Pre-Banquet Reception	ABBREVIATIONS: ARC=Anti-Racism Committee, IC=International Committee, L&EC=Labor & Employment Committee, NIPNLG=National Immigration Project, NPAP=National Police Accountability Project, NEC=National Executive Committee, MLTF=Military Law Task Force, TUPOCC=The United People of Color Caucus	
	7 PM - 8:45 PM Keynote Address, Carol Weiss King & Arthur Kinoy Awards	7:30 PM - 10 PM Annual Banquet: Law for the People, Ernie Goodman, Legal Worker & CB King Awards	NOTE: <i>Schedule is not exhaustive and is subject to change.</i> <i>Additional meetings will be added. Visit <a href="http://nlg.org/convention">nlg.org/convention</a> for schedule updates.</i>	
	9:00 PM - Late Inter-Gen Student Mixer at Stonewall Inn			

## Workshops

### WORKSHOPS I

- Felon Disenfranchisement: The Black Eye of Democracy
- The Next Episode: Making Marijuana a Movement for Black and Brown People
- Recognizing the Pattern: Criminalization of Dissent Across Movements
- Inside Out: NLG Support for People in Prison & How to Start A Project
- War on the Homeless: On the Cutting Edge of a Movement to Abolish Poverty
- Haiti's Fight for Democracy: A Critical Time For Solidarity
- Responding to Over-policing & Militarization at the Border
- Katrina to Ayotzinapa: People's Tribunals Condemn Crimes Against the People

### WORKSHOPS II

- A Right to Counsel in Housing Proceedings: Should Housing Justice Movements Push for Civil Gideon?
- The People's Lawyer: The Radical Legacy of Michael Ratner
- 21st Century Red Squad: The NYPD's Muslim Surveillance Program
- Connections: The Draft, the Poverty Draft, Veterans and U.S. Imperialism
- Labor Migration in the Americas: Structural Causes and Exploitation
- Building a Sustainable & Progressive Practice
- Resistance to Immigration Detention

### WORKSHOPS III

- Urgency of Cuba & Venezuela for Anti-Racist & Gender Liberation Movements
- De-Commodify our Homes! Fighting Displacement with Community Land Trusts
- Supporting Incarcerated Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming People
- Prosecuting Palestine: Strategies for the Fight Against Racism & Empire
- There are Still Political Prisoners in U.S. Prisons!

### WORKSHOPS IV

- Digital Security for Organizers & Movement Lawyers
- Nuclear & Earth Rights
- (Hot Topic #1) Puerto Rico: The Deepening of Colonialism in Response to an Economic Crisis
- (Hot Topic #2) Solitary Confinement: How to Build a Movement to End the Torture of Solitary Confinement

All workshops are scheduled for Friday, 8/5 and Sunday, 8/7. See Tentative Schedule above.

# Major Panels

## MAJOR PANELS I

- Abolitionist Legal Work: Strategies for Transforming a Prison Nation
- Making Human Rights More Sacred than Property Interests: Here & Abroad
- Can't Hold Us Down: Solidarity Strategies Beyond the Courtroom

## MAJOR PANELS II

- Commemorating the Legacy of the Black Panther Party
- Build the Guild: Partnering for Sustainability
- Flint: A Case Study - Future Cities & the Neo Liberal Agenda

All Major Panels  
are scheduled for  
Saturday, 8/6.  
See Tentative  
Schedule.

## Full-Day CLEs

**Immigration Law** (Details TBA) The National Immigration Project of the NLG (NIPNLG) will present this one-day training that will explore immigration trials and techniques and illustrate how to build the record for appeal. (A fee in addition to convention registration will be charged.) Visit [nipnlg.org/seminars](http://nipnlg.org/seminars) for more. (Designated on Tentative Schedule as "NIPNLG CLE")

**Police Misconduct and Prisoners' Rights Litigation** This CLE will explore topics including: gender bias in the legal profession; how to ask the jury for damages; current prison and jail litigation issues; ethical fee agreements, and proving a Monell claim. Speakers will include Elizabeth Alexander, former Director of the National Prison Project of the American Civil Liberties Union Foundation; John Boston, Legal Aid PRP, NY; Gene Iredale, Iredale & Yoo, CA. (A fee in addition to the Convention fee will be charged). Sponsored by NPAP. (Designated to on Tentative Schedule as "NPAP CLE")

**Know Your Economic Human Rights** The International Committee's CLE program will focus on economic human rights, their scope and application, relevant human rights conventions and treaties, and strategies for applying and using these conventions and rights in active practice. Economic human rights include, but are not limited to, the right to water, the right to housing, the right to social security, the right to food, the right to health. As people are struggling across the US for economic human rights, from Flint to California to Baltimore to New York, learn about how you can include these important arguments and legal rights in your practice to support people and movements. Register online: [nlginternational.org](http://nlginternational.org). (Referred to on Tentative Schedule as "IC CLE")

*Many workshops and panels also have CLE credit pending.*

## Dorms & Housing

**NYU DORMS:** Accommodations for conference participants are available for one or more nights from August 2-8, in nearby NYU undergraduate dormitories. A limited number of dormitory spaces are available for those who register and pay by **June 19**. While we may have additional space available past that date, it will be granted on a first come, first served basis. Reserve yours early to secure your spot!

Rooms are suite style, containing two single or double bedrooms, attached to a shared bathroom. You may indicate your preferred roommate and/or suitemate when you register. A housing reservation must be purchased for each person staying in the dorms. One set of bedding and towels are included. NOTE: Dormitory occupancy is limited to persons 18 years of age or older. Smoking and guest access are not permitted. For more info, FAQs or to reserve your dorm, visit [nlg.org/convention](http://nlg.org/convention).

NYU Dorm Rates:

- Double Occupancy/Shared Bedroom in Two-Bedroom Suite: \$60/night per person
- Single Occupancy/Private Bedroom in Two-Bedroom Suite: \$88/night per person

**MANSFIELD HOTEL:** We have secured a bloc of discounted rooms at the unionized Mansfield Hotel, in midtown Manhattan, 12 West 44<sup>th</sup> Street. The Mansfield is a 25 minute subway or bus trip to Washington Square. Standard guest rooms with 1 Queen bed are \$179/night (plus tax) To book your room, visit [www.mansfieldhotel.com](http://www.mansfieldhotel.com) and use **Offer Code NLGB** or by calling the Mansfield at (212) 277-8700, or via email to [reservations@mansfieldhotel.com](mailto:reservations@mansfieldhotel.com). Reservations must be made by June 15 to obtain the NLG discount rate.

**ALTERNATIVE HOUSING:** A limited amount of space will be available in the homes of New York Guild members. As we rely on the availability of extra space generously volunteered by our local NLG-NYC members, we cannot guarantee alternative housing to everyone. Please fill out the online forms at the URLs below to either request or offer alternative housing by **July 4**.

- Request: [bit.ly/HousingRequests2016](http://bit.ly/HousingRequests2016)
- Offer: [bit.ly/HousingOffers2016](http://bit.ly/HousingOffers2016)

# Special Events



## NEW! Welcome Reception at the Center for Cuban Studies

On Wednesday, 5 PM -7 PM, join us for the Guild's Convention welcome reception, hosted by Guild President Natasha Lycia Ora Bannan, the Guild International Committee's Cuba Subcommittee and our friends at the Center for Cuban Studies! We will be in the amazing Cuban Art Space, surrounded by artwork by some of Cuba's most renowned contemporary artists (artwork available for purchase). We will celebrate the resumption of diplomatic relations with Cuba, with invited guests from Cuba, music, empanadas, rum punch and more!

## Keynote Address: Elle Hearns; Arthur Kinoy & Carol Weiss King Award Presentations

Hear Elle Hearns deliver the keynote address to officially kick off the NLG 2016 #Law4thePeople Convention! Currently the organizing coordinator for the #BlackLivesMatter network, Elle is a revolutionary organizer, freedom fighter and strategy expert, as well as a highly noted public speaker, facilitator, trainer and writer. We'll also be honoring former political prisoner and Black Panther Party member Albert Woodfox with the Arthur Kinoy Award and Javier Maldonado will receive the Carol Weiss King Award from the National Immigration Project for his work at the intersection of immigration and criminal law. (No cost, open to all!)



## Inter-Gen Student Mixer at Stonewall Inn

Come join Guild students for an inter-generational mixer at the historic Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village at our annual student party! Just a short walk from the NLG convention site at NYU, and guaranteed to be a great time! The Stonewall riots that took place in June 1969 are considered one of the most important events in the fight for LGBTQ rights in the United States. The NLG is honoring this history with a queer/trans liberation dance party, where we will be celebrating queer elders and trans leaders including Miss Major and Jay Toole! Entry is FREE and all are welcome!

## Annual Awards Banquet

What is the annual NLG banquet? Food, drinks, music and laughter; photos and stories about Guild victories; meeting of friends old and new; and recognizing the outstanding work of our members with the Law for the People, Ernie Goodman, Legal Worker, and C.B. King Awards. By evening's end, we leave with renewed solidarity—the nourishment that fuels our work all year long.

We'll be celebrating on the rooftop of the Manny Cantor Center in Manhattan's Lower East Side. The event sells out every year, so don't miss it! (Ticket required, see registration form.)



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## Walking Tour: Queer Village 1960s Walking Tour with Jay Toole

Come with me as I tell you about the 1960s ... and how the West Village was back then, what it looked like..felt like ... The lesbian bars, Washington Square Park (my bench where I lived for years.) Learn about all kinds of LGBTQ experiences and history details you won't find in the history books. Find out what really happened at night in the Women's House of D (Detention) from someone who spent much time there, learn about why the mafia ran the early gay bars and more!

## Bus Tour: Land Use and Gentrification in NYC's Lower East Side

NYC's Lower East Side (re-dubbed the "East Village" in the 1960s), has for more than a century been an incubator of new cultures and more recently, a political battleground as communities hold on against the onslaught of gentrification. Enjoy a brief tour of this amazing neighborhood with Land Use expert and CUNY Law professor Andrea McArdle, activist East Village denizen and former NLG executive director Heidi Boghosian, and LES community organizer and NLG-NYC executive director Susan Howard, for a sampler of the history, struggles and culture spanning this extraordinary community.

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<b>*Early bird rates available through June 30</b>	<b>NLG Member Rates</b>		<b>Non-Member Rates</b>	
	<b>Early bird*</b>	<b>Regular</b>	<b>Early bird*</b>	<b>Regular</b>
Law Students	\$50	\$60	\$65	\$75
Others: Income under \$25,000	\$150	\$180	\$190	\$225
Income \$25,000 - 34,999	\$190	\$200	\$225	\$250
Income \$35,000 - 44,999	\$200	\$225	\$250	\$280
Income \$45,000 - 64,999	\$240	\$265	\$300	\$330
Income \$65,000 - 74,999	\$275	\$300	\$345	\$375
Income \$75,000 - 99,999	\$360	\$380	\$450	\$475
Income \$100,000 - 199,999	\$450	\$460	\$560	\$575
Income \$200,000+	\$500	\$520	\$625	\$650
<i>Attendance at one day only</i>	<i>\$75</i>		<i>\$90</i>	

### PAYMENT AMOUNT:

Convention Registration*	x _____ (number) = \$ _____
Membership Dues (if lapsed)	x _____ (number) = \$ _____
Friday Night Banquet (\$75/Students \$35)	x _____ (number) = \$ _____
Donation to TUPOCC travel stipend	= \$ _____
Donation to subsidize NLG students	= \$ _____
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<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>= \$ _____</b>

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*To complete registration (choose one): Pre-registration (by mail and online) closes July 15. On-site registration will be available at the convention.*

- **by postal mail:** send form with check or credit card info to: National Lawyers Guild, 132 Nassau St., Rm. 922, New York, NY 10038
- **by email:** scan and send this completed form (credit card only) to [registration@nlg.org](mailto:registration@nlg.org)
- **online:** skip the paperwork and register online (credit card only) at [nlg.org/convention](http://nlg.org/convention).

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