



NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD

2017 SOUTHERN REGIONAL CONFERENCE

LOYOLA UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF LAW
526 Pine Street, New Orleans, LA 70118

Friday, March 24, 2017

2:00-5:30 p.m.

CLE: Louisiana's Non-Unanimous Jury Law

Louisiana is one of only two states where criminal defendants may be convicted by a non-unanimous jury. This system is rooted in the convict lease system, which forced formerly enslaved people to work for no pay. Still today, the non-unanimous jury system contributes to wrongful convictions and seriously undermines the protections of the Sixth Amendment. Presenters will include the formerly incarcerated, public defenders, prosecutors, and academics.

Saturday, March 25, 2017

8:30-9:00 a.m.

Registration

9:00-9:15 a.m.

Welcome and Introduction

9:15-10:45 a.m.

Environmental Justice in the Gulf South

The fight in Standing Rock brought the nation's attention to the urgency of the struggle for environmental justice. The Gulf Coast, long a sacrifice zone for the country's energy needs, is likely to see an intensifying struggle under Trump. This panel will address environmental justice strategies in the Gulf South, their connection to other movements, and ways to get involved.

11:00-12:30 p.m.

Anti-Oppression Training

12:30-1:15 p.m.

Lunch (provided)

1:15-2:45 p.m.

Mass Incarceration Reform in the Confederate South

This panel will explore legislative efforts afoot in the Southern region to reverse mass incarceration and collateral consequences.

3:00-4:30 p.m.

Immigrants and Muslims Resist in the Age of Trump

This panel will cover community-based forms of resistance to the increased repression of immigrants and Muslims under Trump. Communities are mobilizing defense committees, building rapid response networks, and expanding coalitions to fight back against the Muslim and refugee ban, the widening enforcement dragnet, and the growing prison industrial complex.

4:45-6:45 p.m.

Secure Technologies

In this era of mass surveillance, leaks, and corporate/government collaboration, it's critical that activists learn how to use secure communications and storage on their computers and phones. Come learn best practices for the basics of computer and communications security. Bring your computer and phone.

7:30 p.m.

Dinner and Night Out in New Orleans

Hosted by the Louisiana Chapter of the NLG and Loyola University
New Orleans College of Law Gillis Long Poverty Law Center