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Welcome to Oakland!

To our fellow Guild members, friends, and allies:

On behalf of the San Francisco Bay Area Chapter, we welcome you to Oakland; to our communities of consciousness and to our communities of struggle. We are thrilled to have you join us at this year’s convention - your talents, knowledge, expertise and commitments will be invaluable as we work to grow the National Lawyers Guild’s base of support into a more powerful network to end racism and make sure people come before profit!

We cannot talk about movements for justice in the Bay Area without showing respect for the legacy of the Ohlone and other tribes of the Bay Area, who rebelled against racism and imperialism. Native American communities have never stopped resisting. The occupation of Alcatraz Island by indigenous liberation activists from November 20, 1969, to June 11, 1971 showed strength and inspired rebellion across the continent. In more recent times, NLG members in the Bay Area have consistently been involved as the attorneys and legal workers who do demonstrations support, legal advocacy, and other human rights oriented work in support of movements led by indigenous peoples.

Gentrification, privatization, and massive displacement have ravaged San Francisco. Past struggles won important protections like rent control and requirements of just cause for evictions, but real estate speculators, developers and billionaires continue to look for ways to chip away at each neighborhood. Nonetheless, there has been a resurgence of activism to keep people in their homes. NLG members are supporting movements to stop evictions, displacement, and harmful gentrification, and accomplish local policy victories.

NLG members have consistently been there to join movements for police accountability and justice, from the times of police attacks on the Black Panthers to the modern movements of Justice for Gary King, Oscar Grant, Alan Blueford, Yvette Henderson, Kenneth Harding, Alex Nieto, and so many more. The Black Lives Matter movement sprang out of these struggles. NLG members in the Bay Area have responded to calls for support and joined with community-based activists to run 24/7 hotline support during mass rebellions, organized jail and court support for thousands of people, and, when possible, litigated against cities and police departments to limit their power and resources. The Law for the People Award this year goes to the legal team defending the Black Friday 14 from unjust and racist selective prosecution for their successful blockade of a BART train in November 2014.

Despite its progressive reputation, California is a leader in mass incarceration, with one of the highest prison populations in the world,
including a large death row. People incarcerated in California prisons have fiercely organized and have fought back from behind the walls. NLG members have been there to support these struggles by doing prison and jail visits, freeing people from prison, and supporting jailhouse lawyers. Our members have worked hard to litigate against cruel and unusual prison conditions. NLG members from our Police & Prisons Committee were heavily involved in solidarity and litigation to achieve the recent settlement victory to end indefinite and arbitrary solitary confinement in California prisons.

Immigrants have also been targeted by Bay Area law enforcement. In recent years, the federal government has co-opted local law enforcement to terrorize immigrant communities. The Bay Area led the State in pushing for policies that keep local law enforcement out of the business of immigration enforcement. However, a recent anti-immigrant backlash threatens to erode some of these protections, and activists are fighting to maintain hard-fought gains.

The Bay Area has long been an epicenter and stronghold for labor struggles, since before 1934, when the waterfront workers in San Francisco and Oakland led the way for a waterfront worker strike across the entire West Coast to demand recognition of unions truly led and controlled by workers. Workers successfully called for General Strikes in San Francisco and Oakland, resulting in a shutdown of capitalist commerce, and intense battles with the police. The rich continue to wage class war, and the workers’ rights movement in the Bay has not let up.

The Bay Area is proud to have been on the frontlines of queer equality for many decades. The Compton’s Cafeteria rebellion of August 1966 kicked off the Bay Area’s fight for queer liberation when the San Francisco queer community let the cops – and whole world – know they were going to fight back against the harassment, brutality and discrimination they suffered from the police and local elites. These struggles continue today, often at odds with mainstream LGBT organizations, and by centering queer liberation as racial, economic, and transgender justice.

Transformative change and resistance to social injustice are ingrained in the culture and history of the Bay Area, and those who hunger for justice have long been inspired by, and drawn to the Bay Area for these reasons. Our chapter has been busy, and we are lucky to have hundreds of members, many with a history of radical legal work. And as we forge ahead, we also want to take this moment to thank each of you for your enormous contributions to the Guild.

Onward!
The NLGSF Chapter Board
Program

Saturday, October 24, 2015

7:30-10:00 p.m.

7:40 p.m. Welcome by Pooja Gehi & Natasha Bannan

8:00 p.m. Presentation of CB King Award to Danielle Alvarado

8:10 p.m. Presentation of Legal Worker Award to Sarah Coffey & Jill Humphries

8:25 p.m. Testimonials by NLG Members

8:45 p.m. Presentation of Arthur Kinoy Award to Deborah Willis

8:55 p.m. Presentation of Ernie Goodman Award to Alice Jennings

9:05 p.m. Presentation of Law for the People Award to Walter Riley, Black Friday 14, Trayvon 2 & Legal Teams

9:25 p.m. Invite Attendees to Microphone

10:00 p.m. Program Concludes
Walter Riley grew up in Durham, North Carolina where he experienced firsthand the injustice of the Jim Crow south. His response was to become a young civil rights activist and he has continued his activism ever since.

In 1965, Walter came to California and attended SF State, where he was a student activist and participated in the San Francisco State student movement with the Black Student Union and SDS. As an anti-Vietnam War activist, Walter worked with the Black Anti-Draft Union, helping people resist the draft.

When he was employed at UCSF, Walter became a founding member of the University of California Black Caucus. In the late ’60’s, Walter drove a Muni bus, was a founding member of the Muni Black Caucus, was co-chair of Malcolm X’s Organization of Afro-American Unity in San Francisco, a member of Black House, and Campaign Chair for Kathleen Cleaver’s primary campaign for California State Assembly. He also was an active participant in the founding convention of the Peace and Freedom Party in San Francisco and co-chaired the PFP’s Black Caucus.

Finally, Walter returned to the Bay Area to realize his long-held dream of becoming a lawyer. During his student years at Golden Gate University, he joined the NLG and was vice-president of the Student Bar Association. After graduation, he worked as a San Joaquin County Public Defender, and later for the California Department of Industrial Relations. While serving as a part-time state employee, Walter established a practice in downtown Oakland, handling criminal defense, employment discrimination and police misconduct cases.

Walter is a member of multiple organizations including the NLG, and serves on the Boards of Global Exchange, Meiklejohn Civil Liberties Institute, Haiti Emergency Relief Fund, Berkeley Jazz School, and Co-Chair of the John George Democratic Club. Walter is a former Executive Board member of the NLG San Francisco Bay Area Chapter, and received the Chapter's Champion of Justice Award in 2013. Walter serves on the legal defense teams representing fellow Law for the People Award recipients, the Black Friday 14 and Trayvon 2.

Each year the National Lawyers Guild gives the Law for the People Award to an individual or group whose work embodies the values that our membership holds dear. Previous recipients include Pineros y Campesinos Unidos del Noreste (PCUN) in 2005, civil libertarian David Cole (2003), the Eurofresh Tomato Workers, (2001), and Transport Workers Local 100 President Roger Toussaint (2006).

The Black Friday 14 are Bay Area social justice organizers and community leaders who responded to Ferguson's Call for National Action against police brutality and state violence after the non-indictment of Darren Wilson, the police officer who murdered Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri. On November 28, 2014, the Black Friday 14 put their lives on the line and chained themselves to two BART trains at West Oakland Station, stopping operations for nearly two hours. The action drew public attention to the systemic and institutionalized racism that permeates our society. The County Prosecutor filed trespass charges against the Black Friday 14. BART initially demanded a restitution of $70,000 but after receiving intense pressure, the outrageous demand was dropped. The Black Friday 14 continue to fight their charges, further animating the Black Lives Matter movement in Oakland.

The Trayvon 2 are Hannibal Shakur (Lamar Caldwell) and Tanzeen R. Doha, and their legal team consists of Walter Riley, Gabriela Lopez, and Nadia Kayyali.

The Trayvon 2 are non-white, Muslim men who were targeted by the Alameda County Prosecutor because of their political work around race, white-supremacy and U.S. imperialism. Tanzeen has worked actively on questions of race, religion, and colonialism both as a graduate student in the U.S. and as a political organizer in Bangladesh. While organizing Black student groups, Hannibal became very active in the protests around Oscar Grant’s 2009 murder by police, and continues to be a voice for Black autonomy and self-determination in the Bay Area. The Trayvon 2 were arrested in connection with a July 15, 2013 protest of George Zimmerman's not guilty verdict in the murder of Trayvon Martin. Alameda County charged both defendants with felony vandalism, but finally dropped the charges against them for lack of evidence.
Alice B. Jennings
attained her B.A. at Michigan State University and her Juris Doctorate at Wayne State University Law School. She is a founder of the firm Edwards & Jennings, P.C., specializing in civil rights and employment law, where she has been a partner since 1981. Formerly, she worked as an associate attorney and partner at the firm Philo, Atkinson, Darling, Steinberg, Harper & Edwards, P.C., specializing in workers’ compensation and personal injury. She is a current member and former chairperson of the State Bar of Michigan, serving on the Civil Liberties Committee from 1994-1995.

She is affiliated with the National Conference of Black Lawyers, the Wolverine Bar Association, the Black Women Lawyers Association (received the Harriet Tubman Trail Blazer Award in 2007), and the Michigan Trial Lawyers Association (sustaining member). She has received an NAACP Legal Award. She has served as a pro bono trial attorney with Sugar Law Center and was involved in the landmark case of NAACP v. John Engler, Governor, et al. The numerous boards Alice has served on include the Rosa and Raymond Parks Institute for Self-Development, the Grace and James Lee Boggs Center to Nurture Community Leadership, the Subcommittee of Artist & Children Creating Community Together (coordinator), and Detroiter Working for Environmental Justice (DWEJ). She was general counsel for DWEJ, Detroit Summer, and Save Our Sons & Daughters (SoSad) and served on the legal committee for the Coalition to Save the City of Detroit Human Rights Ordinance. In addition, Alice has authored a number of articles and chapters addressing education, civil rights, and activism. Having had her six children educated in the city of Detroit and focusing her legal work on the rights of Detroiterers, she is personally and professionally committed to improving educational opportunities for Detroit children with projects like the Boggs School.

Ernest "Ernie" Goodman (1906-1997) of Detroit was a founding member of the National Lawyers Guild and 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.
Sarah Coffey's involvement in legal work emerged through movement organizing. For the last 15 years she has collaborated with lawyers and organizers working to change power relationships in the U.S. and internationally. In 2000 in the wake of the World Trade Organization protests in Seattle, Sarah co-founded the Midnight Special Law Collective, a group that provided free trainings and legal support to thousands of people in cities and actions across the country for a decade, in addition to creating open-source training materials and fostering a national network of activist-led legal collectives.

In 2008, Sarah co-coordinated legal support for protests during the Republican National Convention in St. Paul, Minnesota. The police raided the house where she and other organizers and legal workers were staying, alleging they had unearthed a modern iteration of the Simbianese Liberation Army, culminating in zero arrests. In 2011, Sarah coordinated legal support for the first round of civil disobedience organized by 350.org at the White House against the Keystone XL tar sands pipeline, where between 50-350 people per day were arrested for a week.

Shortly after Mike Brown was shot dead in Ferguson, Missouri, the NLG put out a call for Legal Observers and a crew of Detroit Legal Observers responded, Sarah among them. What started out as a short stint turned into her leaving her job and relocating to St. Louis for six months. During that time she trained scores of Legal Observers, helped grow the St. Louis Legal Observer program and along with other national and local activists, co-coordinated over 100 non-lawyer volunteers to offer legal support for protests that spanned months. Sarah is a board member of the Detroit and Michigan NLG Chapter and a board member of the Institute for Anarchist Studies. She works locally in Detroit on water rights, land justice and closing the digital divide and has participated in actions such as the occupation to save the South Central Farm in Los Angeles and herding sheep through Black Mesa Indigenous Support for Dine elders resisting relocation.

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Dr. Jill Humphries is a multi-disciplinary solutions based consultant with 25-years extensive experience designing, developing and implementing solutions that resolve operational inefficiencies in public, private and nonprofit institutions. As an analyst and scholar-activist, she has served as consultant on legal, public administration, public health, and environmental initiatives in United States, Zimbabwe, and the Caribbean.

She has expertise in African descent cultures, and gender & sexuality dynamics with a 10-year focus on Harlem. She also designs, implements and analyzes assessment instruments, and outcomes to improve service delivery performance. She is a senior Legal Observer (LO) for the National Lawyers Guild New York City Chapter and one of their lead trainers. In a consultative capacity, she assisted both the NLG-NYC Chapter and National Conference of Black Lawyers New York City Chapter (NCBL-NY) to enhance their programmatic performance by developing further their Legal Observer curriculum that includes a cognitive awareness component that facilitates building the cultural competency of their legal observers in interactions with a diverse legal observer team, demonstrators, Black communities and law enforcement.

As a distance-learning professor for the Africana Studies Program at the University of Toledo, she teaches her Ecotourism and the Africana World course, prior to which she was a visiting assistant professor at the University holding consecutive appointments with the College of Innovative Learning (COIL), the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, and the Africana Studies Program.

Jill earned her Doctorate of Philosophy in Public Administration from the School of Policy, Planning, and Development at University of Southern California. She also holds a Bachelors of Arts Degree in Anthropology and Master’s Degree in Public Health from the University California, Los Angeles, and Gender Studies Certificate from Makerere University in Kampala, Uganda.

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Danielle Alvarado is a 2015 graduate of Northeastern University School of Law. Danielle’s deep commitment to immigrant rights is rooted in her own family’s migration experiences to and within the United States, and the five years she spent combating the mass criminalization of immigrants in Arizona. She believes in the power of organizing and pursued a law degree in order to better support movements built and led by immigrant communities.

As an active member of the Northeastern NLG Chapter and the Latino Law Students Association, Danielle volunteered as a legal observer, coordinated events focused on the intersections of law and organizing, and served as a peer mentor to first generation students dedicated to social justice legal work. She has had the privilege to collaborate with and learn from organizers and movement lawyers across the country fighting for racial and economic justice, including Matahari: Eye of the Day, Justice at Work, the New Orleans Workers’ Center for Racial Justice, and the National Immigration Project of the NLG. She is currently an Immigrant Justice Corps Fellow at CARECEN in Hempstead, Long Island.

C. B. King (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. He was well-known for his courage, courtroom eloquence, and legal skills in the face of tremendous adversity and sometimes even violent opposition during the civil rights movement in Georgia. C.B. King was also a great teacher. In his office, on the streets and in the courtroom, he taught several generations of law students and young lawyers how to practice law with a commitment to the poor, the disenfranchised and the oppressed. A great many students underwent life-changing experiences under his tutelage.
Ahilan T. Arulanantham is the Deputy Legal Director at the ACLU of Southern California and Senior Staff Attorney at the ACLU Immigrants’ Rights Project. He has successfully litigated a number of cases involving immigrants’ rights, national security, and the intersection between those two areas of law. In 2007 and 2013, he was named one of California Lawyer Magazine’s Lawyers of the Year for immigrants’ rights, and was named one of the Daily Journal’s Top 100 Lawyers in California from 2007-2009 and again from 2012-2015. Ahilan has also served as a Lecturer at the University of Chicago Law School and at the University of Irvine School of Law, where he taught on Preventive Detention.

Ahilan has testified before the United States Congress on three occasions, on both national security and immigrants’ rights issues. In 2005 he testified about the impact of the material support of terrorism laws on humanitarian relief operations after the 2004 tsunami in Sri Lanka. Ahilan’s parents are Sri Lankan Tamil immigrants who left Sri Lanka to escape race discrimination and sporadic violence. Several years after they came to this country, the civil war began, causing much of his extended family to flee Sri Lanka. Ahilan has remained interested in promoting human rights in Sri Lanka, and has also represented several Sri Lankan Tamil refugees during the course of his work with the ACLU.

Prior to joining the ACLU in Los Angeles, Ahilan worked was an Assistant Federal Public Defender in El Paso, Texas for two years. Before that he was a fellow at the ACLU Immigrants’ Rights Project in New York and a law clerk on the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit for the Honorable Stephen Reinhardt. In 2010 he received the Arthur C. Helton Human Rights Award from the American Immigration Lawyers’ Association, and in 2014 received the Jack Wasserman Memorial Award for litigation to protect the rights of vulnerable immigrants.

The National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild 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 of individuals whose work has significantly advanced human and civil rights for all. Prominent U.S. lawyer Carol Weiss King (1895-1952) who specialized in immigration law and the defense of the civil rights of immigrants, and was a founding member of the National Lawyers Guild.
Art Heitzer has practiced civil rights and employment law in Milwaukee, Wisconsin since 1975, where he has been listed in Who's Who in American College Students, Who's Who in American Law and Super Lawyers. He is an honors graduate of both the University of Wisconsin Law School and of Marquette University, where he was elected president of the student body and helped lead a movement against institutional racism.

Art has held leadership roles in the Wisconsin Bar Association and the National Lawyers Guild, where he founded its Economic Rights Task Force and has chaired the Cuba Subcommittee for over a decade. Working with the Center for Constitutional Rights, Heitzer on behalf of the NLG helped train and establish a network of over 50 lawyers in the U.S. to assist travelers who had visited or wanted to visit Cuba. He also assisted in the defense of all of the "Trials for Travel" – approximately one dozen administrative prosecutions under the George W. Bush administration– and has directly represented dozens of Cuba travelers, including the Methodist Three. In the last 25 years, he has counseled over 1,000 Cuba travelers, usually pro bono, and continues to do so.

Art has been to Cuba numerous times, and in 2000, helped bring 200 Guild members and their families to the 15th Congress of International Association of Democratic Lawyers in Havana. As part of the Cuba Subcommittee, he brought and hosted the President of the Cuban Supreme Court, Ruben Remigio Ferro on his only visit to the U.S., and also top Cuban diplomat Josefina Vidal, both of whom spoke at NLG conventions.

As part of the international campaign to free the Cuban Five he wrote an open letter to President Obama on September 15, 2013, which was circulated worldwide. He has spoken on the case as part of the “Five Days for the Five” campaigns in Washington, D.C. and his writings include a detailed review of the case published in the Summer 2014 issue of the NLG Review; and a prominent letter published by The New York Times shortly before the White House ordered their release. In March 2012, he presented the certificate of NLG Honorary Membership to the late Roberto Gonzalez, a U.S.-born Cuban defense attorney who vigorously advocated for the Five (including his brother Rene) around the world and before NLG conventions.

Art lives with his wife, Sandra Edhlund, and frequently visits his son and family in Berlin, Germany.

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.
Deborah Willis always planned to be an artist and found her way into political graphics for the protest movement against U.S.-backed wars in Central America.

Debbie made the jump into political graphics when she moved to Little Rock, Arkansas, where her husband Henry had taken a job at a labor and civil rights firm. It was there, while working in the printing department of the United Methodist Church that she began doing graphic design, in particular for the Little Rock Committee for Non-Intervention in El Salvador, which used her work to broadcast its message as far as possible. She also joined the group “Ladies Against Women,” an agitprop guerrilla theater group that injected politically barbed humor at other demonstrations and events, such as when Nancy Reagan came to Little Rock’s Central High on the 25th anniversary of its integration to tell students to “just say no.”

In 1982, Debbie moved to Los Angeles and began doing design work for the Los Angeles NLG Chapter and other organizations, such as CARECEN, SAJE, LAANE, the UCLA Labor Center, Office of the Americas, Center for the Study of Political Graphics, and NLG Labor & Employment Committee.

Debbie has been a leading contributor on the NLG Review editorial board for 20 years, handling layout, production, and business issues. Without compromising its politics, in 2013 the NLGR was rated the nation’s #4 Constitutional Law Review.

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.
Congratulations to all of tonight’s honorees and a very special thank you to our beloved Debbie Willis for your longtime commitment to social justice. You are our powerhouse behind the scenes. You have been part of the CARECEN family from the beginning and we are thrilled you get to shine. Thanks for your many years of support.

Central American Resource Center

The NYC Chapter salutes all of the stellar honorees, including our own Jill Humphries for her extraordinary work with the Mass Defense Committee.
“Art begins with resistance.”
- André Gide

To Debbie Willis, who has given so generously to the Guild and our committee, thanks for everything.

Sincerely,
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The National Lawyers Guild
International Committee
salutes all of this year’s outstanding honorees, strugglers for justice and freedom, including

ART HEITZER,
2015 recipient of the
Debra Evenson Venceremos International Award.
His work on Cuba breaks blockades, opens prison
doors, and builds true international solidarity.
Congratulations Art!

Danielle, you are a star.
We are so proud to have been your professors.
-Lucy and Karl

Congratulations to Art Heitzer.
Jim Drew & Sev Rivera
Washington, D.C.

THERE IS NO PROGRESS WITHOUT STRUGGLE.
-Paul Harris

THE NATIONAL MASS DEFENSE COMMITTEE OF THE
NLG APPLAUDS LEGAL WORKER Awardees Jill Humphries and
Sarah Coffey for their outstanding efforts to provide legal support for our political allies, especially for the inspiring
Movement for Black Lives! We love you Jill and Sarah!
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF TONIGHT’S HONOREES BUT ESPECIALLY

SARAH COFFEY
DEBBIE WILLIS
AND
(ONE OF) MY FAVORITE CO-COUNSEL

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Congratulations, Ahilan!

You have always been a humble, yet relentless warrior for justice.

From,
Holly Cooper &
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Veterans For Peace salutes
Black Lives Matter and the National Lawyers Guild.

We thank NLG for standing for the rights of all and getting us out of jail and back on the streets, where we can continue fighting for justice together.
The Detroit and Michigan Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild congratulates our own Alice Jennings, Esquire, for defending Detroiters’ – and all peoples’ - right to water and Board Member Sarah Coffey for her tireless work supporting movement legal efforts and helping coordinate Legal Observers during the aftermath of Mike Brown’s murder in Ferguson, MO.

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We salute your dedication and commitment to the struggle for human rights, social equality and racial justice. We thank you for standing with the people of Detroit, St. Louis and everywhere who are in the process of transforming this nation into a place where Black Lives Matter.

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ALICE JENNINGS
for a life-time of work in support of human rights for all,
&
SARAH COFFEY
for inspirational efforts changing the paradigm of power,
&
WALTER RILEY, BLACK FRIDAY 14,
TRAYVON 2, DEBORAH WILLIS,
ART HEITZER, DR. JILL HUMPHRIES,
DANIELLE ALVARADO & AHLAN
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For all their work on the side of people!

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Thanks and Congratulates

Deborah Willis

2015 Arthur Kinoy Award Winner

And Celebrates the Achievements of
All of the 2015 Honorees:

Danielle Alvarado
Ahilan T. Arulanantham
The Black Friday 14
Sarah Coffey
Art Heitzer
Dr. Jill Humphries
Alice B. Jennings
Walter Riley
Trayvon 2
To Debbie:

About whom it could be said

Dans ce monde, il faut être un peu
trop bon pour l'être assez.

In this world, you must be a bit too kind
in order to be kind enough.
Marivaux

You have always been too kind, for
which we are grateful.

Laury, Bob, Rick, Stuart, Michael, Margo,
Michael, Bill, Claude, Tamra, and Zoe

Schwartz, Steinsapir, Dohrmann & Sommers
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TheNLGChicagochaptersalutesArtHeitzerforhistremendousworkoneconomicrightsandnormalizationofrelationswithCuba, andhisyearsofdedicationtotheGuildas aMidwestRVP. TheutmostcongratulationsarealsorenderedtoWalterRiley,AliceJennings,SarahCoffey,JillHumphries,DanielleAlvarado,DeborahWillis,andAhilan Arulananthamfortheirwelldeservedhonors.

The Mid-Atlantic Region of the National Lawyers Guild congratulates all the honorees of the 2015 National Convention, thanks them for their work, and especially the work in our region:

- Dr. Jill Humphries
  for her work training and leading legal observers during the Baltimore Uprising in response to the killing of Freddie Gray

- Art Heitzer
  who participated in the DC chapter as a law student at George Washington, and for his dedicated work in supporting Cuba, work that has often brought him to DC for Cuba and Cuba 5 related events

- Sarah Coffey
  who was in DC to support demonstrators for the A16 protest against the World Bank and IMF in 2000
We are proud to be NLG lawyers and legal workers! Congratulations to all of the honorees, and thank you for your work battling racism and advancing human rights in the United States and around the world.

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Congrats Ahilan - simply the best!
We salute you.
- Joanne and Greg
In tribute to our friend & colleague

ART HEITZER

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DEBRA EVENSON Venceremos
International Award

— and eternal thanks for all your amazing work —

Judith LeBlanc, Native Organizers Alliance
Tim Hawks  Richard Saks  Michele Sumara
Barbara Zack Quindel  Jeff Sweetland
Victor Grossman  Gloria LaRiva
Raul Galvan  Bill Montross
Susan Kaplan & Len Cavise
Peace Action Wisconsin
Jane & Bruce Franklin
Marazul Charters
Molly Armour
Soffiya Elijah
Julilfy Kohler
Jan Susler
We are so proud of Alice Jennings and of Sarah Coffey. They lead the way so often and so brilliantly. Ernie Goodman asked “Will we be able to keep the avenues of freedom open so that the underlying causes of social unrest can be openly discussed and constructively dealt with? Will we be able to organize to bring about necessary changes in our economic system to eliminate its obvious evils?”

Alice and Sarah answer these questions every day by their inspiring deeds and words.

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Julie Hurwitz
Kathryn James
Nick Klaus
Kara Sullivan
Anneliese Failla
Karene Meneses
Sean Riddell
Elaina Bailey

CONGRATULATIONS DANIELLE!
To a fierce comrade, mentor, and friend- thank you for inspiring us with your leadership for the past 3 years. We love you. Hearts and fists, NUSL NLG
We are thrilled to join the NLG in honoring our friends and comrades, Sarah Coffey and Alice Jennings. Two “Detroit Originals” whose seemingly tireless activism and legal work exemplify the Guild’s mission, “to the end that human rights shall prevail over property rights.” You never cease to amaze and inspire us -- living proof that “where there is a will, there is a way.” Where others may see obstacles, you two simply see a new challenge. Thank you for all that you have done and will do!

Hugh “Buck” Davis
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Congratulations to my Mentor and Brother, Walt Riley!
Who taught me all I know about how to build a multiracial, militant, grassroots, progressive movement in the United States!

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The Midwest Region of the National Lawyers Guild

Celebrates our amazing comrade ART HEITZER for his decades of work for our region, for the Cuban people, and for justice everywhere. There is no more fitting recipient of the Debra Evenson Venceremos International Award. We are so very proud to claim Art as our own.

We also celebrate the remarkable work of JILL HUMPHRIES and SARAH COFFEY for tirelessly organizing legal support in Ferguson, Missouri and beyond. For you and for all the legal workers who answered the call, we give profound thanks.

Black lives matter. Thank you Walter Riley, the Black Friday 14, and Hannibal Shakur and Tanzeen R. Doha for all you have done in service of the movement. Congratulations also to Alice B. Jennings, Deborah Willis, Danielle Alvarado, and Ahilan Arulanandan on your richly deserved honors.
A word for our friend, colleague, and inspiration

AHILAN ARULANANTHAM

2015 Carol Weiss King Award

Congratulations to the dedicated and talented

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2015 NLG Convention Honorees

In solidarity,
The board, staff, and members of the NIPNLG
The Minnesota Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild salutes the 2015 Honorees

We recognize Walter Riley, the Black Friday 14, and the Trayvon 2, as our comrades in Black Lives Matter and defending the #MOA36

We thank Sarah Coffey for her legal support work during the 2008 Republican National Convention in Minnesota.

Comradely Greetings
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Congratulations to all of this year’s Honorees

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Congratulations to Walter Riley on receiving the 2015 Law for the People Award!
Mesi anpil for your lifetime of contributions to justice in the U.S. and Haiti!
From your friends and collaborators at the BAI and IJDH.

Congrats to all the NLG Justice Workers!
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Congratulations to our dear friend and great co-counsel

**Ahilan Arulanantham**

on your truly deserved Carol Weiss King Award!

You have done amazing work advancing and protecting the rights of immigrants and have been a role model for attorneys throughout the country.

And Congratulations to NIP Michael Maggio Fellow Danielle Alvarado on receiving the C.B. King Award, the Bay Area’s own Walter Riley for the Law for the People Award, and all the other honorees!
Grateful Thanks to All the Honorees, with a Heartfelt Hug for Debbie Willis - Always There, Always Brilliant

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Art - for over twenty years you have inspired me, the Midwest Region, and the National Lawyers Guild, as a calm and determined advocate for justice. From the release of Gerardo, Antonio, Ramón, Fernando and René, to the recognition of Cuba’s revolutionary government, we have won many victories.

Venceremos and Felicidades
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Congratulations Art Heitzer on receiving the Debra Evenson Venceremos Award from the National Lawyers Guild. Thank you for your many years of dedication and energy, working with us and many other organizations to restore U.S. relations with Cuba. Your work is not done. End the Blockade of Cuba!

Love,
Your friends at the Wisconsin Coalition to Normalize Relations with Cuba

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Congratulations to Alice Jennings whose work has been consistently exemplary.

-Jeanne Mirer

To my good friend Art Heitzer and to all our deserving honorees a big congratulations.

-Jim Fennerty
Thank You Honorees!

You have each brought enormous goodness to the world, which is incalculably the better for it.

Helen A. Sklar, Esq.
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The NLG thanks the following members and organizations for their support and work in service of the people

Paul Harris
Daniel Goodwin
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David Newby
Steven Saltzman

Congratulations, Ahilan, on your well-deserved award!

Love,

Your IRP Extended Family,
Judy, Cecillia, Lee, Jenny, Kate, Stephen, Jon, Chris, Michael, Andre, Omar, Anand, Lindsay, Sophia, Alexis, Mariam, Gislaine, Jessie, Esha, Sarah, Jameel, Dror, and Matt

P.S. Don’t let it get to your head, we still need you working nonstop!!!
Viva Art!

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and special shout out to the legal workers
JILL HUMPHRIES SARAH COFFEY
for your tireless work!
Congratulations to Walter Riley, the Black Friday 14, and the rest of the BF14 legal team: Aliya Karmali, Hasmik Geghamyan, Zoe Polk; Congrats to the Treyvon 2 and their Legal Team: Walter Riley, Gabriela Lopez and Nadia Kayyali;

Congrats to all the other honorees: Alice B Jennings, Sarah Coffey, Jill Humphries, Art Heitzer, Danielle Alvarado, Deborah Willis, and Ahilan Arulanantham!
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Danielle Alvarado ’15,
a relentless advocate for immigrants’ rights
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In celebrating the renewal of US diplomatic relations with Cuba after 54 years of failed US policy, we honor Art Heitzer for his outstanding work helping to create a network of lawyers to defend travelers, for promoting Guild relations with Cuba through his work chairing the Cuba Subcommittee of the NLG International Committee, and for his indefatigable efforts to free the Cuban Five.

It is thrilling to see Art as the recipient of this award, as he follows in the footsteps of Debra Evenson, who first led the way in effective NLG activism for a just US policy toward Cuba.
The **ANTI-RACISM COMMITTEE (ARC)** of the National Lawyers Guild **CONGRATULATES** the 2015 award recipients and **THANKS** them for their ongoing work in the **STRUGGLE** for **RACIAL AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE** in the United States and around the world.

The NLG Anti-Racism Committee supports the NLG’s anti-oppression mission and liberatory vision by organizing training and providing resources to members. To join the committee email antiracism@nlg.org. facebook.com/Anti-Racism-Committee-ARC-of-the-National-Lawyers-Guild

The NLG Indiana Chapter Applauds the 2015 Honorees
You Inspire Us!

Hats off to this year’s NLG Haywood Burns fellows!

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Congratulations
Ahilan Arulanatham
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