ANNOTATED AGENDA

Workshops and Major Panels—Descriptions and Bios

(Information for full- and half-day CLEs requiring separate registration begin on p. 35)
Attacks Against the Labor Movement in the Americas and the Fight Back (Mayfair)

This panel will address the significant repression and efforts to fight back by the labor movements in the Americas. For more than a decade the International Labor Justice Working Group has been working with our counterparts in the Association of Labor Lawyers of Latin America and the Canadian Association of Labour Lawyers/ACAMS on issues of common interest which this year highlights the problems faced by increasing repression against all progressive movements including the labor movement. Fashioning a fight back strategy is essential.

**Luisa Fernanda Gomez Duque**: President of Latin American Association of Labor Lawyers ALAL. Lawyer and advocate for workers and trade unions. She is a specialist in labor law and social security law. She has a Masters in philosophy and is a PhD student in social sciences. She is also a professor of Labor law and Secretary of International Affairs of the Colombian Association of Employment Lawyers: ASOLABORALES; She is also a member of Honor of the Cuban society of Labor and Social Security Law.

**Me Marie-Claude St-Amant**: Representative of the Canadian Association of Labor Lawyers. She has Partner at the firm Melançon Marceau Grenier and Sciortino in Montreal, Canada where she practices labor law, both in collective and individual labor relations, and is particularly interested in cases involving grievance arbitration, certification, orders and injunctions related to labor disputes, workplace discrimination and human rights, occupational diseases and legal issues affecting the arts community. She has developed an expertise in constitutional challenges of regulatory and legislative provisions. She has successfully argued that provisions in the Highway Safety Code and a by-law in the City of Montreal be invalidated for violating freedoms of association and expression. Marie-Claude has also developed an expertise in administrative law, class action lawsuits and animal rights. Marie-Claude is a founding member of the "Association of progressives Jurists".

**Ashwini Sukthankar**: Director of International Affairs UNITE HERE. Formerly executive Director of the International Commission for Labor Rights and staff at the Workers’ Rights Consortium. She is an expert in International Labor Law, and building international labor solidarity. She is a graduate of Harvard and Harvard Law School.

Killing Gaza: A Man-Made Humanitarian and Human Rights Disaster (Parliament 1-4)

Sponsors: NLG International Committee and its Palestine Subcommittee

Brief review of the Israeli assaults of 2009 & 2014 and the prevailing situation in Gaza, which UN has said will be uninhabitable by 2020. This introduction will be followed by a discussion of the ongoing Israeli massacres of 2018 during the Great March of Return, the illegality (multiple
violations of international human rights & humanitarian law), and immorality, as well as of the possible avenues of redress - and their effectiveness in ending Israeli impunity. Emphasis on the role of the US in giving Israel carte blanche militarily, economically and diplomatically.

**Marjorie Cohn** is professor emerita at Thomas Jefferson School of Law, former president of the National Lawyers Guild, deputy secretary general of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers, and a member of the National Advisory Board of Veterans for Peace. She debated the legality of the war in Afghanistan at the Oxford Union and has testified before Congress about torture and at military hearings about the duty to disobey unlawful orders. She writes frequent articles about the illegality of the occupation and Israel’s violations of Palestinian rights. Her books include “The United States and Torture: Interrogation, Incarceration, and Abuse;” “Cowboy Republic: Six Ways the Bush Gang Has Defied the Law;” “Rules of Disengagement: The Politics and Honor of Military Dissent” (with Kathleen Gilberd), and “Drones and Targeted Killing: Legal, Moral, and Geopolitical Issues,” which was recently published in an second, updated edition. See http://marjoriecohn.com/.

**Brad Parker** is a staff attorney and international advocacy officer at Defense for Children International - Palestine. He specializes in issues of juvenile justice and grave violations against children during armed conflict, and leads DCIP’s legal advocacy efforts on Palestinian children’s rights. Parker regularly writes and speaks on the situation of Palestinian children, particularly issues involving detention, ill-treatment and torture of child detainees within the Israeli military detention system, and violations of international humanitarian law and international human rights law. He leads DCIP's US Program and is a co-leader of the No Way to Treat a Child campaign in the United States and Canada. He is a graduate of the University of Vermont and received his J.D. from the City University of New York School of Law. Follow him @baparkr.

**Raji Sourani** (via Skype) has been dedicated to the promotion and protection of human rights in the Occupied Palestinian Territory throughout his professional career, despite the personal and professional sacrifices he has been forced to make in the process. He is a founder and current Director of the Palestinian Centre for Human Rights (PCHR) and has been an active lawyer since 1977, representing a wide variety of victims of human rights abuses. Raji has spearheaded the award-winning PCHR since its establishment in 1995 and continues to ensure that the centre provides legal and other services to victims of human rights abuses in the Gaza Strip, enabling them to seek justice and reparation. Despite periods of political imprisonment in Israel; years of harassment and violence from the Israeli military; harassment from the Palestinian Authority; and even death threats from Palestinian fundamentalist parties, Raji has maintained an unwavering commitment to human rights. He has been an advocate for basic human rights standards both at a domestic and international level and has refused to curtail his outspoken criticisms of failures by Israel, the Palestinian Authority, political parties and other states to adhere to human rights standards.

**Nada Elia** is a diaspora Palestinian, born in Baghdad, Iraq, and raised in Beirut, Lebanon. She currently teaches Global and Gender Studies at Antioch University Seattle. Nada is a member of the Organizing Committee of the US Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel (USCACBI), and has spoken around the country about academic boycott as a means to achieve the currently non-existent academic freedom in the US, Israel, and Palestine. A scholar-activist,
Elia is past president of the Association of Middle East Women’s Studies, and currently serves on the steering collective of The Critical Ethnic Studies Association. She also serves, or has served, on a number of grassroots activist organizations, such as INCITE! Women and Trans People of Color Against Violence. Nada’s publications on grassroots resistance, gender dynamics, and transnational solidarity have appeared in various progressive alternative media venues, as well as some of the most prestigious academic journals. More recently, she devotes her time and energy to promoting and explaining the academic and cultural boycott as strategies to end Israel’s violations of international law and the human rights of the Palestinian people in ’48, ‘67, and the global diaspora.

What it Means to do Movement Legal Support in Indigenous Communities (Windsor)

Sponsor: Water Protector Legal Collective

This workshop is designed to highlight specific lessons, needs, challenges, and opportunities based on lessons working in Standing Rock, New Mexico, and elsewhere. We will ask and discuss how we could better provide legal support in indigenous communities and ongoing prisoner support for indigenous prisoners. It will discuss the primary importance of knowledge and respect for culture. The importance of consent and agreements before actions. We will also touch on relationships, networks and differences in organizing and movement structure and protocols. It will cover current unmet needs and upcoming threats in indigenous communities and lands. Finally, we will explain how policing, the State’s prosecution strategies, and legislation is being reproduced and spread nationwide and is something that everyone should be concerned with.

**Andrea Carter** practices civil and criminal law in San Diego, CA. She is the former Legal Director of the Water Protector Legal Collective. Her specialization is cooperatives, land trusts, community wealth building, contracts, and preserving public and environmental resources and commons.


**Leoyla Cowboy**, a citizen of the Diné Nation from Breadsprings, NM. She is an Indigenous legal worker, WPLC staff member, member of the Red Nation Coalition, WECAN Women’s Earth & Climate Action Network International, and wife of Little Feather who is a NoDAPL political prisoner. Little Feather is serving a 36-month sentence and now imprisoned in USP Hazelton located in West Virginia. Leoyla also worked on Little Feather’s legal defense team.

**Sacheen Whitetail-Cross**, Lakota from the Standing Rock Nation, Indigenous legal worker, WPLC staff member.
Extremism is in the Eye of the Beholder: How CVE and BIE Undermine Liberation Struggles
(Cambridge/Oxford)

Sponsors: Asian Americans Advancing Justice – Los Angeles, DC BIE Collective, Defending Rights and Dissent, Muslim Justice League

Panelists will explain the connection between the DHS/DOJ Countering Violent Extremism (“CVE”) program, which targets Muslim and other communities perceived to be Muslim, and the FBI’s so-called “Black Identity Extremist” designation. CVE and BIE are tools to silence liberation struggles by criminalizing activism and dissent, portraying Muslims and Blacks as uniquely susceptible to engaging in political violence, and deputizing teachers, police, faith leaders and other community leaders to look out for signs of ‘radicalization,’ particularly in young people. Learn how CVE and BIE are connected, how they constitute not new but renewed forms of state violence and policing, how communities are organizing to challenge the underlying assumptions, and how NLG can become more engaged.

Fatema Ahmad serves as Deputy Director of the Muslim Justice League (MJL) in Boston, MA. She is a former biomedical engineer turned community organizer who is passionate about fighting the criminalization of marginalized communities. As deputy director, she spearheads much of MJL's local organizing and advocacy work as well as leading the national StopCVE coalition calls. Fatema is also heavily involved in the #BosCops collective, where we work with other organizations and individuals on fighting abusive policing in and around Boston. She was previously an organizer in North Carolina with Muslims for Social Justice and the American Friends Service Committee under the Communities Against Islamophobia project and she helped lead the Stop CVE at UNC campaign.

Adjoa A. Aiyetoro is the co-coordinator of the BIE Collective in Washington DC. She is a past director and a past national board co-chair of the National Conference of Black Lawyers. Her practice advocacy includes a focus on race and criminal punishment. She is the co-coordinator of the BIE Collective in Washington DC.

Hammad Alam is Equal Justice Works Fellow in the Impact Litigation Unit at Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Los Angeles. With federal judicial clerkship and complex litigation experience, Hammad focuses his work at Advancing Justice-LA on youth and education rights, working with young impacted communities, particularly young Muslims, to disrupt bias-based harassment, Islamophobia, anti Blackness, and state violence on young students of color. More recently, Hammad has been part of the #StopCVE in LA coalition, supporting organizers and impacted communities through law, policy advocacy, and community education, in forcing the City of Los Angeles to turn down (not "reject"!) DHS funding for CVE that would have put Muslim and other communities of color at risk of state surveillance and criminalization. Hammad graduated from UCLA School of Law, specializing in Critical Race Studies, has a masters in theology from Harvard Divinity School, and grew up in San Bernardino County, California as a child of South Asian Muslim immigrants. Hammad's Equal Justice Works Fellowship is sponsored by Greenberg Traurig, LLP.
Rakem Balogun is a longtime community activist in Dallas who is believed to be the first person targeted and investigated as a “Black Identity Extremist.” Armed FBI agents raided his home and arrested him in December, 2017. He was held for 5 months without bail before a judge rejected the charge (one count of illegal firearm possession) against him. Balogun co-founded Guerrilla Mainframe and the Huey P Newton Gun Club. The FBI began surveilling him after seeing a video posted on InfoWars of a 2015 BLM protest Balogun attended.

Sue Udry’s career in public service spans four decades and includes advocating for peace, civil rights, and economic justice. She is an expert on issues related to the intersection of national security, human rights, and civil society. As Executive Director of Defending Rights & Dissent, Udry leads the organization’s advocacy and public education efforts to protect and strengthen civil society and challenge government abuse of First and Fourth Amendment rights. She represents DRAD in the media, in numerous coalitions, and on several boards of directors. Udry currently serves on the board of the National Coalition to Protect Student Privacy, and the DC chapter of the National Lawyers Guild, and the DC-NLG Litigation Fund, as well as the Advisory Board of the Charity and Security Network. She is a co-founder of the Montgomery County Civil Rights Coalition.

Plenary I: Friday, November 2 (10:45am-12:45pm)
Crystal Ballroom

Come join the NLG membership at our annual plenaries! The Friday plenary will include a review of the voting process, the presentation of this year’s proposed resolutions and amendments, and the Presidential transition. Our current President, Natasha Lycia Ora Bannan, will be passing the baton to our newest President, Elena Cohen.

Major Panels I: Friday, November 2 (2pm-3pm)

Global Compact on Migration: Causes and Patterns of Forced Migration (Parliament 1-4)

Sponsors: NLG International Committee

In December 2018, the UN will adopt the “Global Compact for Safe, Orderly, and Regular Migration” (GCM). Within this web of migration are poor migrant workers who are forced to search for work outside of their home countries. They are often lauded as their country’s “heroes” for earning wages that keep their home economies afloat. However, policies still perpetuate keeping the Global South exploitable for cheap labor and raw resources. The panel will critique the UN’s neoliberal “migration for development” framework, and highlight the voices of grassroots migrant organizations demanding rights to livelihood free from exploitative labor. The panel will help connect the issues of immigration and labor rights and raise the
The ebb and flow of migrants in and out of the U.S. are deeply connected to the economic dictates of global corporate and state interests. The panel will help sharpen the NLG’s understanding of UN processes, and possibly find opportunities to intervene in neoliberal economic development by supporting people’s movements for economic and social justice.

**Jackelyn Mariano** (moderator) is a Co-Chair of the International Committee of the National Lawyers Guild. Born and raised in the Filipino migrant community in Queens, New York, she has dedicated her political and professional life in service of uplifting migrants who face the onslaught of forced migration. She has been deeply entrenched in movements addressing root problems that cause forced migration. In 2014, she joined efforts by the National Union of Peoples Lawyers (NUPL) in the Philippines to file impeachment charges against then-President Benigno Aquino III on corruption grounds. She also interned for the National Guestworkers Alliance which has organized migrants in a post-Katrina New Orleans. Jackelyn is one of a two-lawyer firm that supports the work of the Mission to End Modern Slavery (MEMS), a small nonprofit based in Queens that is doing the big work of empowering survivors of labor trafficking across the U.S. to advocate for themselves against exploitative transnational labor systems.

**Marco Mejía** - Originally from Ecuador, Marco has been contributing to the growth, empowerment and success of a number of different grassroots organizations, social movements and community based non-profit organizations in the struggles for equality, equity, social, political and economic justice in the United States, Ecuador, and Latin America. Marco since his teenage years has been committed to working on efforts to promote community organizing and systemic change, has worked with social movements related to youth, workers, liberation's theology, indigenous peoples, among others and has been committed for the last 30 years to migrant justice movement building, locally, nationally and internationally. Marco has been a long time social justice activist, popular educator, community organizer and coalition builder, and is the founder of the National New Sanctuary Movement, The Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice and the Portland Immigrant Rights Coalition. He continues to support many local organizing and movement building efforts with a diversity of communities and organizations.

**Adrienne Sebastian** is an organizer with the International Migrants Alliance, Migrante Portland, and the Filipino-American Association of Portland & Vicinity. She is imbedded in work to uplift the livelihoods for migrant Filipinos here in Portland working on deportation defense cases and support for their families. She organizes through a lens that understands the root causes of forced migration having grown up in migrant communities in the Bay Area, California and having to integrated with communities in the Philippines, Nicaragua, and native aboriginals in Australia and New Zealand - seeing the injustice enacted against new migrants and native peoples through their health. She is a practicing Naturopathic Doctor that seeks to address the holistic health of her communities understanding that one cannot achieve mental, emotional, physical, spiritual wellness without also addressing the systemic oppression that impacts one's daily live choices.
From Dirty Wars to War on Immigrants, Black Bodies: Sanctuary in Past & Now (CLE Credits Available)  
(Windsor)  

Sponsored by: National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild; TUPOCC; NLG Anti-Racism Committee; NLG International Committee

This panel will delve into history of the sanctuary movement in the US as well as the recent sanctuary movement in response to mass deportations and the current administration’s hostile policies towards immigrants and people of color. Panelists will discuss the history of the National Lawyers Guild National Immigration Project work to protect people of faith and churches who were providing to sanctuary to those fleeing US-supported dictatorships in Latin America. The panel will also provide an overview of the current landscape of sanctuary work in support of immigrants and people of color, with a focus on the efforts in Oregon and the South.

Roberto Gutierrez (moderator) recently joined Causa as the organization's policy director to guide its legislative agenda and strengthen policies in support of Oregon's immigrant community. Previously, he worked for Congressman Earl Blumenauer and State Representative Alissa Keny-Guyer who are strong supporters of immigrant rights’. In his free time, Roberto attends Lewis & Clark Law School where he is a third year law student.

Andrea Williams became the executive director of Causa, Oregon's statewide Latino immigrant rights organization in September 2013. Prior to her current role, she was Causa's associate director and has been with the organization since 2009. Andrea also serves as a board member of the National Partnership for New Americans, and was a past grantmaker and board member of MRG Foundation. Andrea is multiracial, Filipino-Japanese-White. Andrea's great grandparents immigrated to the Hawaiian Islands to work in the sugar cane fields.

Lena Graber joined the Immigrant Legal Resource Center in 2013 as Special Projects Attorney based in San Francisco. Lena is a national expert on immigration enforcement by local police, and she has spent years supporting organizers and lawyers around the country to fight unfair and often illegal detention of immigrants, and to push for pro-immigrant local policies. Lena also works on DACA, providing technical assistance and training on all DACA legal issues. In addition, Lena contributes to ILRC manuals, trainings, and Attorney of the Day assistance. Lena has co-authored several ILRC publications including Motions to Suppress: Protecting the Constitutional Rights of Immigrants in Removal Proceedings; DACA: The Essential Legal Guide; and Parole in Immigration Law.

Dan Kesselbrenner is a nationally recognized expert on the immigration consequences of criminal convictions and on contesting deportability in immigration proceedings. Dan is co-author of Immigration Law and Crimes, which was cited in the 2010 Supreme Court decision, Padilla v. Kentucky, and has also authored numerous articles on immigration law. Dan has trained over 5,000 attorneys for the criminal defense bar as well as state judges in immigration consequences. He serves as mentor to scores of attorneys. A former member of the Clinton-Gore Department of Justice Immigrant Transition Team, Dan’s work advancing and defending immigrants’ rights has earned him numerous awards, including the American Immigration
Andrea Ritchie is a Black lesbian immigrant and police misconduct attorney and organizer who has engaged in extensive research, writing, and advocacy around criminalization of women and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people of color over the past two decades. She recently published *Invisible No More: Police Violence Against Black Women and Women of Color* now available from Beacon Press. Ritchie is currently Researcher-in-Residence on Race, Gender, Sexuality and Criminalization at the Social Justice Institute of the Barnard Center for Research on Women. In 2014 she was awarded a Senior Soros Justice Fellowship to engage in documentation and advocacy around profiling and policing of women of color – trans and not trans, queer and not queer.

Azadeh Shahshahani is Legal & Advocacy Director with Project South and a past president of the National Lawyers Guild. Azadeh has worked for a number of years in the South to protect the human rights of immigrants and Muslim, Middle Eastern, and South Asian communities. She is the author or editor of several human rights reports, including a 2017 report titled “Imprisoned Justice: Inside Two Georgia Immigrant Detention Centers,” as well as law review articles and book chapters focused on racial profiling, immigrants’ rights, and surveillance of Muslim-Americans. Azadeh is the recipient of numerous awards, including the 2017 US Human Rights Network Human Rights Movement Builder Award, the American Immigration Lawyers Association 2012 Advocacy Award, and the University of Georgia Law School 2009 Equal Justice Foundation Public Interest Practitioner Award. In 2016, Azadeh was chosen by the Mundo Hispanico Newspaper as an Outstanding Person of the Year for her activism on behalf of the Latino community and defending the rights of immigrants in Georgia.

**Disaster Capitalism, Colonialism & Climate Change: Societies after Disasters**

**CLE Credits Available**

(Cambridge/Oxford)

Sponsors: NLG International Committee, Puerto Rico Subcommittee, Environmental Justice Committee, Environmental Human Rights Committee, TUPOCC, Anti-Racism Committee, Louisiana NLG, Michigan NLG

In the face of economic collapse and increasingly frequent and forceful (un)natural disasters, cities and nations are facing the imposition of austerity regimes and the elimination of public goods, anti-democratic governance and the pillaging of local communities, especially communities of color, leading to forced displacement and a re-population of gentrifying forces bent on reshaping societies. Neoliberal policies green lighting disruptive infrastructure projects are causing deep harm to local ecosystems and economies while sweeping economic reforms that benefit the private sector and cut funding for public goods and services are implemented.

Professor Peter J. Hammer has taught at Wayne Law since 2003 and is the director of the Damon J. Keith Center for Civil Rights at Wayne Law. The Keith Center is dedicated to promoting the educational, economic and political empowerment of under-represented
communities in urban areas and to ensuring that the phrase "equal justice under law" applies to all members of society. Hammer was instrumental in editing and compiling Judge Damon J. Keith’s biography, Crusader for Justice: Federal Judge Damon J. Keith (2013) and has become a leading voice on the economic and social issues impacting the city of Detroit.

**Benjamin C. Varadi** planned to spend two weeks volunteering in New Orleans shortly after Hurricane Katrina. Moved by what he saw, that trip lasted ten years. In that time he received a J.D., cum laude, from Tulane University Law School, where he served as an extern to U.S. District Court Judge Ivan Lemelle (E.D. La.) and to the City of Los Angeles Office of Emergency Management, founded a Tulane chapter of the NLG and volunteered as Legal Coordinator for the Common Ground Relief Legal Clinic (CGRLC), a free-to-all walk-in legal resource for hurricane-impacted Gulf Coast residents. After law school, he worked as CGRLC's Managing Attorney, coordinated volunteer legal response in FEMA centers following Hurricane Isaac (in consultation with the Louisiana Bar Association), and successfully represented individuals and businesses in private practice following the BP Oil Spill. Ben currently lives in Portland, Oregon with his spouse, Delcianna Winders. He enjoys gardening and does not enjoy waiting to be sworn in as an Oregon attorney.

**Osvaldo Burgos-Pérez** is a Human Rights Attorney in Puerto Rico, serves on the board of directors of the ACLU and Amnesty International, and was formerly the Executive Director of the Civil Rights Commission of the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico. He teaches Human Rights courses at Sacred Heart University and Inter-American Law School in Puerto Rico and is a prominent gay rights and anti-death penalty activist.

**Natasha Lycia-Ora Bannan** is a human rights lawyer who has worked on the intersection of racial and gender justice in both domestic and international contexts. She is Associate Counsel at LatinoJustice PRLDEF, where she works with low-wage Latina immigrant workers as well as on the domestic implementation of human rights norms. Prior to joining LatinoJustice, she worked in the International Women's Human Rights Clinic at CUNY School of Law and the Center for Reproductive Rights. She clerked for the Hon. Ronald L. Ellis in the Southern District of New York and was an Ella Baker Fellow at the Center for Constitutional Rights. Natasha graduated from CUNY School of Law, where she was Editor-in-Chief of the CUNY Law Review and a Fellow at the Center for Latino/a Rights and Equality. Natasha is President of the National Lawyers Guild, and Co-Chairs its Subcommittee on Puerto Rico. She has advocated before international and regional human rights bodies on issues including sexual violence in armed conflict, femicide, reproductive rights violations, hate crimes, as well as human rights violations in Vieques, Puerto Rico. Natasha has authored several articles on gender and human rights and is barred in the states of New York and New Jersey.
Teacher’s Strikes: Workers, Students & Our Communities
(Parliament 1-4)

Sponsors: NLG Labor & Employment Committee

Public education and teacher unions have been under constant attack for the last quarter of a century by politicians and conservative lobbyists pushing an agenda of privatization and austerity. Now, teachers are striking back, waging some of the most exciting and innovative workplace actions of our time, not just on behalf of themselves, but for their students and indeed, the entire community. The West Virginia teachers' strike and the similar campaigns have shown us how to fight for public education and public employees' rights, while effectively countering the austerity measures championed by conservatives. This workshop aims not only to educate our members on the critical issues we face with regard to attacks on labor unions and public education, and the push towards privatization, but to engage Guild members in the political and legal fight back against these attacks.

Sabrina Joy Stevens is a teacher-turned-writer and advocate with nearly a decade of experience using digital and in-person tools and tactics to build movements and teach others to do the same. A proud public school graduate and an alumna of Swarthmore College, she originally intended to spend her career as a public school teacher. After a dramatic and eye-opening experience teaching in a so-called ‘failing’ school, Sabrina left the classroom to speak out against privatization and inequity in education, and to address the social inequality and economic injustice that holds children and families back. Over the course of her career, she has served as a communications strategist, organizer, and trainer for a variety of grassroots campaigns, organizations, and unions. Before joining the Center, she also led an organization that waged digital and mass media campaigns in support of public education. In the rest of her life, Sabrina enjoys cooking, making music, and raising two amazing little activists.

Christine Campbell has long advocated for raising the education profession and empowering educators at a voice at the national, state, and local level. A veteran teacher of eighteen years, she was elected President of AFT-West Virginia in 2012. In 2014, she was elected to the national AFT Executive Council and serves on various state boards, including the Executive Board of the West Virginia AFL-CIO. She has an extensive background in youth leadership development and community involvement, having worked with the High Rocks Educational Corporation as a teacher and program administrator for thirteen years. In addition to being honored as the Pocahontas County Teacher of the Year and Arch Coal Award recipient, Christine has accepted many awards on behalf of the teachers and service personnel who participated in the first state-wide strike last winter, including the Jobs with Justice, Eleanor Roosevelt Award and the West Virginia Living magazine's Wonder Women of 2018. She was honored with the Sarah “Mother” Blizzard award by the West Virginia Women’s Commission for her leadership during the strike and beyond.

Gordon Lafer, is a Professor at the University of Oregon at the Labor Education and Research Center and a Research Associate with the Economic Policy Institute in Washington, DC. Lafer
holds a PhD in Political Science from Yale University and is founding co-chair of the American Political Science Association’s Labor Project. He has written widely on issues of education and economic policy. In 2009-10, Lafer was on leave from the University of Oregon serving as Senior Policy Advisor for the U.S. House of Representatives’ Committee on Education and Labor. Lafer’s work on education policy includes Do Poor Kids Deserve Lower-Quality Education Than Rich Kids? Evaluating School Privatization Proposals in Milwaukee, Wisconsin (Economic Policy Institute, 2014) and Breaking Point: The Cost of Charter Schools for Public School Districts (In The Public Interest, 2018). Lafer’s most recent book is The One Percent Solution: How Corporations Are Remaking America, One State at a Time (Cornell University Press, 2017).

Michelle Burton is a 24-year veteran educator in Durham, North Carolina and currently works as a school library media coordinator for Durham Public Schools. She has been a member of the North Carolina Association of Educators (NCAE), an affiliate of the National Educators Association (NEA) for over 20 years. Michelle serves on the executive board of the Durham Association of Educators (DAE) and serves as the Government Relations chair for her local. She is also a member of the Organize 2020 Caucus, the social justice caucus, of NCAE. Born and raised in Chicago, Illinois to a family actively involved in unions in her home state, Michelle is a big believer in the positive impact that unions have on people’s lives and is actively working to stop the privatization of public schools in North Carolina. Because of severe budget cuts to public education, the rise of charter schools and vouchers, and the lack of teacher pay in her state, Michelle and other members of DAE led the way in having the Durham school district be the first school system in North Carolina to close for the May 16, 2018 teacher walk-out.

Sarah David Heydemann (moderator) is a Legal Fellow in Workplace Justice at the National Women's Law Center. She supports litigation and amicus brief efforts; and engages in state and federal policy advocacy on issues such as sexual harassment, equal pay, pay transparency, pregnancy accommodations and the minimum wage. Most recently, Sarah practiced union-side labor and employment law representing unions and workers in litigation in state and federal court as well as administrative hearings. Before law school, Sarah was an organizer with, among others, the National Guestworker Alliance, DC Jobs with Justice, and UNITE-HERE Local 25, leading campaigns to support low-wage workers across multiple industries. Sarah earned her B.A. in English from Georgetown University, where she organized on behalf of campus workers, and her law degree from Northeastern University School of Law in 2016. While at Northeastern she organized the Northeastern Employment and Labor Law Alliance and received a Peggy Browning Fund Fellowship. She was also among the first class of recipients of the Michael Weiner Scholarship for Labor Studies from the MLB Players Trust. Sarah serves on the founding committee of Radfund, a social justice giving circle. She is also a member of the steering committee of the National Lawyers Guild Labor and Employment Committee and represents the committee on the NLG’s National Executive Board.
Blood Money: Profiteering Off Death and Violence in a Militarized America (Cambridge/Oxford)

Sponsors: NLG International Committee and NLG Military Law Task Force

The workshop will focus in part on the increasing militarization of law enforcement, in which the police are “at war” with the people, particularly people of color and from the Middle East. It will discuss corporate arms profiteers who make money by making guns easily available and then using street/gang crime, terrorism, racism and mass shootings to create a society of violence and fear. In addition, the workshop will examine the military’s increasing presence and role in our schools.

**Teressa Raiford**: With a background strongly rooted in social economics, philanthropic platforms and community development, Teressa Raiford has long excelled in the business world with her entrepreneurial spirit. Today, Teressa is a key player in Portland’s social justice movement, and is the leader of the highly notable Don’t Shoot Portland activist group. Most recently Teressa has been invited as a guest panelist for TEDTalk(TEDxSalem), and has consistently maintained relationships through educational programming in partnership with Portland Art Museum, PNCA, PICA and Marylhurst College to promote social justice using art and education. Spending her days organizing protests, food drives, educational workshops and more, Teressa has devoted her life to community development and outreach. Since embracing her role as a justice crusader, Teressa has run for public office, been elected as a District 2 PCP, and led the ranks in several committees, panels, and human rights organizations to help develop community outreach strategies and much more.

**Libby Frank** is a counter recruitment activist in Chicago working with Veterans for Peace and other peace groups to demilitarize the public schools. She is also on the steering committees of the National Network Opposing Militarization of Youth and the NLG’s Military Law Task Force.

**Ryan Holleran**: A military veteran, Ryan Holleran is a member of About Face/Vets Against War (formerly called IVAW), active in anti-militarist work in Portland and in the national GI Rights Network.

**James Branum** (moderator) served as co-chair and later chair of the MLTF from 2008-2012. He is a solo-practice attorney in Oklahoma City who practices in the areas of military law (focusing on conscientious objector and war resister cases), LGBT Estate planning and consumer bankruptcy law. Some of his past cases include the defense of war resisters such as Robin Long, Daniel Sandate, Cliff Cornell, Travis Bishop, Victor Agosto and Ryan Jackson. He also has provided pro-bono legal support for the Under the Hood GI Coffee House (outside Fort Hood, Texas), Iraq Veterans Against the War (IVAW), including at Winter Soldier D.C., Winter Soldier Austin, the 2008 IVAW base tour, and the Operation Recovery Campaign. James serves as the executive director of the Center for Conscience in Action and is the Minister of Peace & Justice at Joy Mennonite Church of Oklahoma City. James’ website can be found at www.jmbranum.com.
Movement Lawyering for Racial Justice (CLE Credit Available)
(Crystal Ballroom)

Sponsor: Law for Black Lives

This interactive CLE course will explore both the theoretical grounding and practical application of Movement Lawyering. During the session facilitators will ground participants in the theoretical and historic grounding of movement lawyering. Following a grounding in the theory of movement lawyering we will collectively reflect on the challenges of using the law as a tool of liberation and explore how lawyers can adapt their practice to more effectively support the building of power in impacted communities. The session will include movement lawyers and organizers, who will share in-depth case studies and experiences of collaboration and reflect on how the law can strengthen social movements and win real change.

Erica Perry, Director of Partnerships at Law for Black Lives, works at the intersection of community organizing and lawyering. She is committed to working with other organizers and lawyers to weave together our dreams and visions of black liberation to create policies and transformative actions that get us closer to a world free from oppression and anti-blackness. Erica organizes with the Official Black Lives Matter Memphis Chapter and Our Grass Our Roots to build community power and a more just Memphis. While in law school, Erica taught Street Law at local high schools, externed with the Shelby County Public Defender’s Office, clerked for the Memphis Housing Authority, and was a student attorney in the Neighborhood Preservation Clinic. In 2012 Erica graduated from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville with a B.A. in political science with concentrations in public administration and philosophy. She graduated from the University of Memphis School of Law in 2016. Erica is both grateful and excited to be on the Law For Black Lives team.

Arissa Hall, Project Director of the National Bail Out Collective, is a born and raised New Yorker, mama, wife and sister-friend that is passionate about achieving transformative socio-economic justice and base building. Her passion and commitment to this cause has been inspired by both her personal and professional experiences, while guided through an intersectional lens. Currently, she directs the work of the National Bail Out- a collective of Black organizers committed to ending cash bail and pre-trial detention while utilizing tactical bail outs. Her leadership in this collective helped bail out over 240 Black mothers and caregivers for the National Black Mama’s Bail Out and over 100 more Black folks in subsequent bail outs. Arissa is your around the way freedom fighter who is committed to resisting and intervening until liberation comes. In addition, Arissa is a founding member of the Black Youth Project 100 (BYP100), NYC chapter. As an original member, she was an integral part of building the collective as a founding Membership Co-Chair and Social Chair. Arissa holds a BA in Humanities with a concentration in Africana studies from Long Island University-Brooklyn.

Marbre Stahly-Butts, Executive Director of Law for Black Lives, works closely with organizers and communities across the country to advance and actualize radical policy. She currently serves on the Leadership Team of the Movement For Black Lives Policy Table and helped develop the Vision for Black Lives Policy Platform. Since graduating from Yale Law School four years ago, Marbre has supported local and national organizations from across the
country in their policy development and advocacy. She joined the Center for Popular Democracy as a Soros Justice Fellow in Fall 2013. Her Soros Justice work focused on organizing and working with families affected by aggressive policing and criminal justice policies in New York City in order to develop meaningful bottom up policy reforms. While in law school, Marbre focused on the intersection of criminal justice and civil rights and gained legal experience with the Bronx Defenders, the Equal Justice Initiative and the Prison Policy Initiative. Before law school Marbre received her Masters in African Studies from Oxford University and worked in Zimbabwe organizing communities impacted by violence and then in South Africa teaching at Nelson Mandela’s alma mater. Marbre graduated from Columbia University, with a BA in African-American History and Human Rights.

State Violence Against Black, Indigenous, Immigrant, and Palestinian People (Windsor)

Sponsors: NLG Anti-Racism Committee, TUPOCC, NLG International Committee, Palestine Legal, Arab Resource Organizing Center, Project South

This panel will look at state violence targeting black and brown communities, specifically: the Muslim Ban, expulsion of hundreds of thousands of TPS holders, police murders of black people, the Zionist backlash against Palestinian rights activists, the targeting of indigenous movements, and the continuation of US war making. We will address the impact of cross-movement building efforts that center anti-racism, anti-imperialism, and anti-Zionism. It will unpack the reemergence of organized white supremacy and state-sponsored repression. Panelists will highlight successful campaigns mobilizing against state policing and militarization.

This panel focuses on the intersections of movements: black liberation, immigrant rights, fighting the Muslim Ban, and supporting indigenous and Palestinian communities from on-going dispossession and colonization. Each of these communities faces multi-pronged attacks by both the state, private state-contractors, and by white supremacist movements. After short presentations by each speaker, the workshop will feature discussion to cross-pollinate between movements and build joint resistance strategies. The presentations and facilitation will aim for people with diverse experiences and identities to relate and draw connections.

Andrea Ritchie is a Black lesbian immigrant police misconduct attorney and organizer who has engaged in extensive research, writing, litigation and advocacy around criminalization of women and lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people of color over the past two decades. She is a nationally recognized expert and sought after commentator on policing issues, and the author Invisible No More: Police Violence Against Black Women and Women of Color, and co-author of Say Her Name: Resisting Police Brutality Against Black Women (African American Policy Forum July 2015); A Roadmap for Change: Federal Policy Recommendations for Addressing the Criminalization of LGBT People and People Living with HIV, (Center for Gender and Sexuality Law at Columbia Law School 2014); Queer (In)Justice: The Criminalization of LGBT People in the United States (Beacon Press 2011). Ritchie was lead counsel in Tikkun v. City of New York, groundbreaking impact litigation challenging unlawful searches of transgender people in police custody, contributing to sweeping changes to the
NYPD’s policies for interactions with LGBTQ New Yorkers. She also served as co-counsel to the Center for Constitutional Rights in Doe v. Jindal, a successful challenge to Louisiana’s requirement that individuals convicted of “crime against nature by solicitation” register as sex offenders, and Doe v. Caldwell, the class action filed to remove all affected individuals from the registry, resulting in relief for over 800 class members. She has also testified before the President’s Task Force on 21st Century Policing, the White House Council on Women and Girls, the Prison Rape Elimination Commission, and several United Nations Treaty Bodies. Ritchie is currently Researcher-in-Residence on Race, Gender, Sexuality and Criminalization at the Social Justice Institute of the Barnard Center for Research on Women, and was a 2014 Senior Soros Justice Fellow.

Azadeh Shahshahani is the Legal & Advocacy Director at Project South. Azadeh has worked for a number of years in the South to protect the human rights of immigrants and Muslim, Middle Eastern, and South Asian communities. She previously served as National Security/Immigrants’ Rights Project Director with the ACLU of Georgia. Azadeh is a past president of the National Lawyers Guild. Azadeh also serves as Chair of Georgia Detention Watch, Co-chair of the US Human Rights Network Working Group on National Security, and on the Advisory Council of the American Association of Jurists. Azadeh has served as a trial monitor in Turkey, an election monitor in Venezuela and Honduras, and as a member of the jury in people’s tribunals in Mexico, the Philippines, and Brazil. She has also participated in international fact-finding delegations to post-revolutionary Tunisia and Egypt as well as a delegation focused on the situation of Palestinian political prisoners. She is the author or editor of several human rights reports, including a 2017 report titled “Imprisoned Justice: Inside Two Georgia Immigrant Detention Centers,” as well as law review articles and book chapters focused on racial profiling, immigrants’ rights, and surveillance of Muslim-Americans. Her work has appeared in the Guardian, the Nation, MSNBC, USA Today, Aljazeera, and the Huffington Post, among others. Azadeh received her JD from the University of Michigan Law School where she was Article Editor for The Michigan Journal of International Law. She also has a Master’s in Modern Middle Eastern and North African Studies from the University of Michigan. Azadeh is the recipient of the 2017 US Human Rights Network Human Rights Movement Builder Award, the American Immigration Lawyers Association 2012 Advocacy Award, and the University of Georgia Law School 2009 Equal Justice Foundation Public Interest Practitioner Award, among others. She has also been recognized as an Abolitionist by by the Antiracist Research and Policy Center at American University & the Frederick Douglass Family Initiatives and among 18 Muslim Women who made a difference in 2017 by the website MuslimGirl. In 2016, Azadeh was chosen by the Mundo Hispanico Newspaper as an Outstanding Person of the Year for her activism on behalf of the Latino community and defending the rights of immigrants in Georgia. In 2017, she was chosen by Georgia Trend Magazine as one of the 40 under 40 notable Georgians.

Kimberly Gonzalez from Law For Black Lives is a queer Latinx woman who was born and raised in Miami, FL by way of Cuba and Puerto Rico. She is committed to the self-determination of communities of color and is passionate about sharing her history and culture through food. She has spent the last five years organizing communities of color against police brutality and towards the end of mass incarceration. One of her core values is that liberation can only be won through the liberation of womxn and her work meets at the intersections of addressing patriarchy
and white supremacy. She is dedicated to continuing to fight for the liberation of all oppressed peoples and building communities reliant on radical love.

**Leila Sayed-Taha** is a staff attorney at the Arab Resources and Organizing Center in San Francisco, CA. For the past decade Leila has been active on issues pertaining to women empowerment, immigration, civil liberties and national security. She has with worked with refugee and immigrant communities in the Middle East, the United Kingdom and the southwest side of Chicago, where she was previously based. She holds an LLM in International Human Rights Law and Criminal Justice from DePaul University.

**Liz Jackson** is a founding staff attorney for Palestine Legal and Cooperating Counsel with the Center for Constitutional Rights. At Palestine Legal she works to bolster the Palestine solidarity movement in the US by challenging efforts to threaten, harass and legally bully activists into silence and inaction. She represents students, professors and activists to resist punitive measures to silence speech, defend academic freedom, document the chilling effect of repression campaigns, and educate activists on their rights. Liz has organized for Palestinian human rights as a member of Students for Justice in Palestine, as a Jewish solidarity activist, and as a former Co-Chair of the National Lawyers Guild Palestine Subcommittee. Prior to law school, she organized in low-income communities in Massachusetts for economic justice and immigrant rights. Liz is based in Palestine Legal’s Bay Area office.

**Suzanne Adely** is the co-chair of the NLG international committee and associate member of the bureau of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers. She is a long time Arab-Community organizer and global labor and human rights advocate who has worked in Chicago, NY, India and the SWANA region. Suzanne is an active member of the US Palestine Community Network and Al-Awda NY.

**Due Process or Deportation: Rapid Response & Immigrant Defense (Mayfair)**

Sponsor: Northern California Rapid Response Immigration Defense Network

Rapid response networks provide an exciting opportunity for the development of grassroots and community driven movements to counter the current administration's anti-immigrant rhetoric and policies. There are a dozen rapid response networks in Northern California, providing emergency hotlines to report, and verify ICE enforcement and provide support to affected families. Our panel will explain how these networks can serve as a powerful tool to develop legal and organizing partnerships and respond to the ever shifting needs in immigrant defense. As this administration continues to use immigration enforcement as a weapon against immigrants and communities of color, rapid response networks have become an integral part of community based self-defense and empowerment. Our panel will discuss the coming together and importance of the unique partnerships formed by local organizers, legal service providers, local city governments, and others to provide rapid response and legal resources for our communities. The Northern California Rapid Response and Immigrant Defense network has partnered with local networks to address challenges including attorney activation, cross county coordination and
the development of capacity in under resourced regions. Our panel will describe how regional rapid response models (scaled down or up) can be developed and leveraged to inform and support broader strategies for immigrant defense.

Lisa Weissman-Ward is a Lecturer in Law and supervising attorney with the Stanford Law School Immigrants’ Rights Clinic. Lisa supervises clinical law students in their representation of clients facing removal from the United States. She works with students as they engage in legal research and writing and fact development as they develop their cases from initial investigation of the case to final hearings before the immigration courts. Lisa also supervises students as they work on advocacy projects for the purposes of engaging in broader, systemic changes. Lisa co-teaches the clinic’s seminars and workshops, including training on issues related to substantive immigration law, trial preparation, client-centered lawyering, as well as other topics. Lisa specializes in complex litigation before the national immigration agencies and courts and the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals. Lisa was a founding steering committee member of the Northern California Collaborative for Immigrant Justice as well as the Northern California Rapid Response and Immigrant Defense Collaborative. Lisa co-authored California’s first report on the impact of counsel in detained removal proceedings before the San Francisco Immigration Courts, Access to Justice for Immigrant Families and Communities: A Study of Legal Representation of Detained Immigrants in Northern California.

Adriana Melgoza is an immigrant from Mexico who grew up in Castroville, California, a rural community in the Central Coast. Adriana is proud to come from a family of farm workers. She has a BA from California State University, Monterey Bay. She is also a graduate of Hispanics Organizing for Political Equality, a leadership institute for hispana/latina women. She currently works for the Watsonville Law Center as Clinic Manager and Central Coast Coordinator for the NCRRIDN. She has worked with other community leaders to provide thousands of hours of volunteer service in legal aid and community organizing who wish to be directly involved in creating a social justice movement. Prior, she worked with the American Civil Liberties Union of Northern California as a Field Fellow developing leaders in her community. She has worked in the past for Immigration Action Group as a community organizer educating, advocating and organizing for immigrant justice. She is part of different organizations in her community working for rights and justice for all. Adriana is a firm believer of alliance and solidarity for human rights, and knows that it is only through direct communication and involvement of impacted community members that social justice will be reached.

Hamid Yazdan Panah is the Regional Director for the NCRRIDN, and was involved in the development and launch of the network. Prior to joining the NCRRIDN, Hamid was a solo immigration attorney in Berkeley, CA. Hamid has a background in advocacy and organizing in the Iranian diaspora, and has written extensively on the human rights abuses and the mistreatment of ethnic minorities in Iran. As a refugee, Hamid is committed to ensuring due process and civil rights for immigrants in the United States and beyond.

Janeth Rodriguez is the Chair of the Sacramento Immigration Coalition, a group of multiple immigrant rights advocacy organizations throughout the Sacramento area that jointly work to protect immigrant families in the region. Through the Coalition and through a partnership with Sacramento ACT, a Rapid Response network was launched in May of 2017 and continues to be a
resource for the community in the surrounding counties. Together with partners of the Coalition, the Sacramento Board of Supervisors was compelled to vote down the renewal of the ICE Contract that the Sacramento Sheriff's Department had in place in June of 2018. Being a first generation immigrant to this country, she believes in giving voice and power to those who are voiceless. She also has a strong background in labor, with her most recent post as a Field Organizer within the California Faculty Association.

**Plenary II: Saturday, November 3 (10:15am-12:15pm)**

Crystal Ballroom

In the second plenary of the convention, the NLG Foundation will be announcing the latest round of Guild grant winners. Miguel Fraga from Cuban Embassy will briefly speak on constitutional reform and popular consultation and a letter will be shared with the NLG membership from the President of Puerto Rican Bar Association. The main portion of the plenary will be dedicated to a panel on “Global Resistance to Fascism.”

**Major Panels II: Saturday, November 3 (1:15pm-2:30pm)**

**Facing Fascism: What’s the NLG’s Role in Defending Resistance to Fascism?** (Cambridge/Oxford)

Sponsors: International Jewish Anti-Zionist Network, Herman Bell Defense Committee, Arab Resource and Organizing Center, Critical Resistance, Catalyst Project, Queer as Fuck, BAYAN-USA, Anti-Fascist Work Group

From the advance of State-based fascism to the rise of street-based white nationalism, communities and movements are in a fight to defend themselves against attacks on civil liberties, the right to resist and basic safety. The panel will examine differences and similarities between today’s and yesterday’s State repression, permission for unrestrained police use-of-force, collaboration between State and “popular” forms of fascism, the role of misogyny, and the erosion of basic protections and “due process”. Panelists will offer cases to discuss this question and the role of legal defense and offensive strategies in protecting resistance and community defense. We are in a moment of heightened resistance and defense on multiple fronts, across diverse communities. This resistance takes the form of rapid response to and community defense against State and vigilante attacks, civil disobedience and physical confrontations, building autonomous alternatives to State resources, on-going long-term campaigns and organizing, public education and communication, and spontaneous uprisings. The panel offers a discussion on how the NLG might shift how it operates as well as some of our assumptions in order to
better respond to the needs of the movement and in the face of increased State repression in collaboration with “popular” white nationalism and misogyny.

Sara Kershnar, Moderator, Vice Chair of NLG-SF Board, member of California Coalition for Women Prisoners, co-founder of the International Anti-Zionist Network and member of Bay Area Anti-Fascist Work Group.

Déqui Kioni-Sadiki, presenter, is an educator for Liberation, chair of the Malcolm X Commemoration Committee and co-coordinator of the Sekou Odinga Defense Committee. She co-hosts/co-produces the listener-sponsored weekly WBAI-NY public affairs radio program, Where We Live, with Sally O’Brien and is a member of the New York City chapter of the Jericho Movement for Amnesty Recognition of u.s. Political Prisoners and Prisoners of War.

Suzanne Adely, presenter, is the co-chair of the NLG international committee and associate member of the bureau of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers. She is a long time Arab-Community organizer and global labor and human rights advocate who has worked in Chicago, NY, India and the SWANA region. Suzanne is an active member of the US Palestine Community Network and Al-Awda NY.

Carey Lamprecht, presenter, is a certified paralegal who has worked in civil rights law, criminal defense, and coordinating legal support for the NLG for seventeen years. She is a legal support coordinator and Legal Observer Coordinator at NLG-SF, sits on the Mass Defense Steering Committee. She currently works as a freelance paralegal doing court-appointed work for the Criminal Justice Act (CJA) federal panel of the Northern District of California, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeal on capital appeals, and has been retained for civil rights cases around jail conditions in Northern California.

Jackelyn Mariano is a Co-Chair of the International Committee of the National Lawyers Guild. Born and raised in the Filipino migrant community in Queens, New York, she has dedicated her political and professional life in service of the Philippines’ national democratic movement, which resists U.S. intervention and militarization, bureaucrat capitalism and state repression, and promotes national industrialization and genuine agrarian reform. From 2012-2015, she served as the Deputy Secretary General of BAYAN USA, an alliance of anti-imperialist Filipino organizations. In 2014, she joined efforts by the National Union of Peoples Lawyers (NUPL) in the Philippines to file impeachment charges against then-President Benigno Aquino III on corruption grounds. Now, she is an active member of the International Coalition for Human Rights in the Philippines (ICHRP), and has led major protest actions in NYC to oppose President Rodrigo Duterte’s fascist dictatorship. Jackelyn is one of a two-lawyer firm that supports the work of the Mission to End Modern Slavery (MEMS), a small nonprofit based in Queens that is doing the big work of empowering survivors of labor trafficking across the U.S. to advocate for themselves against exploitative transnational labor systems.
Envisioning A World Without Police or Prisons: Shaping Goals for a Movement
(Mayfair)

Sponsors: Mass Incarceration Committee, TUPOCC, Queer Caucus, Lewis & Clark NLG

It is often said that prison industrial complex abolition provides a vision for shifting the way society is structured. So what does that vision entail? What does a world without policing and prisons look like? What sorts of radical transformations in existing movements would we need to get us there? What lessons have already been learned by this movement? And what work still needs to be done to support those leading the way? These are the sorts of questions our panel of radical organizers and lawyers will seek to address, and help the Guild strengthen its commitment to abolition made at the Oakland convention in 2015.

Ria Thompson-Washington is a Senior National Coordinator in the Voting Rights Project at the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. She is the Election Protection organizer for six states — Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nebraska, Tennessee, and Virginia — and is responsible for cultivating Election Protection relationships with national and local affinity bars. Ria began her work as an organizer in 2003 with Progressive Student Network while an undergraduate student at the University of Texas at San Antonio. She has since worked on a wide range of organizing campaigns. Ria is pursuing a juris doctorate from the University of the District of Columbia David A. Clarke School of Law, anticipating graduation in May 2020. She also serves as the Executive Vice President of the National Lawyers Guild. She has trained numerous NLG legal observers, and is an abolitionist. Her favorite past times include Audible books, intersectional conversations, Beyoncé, and the color purple.

Cory Lira is a xicana fat femme of color organizer, educator, and writer. As an organizer with Critical Resistance Portland, she's helped start Care Not Cops PDX, an anti-policing campaign. She grew up under the activist mentorship of her chingona mother and since her early teens has been actively supporting survivor centered interpersonal violence justice and healing work. In addition to PIC abolition, Cory’s work centers on resource building for queer & trans communities of color, education equity, and writing and presenting on fat liberation and decolonial body politics.

Mohamed Shehk is the Media and Communications Director of Critical Resistance, a national grassroots organization that works to build a movement to abolish the prison industrial complex. In addition to organizing against policing, imprisonment, and surveillance, he is engaged in efforts to support the Palestinian struggle for liberation and other third world movements.
We are currently experiencing a particularly intense period of state and corporate repression. In this moment, lawyers and litigation has emerged as one bulwark against abuses of the powerful. Litigation is a necessary tool to challenge the basic human rights violations we are all seeing. However, as lawyers for the people, we must remember that the law can never produce all the social change the people seek. In fact, as lawyers, we remain complicit in a corrupt, racist, hierarchical system. Nevertheless, many celebrate us as beacons of justice, saviors of the downtrodden, and leaders of the resistance. In a political moment when we find ourselves driven to defend against relentless attacks, how can we stay bold and creative, refusing to let the opposition’s agenda determine ours? When everything is an emergency, how do we stay nimble while steering clear of dangerous reactive "short-cuts" and investing in proactive long-term, grassroots movement building? This panel examines lessons learned from litigating and organizing under the past 1.5 years of the Trump administration. We hope for this to be an interactive space to strategize best practices for lawyering towards liberation in a fascist regime.

Carlton Williams is a staff attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts. He joined the ACLU of Massachusetts in September 2013. Previously, he served as a criminal defense attorney with the Roxbury Defenders Unit of the Committee for Public Counsel Services. A long-time resident of Boston’s Roxbury neighborhood, he has been an activist and organizer on issues of war, immigrants’ rights, LGBTQ rights, racial justice and Palestinian self-determination. Carl is a member of the National Lawyers Guild and has served on its Massachusetts board of directors. During the Occupy Boston movement he was part of its legal defense and support team, which provided nearly 24-hour support to the participants. More recently, Carl was a Givelber Distinguished Lecturer on Public Interest Law at Northeastern University School of Law, where he taught a class on social justice movements and the law.

Gabriel Arkles is a senior staff attorney with the ACLU’s LGBT and HIV Project. Prior to working at the ACLU, Arkles was a legal research and writing professor at Northeastern University School of Law and an Acting Assistant Professor at NYU School of Law. For the six years prior to his appointment at NYU, he practiced at the Sylvia Rivera Law Project as a Staff Attorney and Director of Prisoner Justice Initiatives. There he provided legal services to low-income people and people of color who are transgender, intersex, or gender nonconforming. He also engaged in impact litigation, public education, and policy work to advance justice for these communities. While his work at SRLP spanned issues of public benefits, name changes, identity documents, immigration, discrimination, and shelter access, his focus was on conditions of confinement for imprisoned people. Professor Arkles was also a founding member of the Lorena Borjas Community Fund, an organization that provides bail and bond support to criminalized LGBT immigrants.
**Pooja Gehi** is the Executive Director of the National Lawyers’ Guild. Prior to joining the Guild as ED, Gehi has worked as a staff attorney and then the Director of Immigrant Justice at the Sylvia Rivera Law Project (SRLP) where she provided direct legal services for hundreds of low-income transgender and gender nonconforming clients in administrative hearings, immigration proceedings, civil litigation, and prisoners’ rights cases. Throughout this experience, she collaborated closely with LGBT organizations to build an analysis of gender justice among poverty and queer advocates across the nation. Pooja recently litigated Cruz v. Zucker, securing access to transition related healthcare for New York State Medicaid recipients.

**Oren Nimni** is a Staff Attorney at the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights where he manages their immigrants’ rights and criminal justice docket. His legal practice focuses on cutting-edge constitutional litigation on behalf of people of color and immigrants. He is currently litigating the first lawsuit filed in the country against the Trump Administration to save Temporary Protected Status on behalf of Haitian, Honduran, and Salvadoran immigrants. He is also litigating the first lawsuit filed in the country to block federal officials from conducting immigration arrests in state courthouses. His work in these groundbreaking cases has received significant national attention. Oren employs a community lawyering model. He is deeply embedded in the community, and regularly advises grassroots organizations on policy and legal matters. Prior to joining the organization, Oren was a partner at the Community Law Office, a Boston-based firm. At the Community Law Office, Oren provided holistic representation to low-income clients and community organizations in criminal and civil matters. He also served as a Steering Committee member of Law for Black Lives. Oren also teaches courses on Law and Social Movements at Suffolk University Law School and serves as legal editor for the popular political magazine Current Affairs. He is a graduate of Brandeis University and Northeastern University School of Law.

**Kris Hayashi** is Executive Director at Transgender Law Center. Kris has over 20 years of movement building, leadership and organizing experience. As a public transgender person of color, Kris has been a leader in movements for justice and rights for transgender and gender nonconforming communities for over 13 years. Kris became Executive Director at Transgender Law Center, one of the largest organizations in the country advancing the rights of transgender and gender nonconforming people, in February 2015. Prior to that, he had served over a year in the role of Deputy Director at the organization. Kris took on his first Executive Director position at the age of 23 at Youth United for Community Action in California (YUCA). YUCA is a grassroots community organization created, led, and run by young people of color, to provide a safe space for young people to empower themselves and work on environmental and social justice issues to establish positive systemic change through grassroots community organizing. Kris took on his second Executive Director position five years later at the age of 28 at the Audre Lorde Project (ALP) in New York City. ALP is a lesbian, gay, bisexual, two spirit, trans and gender nonconforming people of color center for community organizing, focusing on the New York City area. Kris served as Executive Director at ALP for over ten years. During his tenure at ALP, ALP launched one of the first organizing and advocacy projects in the country led by trans and gender nonconforming people of color, the annual NYC Trans Day of Action now in its 11th year, and won a monumental campaign getting NYC’s welfare agency to adopt community developed policies on serving trans and gender nonconforming people.
The Anti-Racism Committee’s annual anti-oppression training will include activities and conversations directed primarily at white people for the purpose of building an analysis about racism and white privilege, and strategizing about supporting people of color-led racial justice movements.

The United People of Color Caucus (TUPOCC) seeks to fully integrate the NLG, in all respects. In this workshop, trainers will facilitate a conversation on what types of oppression participants face and may also perpetuate in social movements when whiteness is removed. We will also be addressing internal discrimination within the NLG and how to ensure POC voices are not being silenced by having stronger TUPOCC presence in the regions/committees. We will explore legal norms that prevent solidarity, and gain practical tools to build our movements and coalitions, across a variety of barriers that divide us. All participants who self-identify as People of Color are invited. White allies are welcome next door at the Anti-Racism training.

Colonial Debt: Puerto Rico and the Crisis of Capitalism and Colonialism (Cambridge)

Puerto Rico remains in the stranglehold of crippling new colonialism and Wall Street control of an odious debt. The island continues to face massive displacement and depopulation, deep austerity, cuts to essential public goods and services and an economy in service of the US. This workshop will focus not only on the colonial imposition and the use of debt to control the population and deprive citizens of their fundamental rights, but also on ongoing legal and community strategies to fight these impositions and to further the demands for human rights and economic and environmental justice.

Sponsors: NLG International Committee and its Puerto Rico Subcommittee

Judith Berkan (moderator) is one of Puerto Rico’s leading human rights attorneys. She moved to Puerto Rico in 1977, initially as attorney in NLG’s Puerto Rico Legal Project. Over four decades, she has represented independentistas, Vieques protesters, student strikers, the families of those murdered at Cerro Maravilla, victims of harassment and surveillance by the PRPD Intelligence Division and FBI’s Cointelpro, women’s rights activists, communities struggling against gentrification, and victims of police violence. She also has represented institutions like the...
Colegio de Abogados against right-wing attacks. Co-chair of NLG’s Puerto Rico Subcommittee, along with Jan Sussler and Natasha Bannan, she has worked tirelessly to shed light on and promote solidarity with the struggle of the Puerto Rican people for independence.

Nicole Marie Díaz González studied Journalism and later Law at the Rio Piedras Campus of the University of Puerto Rico, where she got involved in the student government and joined the Revolutionary Leftist Youth (JIR). She was also a founding member and leader of the Movement Towards Socialism (MAS) and its September 23 Youth (J-23). Since then, she has been active in movements and campaigns for free public education, against war and imperialism, for Puerto Rican independence, in defense of the environment and communities, for worker’s rights and against austerity. She worked as a production assistant at the WAPA TV News Department, where she helped organize PA’s with the Journalists, Graphic Arts and Related Branches Union (UPAGRA). While in Law School, she worked as a paralegal and as a union organizer, became a member of the National Lawyers Guild and was active in the 2010-2011 student strike at the UPR. In 2010, she became a founding member of the Working People’s Party (PPT) and ran for office in the 2012 election, while also working as press secretary for the PPT’s original and groundbreaking campaign. In 2016, she was appointed Deputy Electoral Commissioner for the PPT. Currently, she figures as an elected member of the party’s Executive Committee. Ms. Díaz was admitted to the Puerto Rican bar on February 2015. In 2016, along with fellow movement lawyers and activists, she founded the Comité de Acción Legal (CAL) and in 2018 incorporated the non-profit Brigada Legal Solidaria (BLS) with the objective of providing free legal representation and counsel, as well as legal observing to organizations, groups and individuals involved in the struggle against austerity and the PROMESA law, which imposed a fiscal control board on Puerto Rico.

Mariana Nogales graduated from University of Puerto Rico School of Law in 2010, was president of Law School Student Council, and actively participating in the student strike. She has been an advocate against the death penalty since 2007, a member of the Puerto Rican Coalition against the Death Penalty, former Secretary of Greater Caribbean for Life, participant and moderator in several world congresses (2007, 2010, 2016), annual assemblies (2011, 2014, 2016), and steering committee meetings (2013) of the World Coalition against the Death Penalty and the National Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty (2008, 2009, 2011). She is part of the founding members of Humanistas Seculares de Puerto Rico 2011, former vice president, secretary and director of the legal committee. She is actual President of the Comisión de la Mujer (2016-2018), Puerto Rico Bar Association, member of Movimiento Amplio de Mujeres de PR, and collaborator Proyecto Matria (2011). Mariana is President of Partido del Pueblo Trabajador (Working People’s Party) and ran for resident commissioner for the 2016 campaign. She is an active member of Puerto Rico Bar Association, Pro Bono, Inc., NLG, ACLU of PR, and Amnesty International of PR.

Eva Prados Rodríguez is a human rights lawyer from Puerto Rico, where she graduated with her J.D. and LL.M. Eva is the spokesperson for the Citizen’s Commission to Audit the Debt campaign, which calls for a public auditing of Puerto Rico’s $72 billion debt. She specializes in gender justice and has worked on issues related to reproductive rights, domestic violence and sexual violence.
Land & Water Defense: How Can the NLG Support Resistance To Extractive Industries (Windsor)

Sponsors: Mass Defense Committee and Environmental Justice Committee

People are rising up around the world to resist the destruction of their land and water by extractive industries. Many of these struggles are led by indigenous peoples for whom this is a continuation of resistance to centuries of colonization, displacement and desecration of sacred lands and waterways. It involves challenging powerful corporations and governments who work in collusion with them. How can NLG lawyers and legal workers support grassroots land and water defense? Panelists will discuss varied approaches including protest and direct action campaigns, domestic legal challenges and policy work, international law, and divestment campaigns.

Kendra Pinto is a Diné educator and storyteller from Counselor Chapter, Navajo Nation, in northern New Mexico near Chaco Canyon. She is an activist in the Greater Chaco Coalition/Frack Free New Mexico campaign and has testified before the Department of the Interior and House of Representatives in Washington, D.C. in support of halting fracking infrastructure in the “checkerboard” area.

Michelle L. Cook is human rights lawyer born of the Honagháahnii (One Who Walks Around You) Clan of the Diné (Navajo) Nation. She is a current Commissioner on the Navajo Nation Human Rights Commission and Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD) Candidate at the University of Arizona’s Indigenous Peoples Law and Policy Program. Her dissertation concerns the intersections of indigenous human rights, divestment, and gender in the United States. She is also the founder and co-director of the Divest, Invest, Protect program.

Kelsey Skaggs is the Executive Director of Climate Defense Project, a legal non-profit that serves climate activists. Born and raised in Alaska, she has seen the impacts of climate change firsthand. She has worked in the areas of environmental law, freedom of expression, family law, and international human rights law in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Switzerland. Kelsey holds a B.A. in International Relations from the University of California, Davis, and a J.D. from Harvard Law School.

Jessi Parfait is a graduate student of anthropology at Louisiana State University. On a fellowship funded by the National Academy of Science, she studies the adaptive capacity of her tribe The United Houma Nation. Combining traditional ecological knowledge, historical research, and mapping she has learned about the true cost of oil and gas production and its role in land loss in her home state. While Louisiana is losing land faster than anywhere in the country, Jessi has become an ardent supporter of the opposition of the Bayou Bridge Pipeline. The pipeline is being constructed by Energy Transfer Partners, who also constructed the Dakota Access Pipeline.
Dissent Under Attack: Infiltration and Anti-Protest Legislation (Brighton)

The workshop will feature activists and legal thinkers discussing the crackdown on dissent we’re seeing in the form of increased infiltration and surveillance of activist movements, including the nearly 70 anti-protest bills filed in state assemblies across the nation since the election of Donald Trump. What lessons can we draw for advocates of free speech? What sort of analysis should we bring to our discussions around these issues? And what sort of legislative advocacy has been most effective to combat this trend?

Sponsor: NLG National Office

Traci Yoder (moderator) is the NLG Director of Education and Research. Before coming to the National Office, she was the Coordinator for the NLG Philadelphia Chapter and the Legal Worker Vice-President of the NLG National Executive Committee. She has written articles and reports on NLG history, mass surveillance, drug policy, legal education, anti-protest legislation, campus free speech debates, and policing of protests for the Guild.

Nathan “nash” Sheard is Grassroots Advocacy Organizer at the Electronic Frontier Foundation. nash co-founded the Black Movement Law Project and is a founding member of Just Info, a 24-hour hot-line providing no-cost legal information in New York City. As a member of Mutant Legal, nash organized training's in Ferguson, New York, and other cities on how to document police conduct, exercise legal rights, counteract state repression and actively participate in one's legal defense. Immediately before joining the Electronic Frontier Foundation, nash worked with the Freshet Collective, one of two legal collectives providing legal support to Water Protectors arrested at Standing Rock.

Liz Jackson is a founding staff attorney for Palestine Legal and Cooperating Counsel with the Center for Constitutional Rights. At Palestine Legal, she works to bolster the Palestine solidarity movement in the US by challenging efforts to threaten, harass and legally bully activists into silence and inaction. She represents students, professors and activists to resist punitive measures to silence speech, defend academic freedom, document the chilling effect of repression campaigns, and educate activists on their rights. Liz has organized for Palestinian human rights as a member of Students for Justice in Palestine, as a Jewish solidarity activist, and as a former Co-Chair of the National Lawyers Guild Palestine Subcommittee. Prior to law school, she organized in low-income communities in Massachusetts for economic justice and immigrant rights. Liz is based in Palestine Legal’s Bay Area office.

April Goggans is an organizer, disrupter, abolitionist, single mother of a brilliant 19 year-old daughter, originally from Colorado Springs, Colorado she is now a proud Southeast DC resident. Ms. Goggans became a Core Organizer with Black Lives Matter DC in September of 2015. Her organizing work focuses on community power building, affordable housing and tenants rights, labor, large scale direct action organizing, intra-community violence, policing and police brutality. She recently launched #KeepDC4Me a branch of Black Lives Matter DC. #KeepDC4Me is a leaderFULL coalition working to find non-police solutions to intra-community violence in ways that disrupt, confront, and dismantle systems of state sanctioned violence that displace and criminalize Black people through political education, building community power, and direct
April has been organizing for more than 20 years and almost 10 of those years have been in southeast Washington, DC.

**Maggie Ellinger-Locke** resides in the DC area where she is employed as a staff attorney at Greenpeace USA. There (as relevant) she focuses on increasing civic space and helping to lead the organization's democracy work. Previously she was employed as legislative counsel at the Marijuana Policy Project where she lobbied for cannabis policy reform in 14 states. She has worked on dozens of campaigns including police accountability measures, electoral reform, union membership drives, and more. She has served many roles within NLG and spends much of her time on mass defense; most notably having spearheaded the Guild's work on-the-ground in Charlottesville, Ferguson, and on J20.

**WORKSHOPS IV: Sunday, November 4 (1pm-2pm)**

**Human Rights of Children, Parents, and Families (CLE Credit Available)**

*(Windsor)*

**Sponsors:** Meiklejohn Civil Liberties Institute, NLG International Committee, Queer Caucus, TUPOCC

In many nations around the world political instability and poverty incentivizes the export of orphans to be adopted by predominantly white middle-class families in the U.S. Within the U.S., race and class oppression forces many children into foster care, detention centers, or adoption agencies, which often causes coerced adoptions of children. The situation is worsening as the Trump administration attacks immigrants, separates families, and deepens poverty. Unfortunately, there is little attention paid to the role of race, class, gender, and orientation in adoption, foster care, immigration, and child removal by institutions, the courts, or local, state, or federal governments. This panel, facilitated by the Meiklejohn Civil Liberties Institute and co-sponsored by The United People of Color Caucus, Queer Caucus, and International Committee will discuss how race, class, gender, and orientation effect the integrity of families as well as human rights violations in the foster care, child detention, and adoption systems here in the U.S. Presenters will discuss how race, class, gender, and orientation affect the rights of children, parents, and families in adoption, foster care, family law courts, child and adult protective services, and immigration as well as the application of both domestic and international law. They will also discuss legal strategies to preserve family integrity and reunite family members or, at a minimum, ensure that children taken from their families maintain a connection with their culture, language and community.

**Katie Stickles-Wynan,** MSW, Adoption Case Manager, LGBTQ Advocate with PACT and Adoption Alliance - adoption and foster care. Katie is a Colombian adoptee, has a Master of Social Work. After college, Katie worked at Hyde School in CT where she helped design a program for adopted youth and parents. Katie studied under Dr. Joyce Maguire Pavao in Boston before moving to California and joining the Pact staff where she leads groups, works with tweens and teens and provides psycho-educational counseling to pre-adoptive parents.
Danielle King, Attorney - Family law, Co-chair/Finance officer of The United People of Color Caucus of the National Lawyers Guild. Danielle King is an Attorney for the Child practicing in Family Court in New York City. As a former foster youth, Danielle uses their experiences to ensure that Family Court system focus on youth’s actual unique voices and experiences. Danielle recently received her J.D. in 2016 from Seton Hall University School of Law. Danielle received her B.A. in English from Michigan State University and her M.A. in Urban Affairs from Queens College (CUNY). Danielle has a passion for public interest law, having interned and/or worked with various non-profit legal organizations assisting on Child protective, LGBTQ rights, Disability Justice and general pro bono matters such as consumer rights. Danielle also was a clinical student Seton Hall Law’s Immigrant Rights’/International Human Rights Clinic where she helped clients with immigration matters and assisted in a published NJ Immigration Representation report. Danielle also conducted health law research and prepared a presentation for a Health Law Parity Conference at Seton Hall Law.

Prenal Lal is the Founder and Managing attorney at Lal Legal, an Immigration law firm in Berkeley, California. Their parents moved to the U.S. when they were 14, shortly before yet another military coup in the Fiji Islands. The USCIS placed Prerna in removal proceedings in early 2011. This arbitrary and unfair separation from their family prompted them to go to law school. On April 19th, 2018, Prerna became a U.S. citizen. Prerna’s direct experiences in the U.S. make them primarily concerned with curating spaces to elevate subaltern and marginalized voices. They pioneered the use of social media as a way to stop deportations and used it to stop the deportations of hundreds of undocumented youth. Their work with directly-impacted communities led to the creation and adoption of social media by many local immigrant youth groups to stop deportations, and laid the groundwork for the federal DACA program. Prerna worked as an immigration policy attorney for Advancing Justice – AAJC, where they spearheaded the push for policies such as TPS for Nepal, and to expand DACA. Most recently, Prerna served as a clinical law professor and attorney for UC Berkeley’s undocumented student program.

Martha Schmidt is an activist and equal employment lawyer who has also worked as labor organizer and college professor at several universities in Washington State. Martha received her LL.M from the University of Washington and a certificate from the International Institute of Human Rights (France). She was selected to speak for labor at the NGO day on women’s rights during the Seattle WTO in 1999 and was a trial observer in the Lori Berenson case in Lima, Peru in 2001. She has used the Declaration on the Rights of Child (predecessor to the CRC) in immigration and juvenile defense practice. Martha was chair of the World Peace Through Law Section of the WSBA when it persuaded the Board of Governors to adopt a resolution supporting ratification of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Steven DeCaprio (moderator) is Interim Executive Director of the Meiklejohn Civil Liberties Institute. Steven has over 20 years of organizing and non-profit leadership experience committed to racial, economic, and environmental justice. Steven completed the Law Office Study Program, a tuition-free alternative to law school. After passing the California Bar Exam, Steven’s application to practice law was denied by the State Bar due to his political organizing. He has appealed this decision and a trial in the State Bar Court is pending. Steven founded Land Action in 2011 to assist homeless and at-risk organizer occupy abandoned properties. Steven was named
one of “12 Visionaries of 2012” by the UTNE Reader for this work while assisting with direct actions during Occupy Wall Street where he organized numerous legal trainings in the city of Oakland. In 2015 Steven and three other organizers known as the “Land Action 4” were charged with “conspiracy” for their direct action. All charges were dismissed in 2017.

Civil Rights for Deported Migrants (CLE Credits Available)
(Cambridge)

In this workshop we will discuss strategies to ensure that deported migrants have access to justice in the US for civil rights violations suffered during arrest, detention and removal, even after they have been deported. Copies of the Challenges in Transnational Litigation substantive practice manual (6th edition) will be available for workshop participants. The goal of the workshop is to enable practitioners to continue to hard work of holding power accountable when the most vulnerable people are suffering. The issue of impunity for governmental abuse of power looms large. Migrants, especially those from the Northern Triangle countries, have a shot at access to justice through innovative strategies including international collaboration among civil society.

Anza Abbas is a second year law student at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Originally from Pakistan, Anza is very interested in human rights law and the intersection of international development. The inspiring yet fragile migrant experience Anza has lived first-hand, as well as cases she’s accompanied, such as an asylum case for a Somali immigrant, have both motivated her to work for the benefit of vulnerable communities. Anza has done field research in The Netherlands and Rwanda, and spent the summer of 2018 interning at Justice in Motion where she provided legal research and writing support for the sixth edition of the Challenges in Transnational Litigation manual.

R. Andrew Free is the founder and managing attorney of a social justice legal startup based in Nashville, Tennessee. His practice focuses on stopping deportations, attacking criminalization and mass incarceration for profit, and holding abusive bosses, government agencies, and officials accountable in federal court. As a movement-minded, client-centered advocate, Andrew provides strategic advice to organizers, allies, and affected communities in struggle throughout the Deep South and around the country. Andrew graduated from Vanderbilt Law in 2010 and is licensed to practice law in Tennessee.

Karen Hoffmann is an attorney in solo practice at Syrena Law in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. She works with Aldea - The People's Justice Center to represent asylum seekers in detention, including families detained at the Berks family prison and separated at the border. She also works with the Community Environmental Legal Defense Fund (CELDF) to represent communities across Pennsylvania who are fighting to protect their environment. Prior to attending law school at Temple University, she worked as a journalist in Latin America. Her writing has appeared in The Guardian, Mongabay, and Earth Island Journal. Karen graduated from Temple University law school in 2016 and is licensed to practice law in Pennsylvania.
Nan Schivone is the Legal Director of Justice in Motion in Brooklyn, New York. Based in Atlanta, Georgia, Nan is an employment and civil rights attorney with over two decades’ public interest experience serving migrants in the United States and Latin America through litigation, policy advocacy, capacity building, and community organizing. Prior to joining the Justice in Motion team, Nan represented farmworkers from Mexico, Haiti, Peru, Jamaica, Thailand, and the U.S. (including Puerto Rico) in state and federal civil litigation. The most formative part of Nan’s professional life to date has been time spent conducting outreach visits to rural labor camps and listening to migrants tell their stories of hard work and personal sacrifice. Nan graduated from Lewis & Clark Law School in 1998 and is licensed to practice law in New York and Georgia.

The U.S.-Duterte Regime & Their Three Wars Against the Filipino People
(Parliament 1-3)

Sponsors: NLG International Committee and its Philippines Subcommittee, International Coalition for Human Rights in the Philippines

After his visit to the Philippines in November 2017, President Trump expressed support to Philippine President Duterte’s “War on Drugs”, war on indigenous people, and counter-terror war. Meanwhile — Duterte’s extrajudicial killings have risen to the level of 20,000, and U.S. support of the Philippine police and military has grown through “Operation Pacific Eagle,” which has called for further U.S. military involvement in the Philippines over the next two years. As Trump spends U.S. tax dollars in support of the Duterte regime as a part of the U.S.’s global war on terror, resistance is our right and solidarity is our duty.

Nikole Cababa serves as the Secretary General of BAYAN USA, a national multi-sectoral alliance of 26 progressive and anti-imperialist Filipino organizations fighting for genuine democracy and national independence in the Philippines. Since 2010, Nikole has been involved with BAYAN USA after participating in their relief efforts in the Philippines post-Typhoon Sendong, and has helped lead grassroots campaigns and coalition building efforts to fight for the rights of workers, immigrants, youth, women, and LGBTQ communities. In 2012, she led a successful campaign coalition to pass the first living wage policy in the City of Long Beach for low-wage housekeepers. In 2014, she served as the mass campaigns coordinator of Gabriela Los Angeles, a grassroots Filipino women’s organization, leading the campaign to end U.S. military intervention in the Philippines and calling for Justice for Jennifer Laude, a 26 year old transgender Filipino brutally murdered in the Philippines by a U.S. marine in 2014. She currently continues her work organizing in the greater Los Angeles region and enjoys watching documentaries, hosting potlucks, and jamming on the guitar and drums.

Pam Tau Lee is a fourth generation Chinese in the U.S. She has been active in social, environmental, economic and peace with justice movements for close to 50 years. Ms. Lee is the chairperson of the International Coalition for Human Rights in the Philippines, U.S. She is also the current chair and a co-founder of the of the Chinese Progressive Association - SF. Her movement and international solidarity roots go back to the anti-Viet Nam war movement of the late 60’s. In the course of 50 years she has been a nationally recognized as labor and
environmental justice organizer and internationally for her work in the field of occupational and environmental community based research. Ms. Tau Lee describes herself as an anti-imperialist resister who embraces the Principles of Environmental Justice as a vision for a transformed society and world. Now considered an elder she especially enjoys being in intergenerational spaces. Born in 1948 in San Francisco she is married and is a caregiver to her elderly mother.

Eric Tandoc was born in San Diego, CA and grew up in Long Beach, CA in a U.S. Navy family. He began making documentary films at UCLA while earning a B.A. in Asian American Studies. In 2008, he earned an M.A. in Social Documentation at UC Santa Cruz, where he produced the documentary Sounds of a New Hope. Currently, he is the Secretary General of the Philippines-US Solidarity Organization - Southern California (PUSO-SoCal). He is now working on a new film with Hiyas Saturay entitled Moving the Mountains. They just returned from 5 months in the Philippines where they were correspondents of AlterMidya, a nationwide network of progressive independent media outlets, and got arrested while documenting a labor strike at the NutriAsia condiments factory.

Hiyasmin Saturay was born and raised in the Philippines. In 2006, her family moved to the Netherlands as political refugees. She learned filmmaking by creating videos for various community organizations and campaigns in Southern California. In 2015, she produced the documentary "Pangandoy," about indigenous schools in Southern Philippines. She is currently working with Eric Tandoc on a documentary about the history of the People's liberation movement in the Philippines. They just returned from 4.5 months in the Philippines where they were correspondents of AlterMidya, a nationwide network of progressive independent media outlets, and got arrested while documenting a labor strike at the NutriAsia condiments factory.

Northwest Unions at the Cutting Edge
(Brighton)

Microaggressions are the small, everyday acts of bias which some describe as “death by a thousand cuts.” Under Title VII, courts have not viewed microaggressions standing alone as actionable and traditional EEO procedures in the workplace have proven ineffective. The result is that people of color and other marginalized groups have had almost no recourse even when the workplace becomes intolerable. To fight this problem in the workplace, several Northwest Unions have taken proactive stances to make microaggressions grievable, including Multnomah County’s AFSCME Local 88 and UAW Local 4121 (University of Washington.) In this workshop, participants will learn basic microaggression theory through watching the film Reveal Moments, a film produced and directed by presenter Barbara J. Diamond, which features Oregon unionists sharing their wisdom and lived experience on the topic. Participants will also receive copies of the contract language in question and discuss how unions can play an important role in fighting implicit bias as part of a post-Janus strategy.

Barbara J. Diamond is a graduate of NYU Law School and has practiced union side labor law and civil rights law for over 30 years, including litigating disability justice claims under the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Fair Housing Act. The founder of Diamond Law Training, Barbara is a filmmaker who uses film to promote intersectional discussions of bias and
race, gender, LGBTQ status, and disability. Her training and consultant clients include the AFSCME Council 75, the Oregon Education Association, the Washington Education Association, Portland State University, the University of Oregon Labor, Employment and Research Center (LERC) and the Oregon Law Center.

**Marina Moro** presents trainings on implicit bias, analyzes data, and assists with program development at DLT. In the past, Marina has worked for Laborers’ Local 483 and the Multicultural Resource Center at Reed College, where she created programming on racial and LGBTQ justice. Marina hails from Gilroy, California, the garlic capital of the world.

**Responding to The Detention Crisis Through Collaborative Representation and Community Mobilization: An Oregon Case Study**

(Oxford)

Oregon has found itself in the heart of the immigration detention crisis. In May 2018 over 100 asylum-seekers were transferred to a rural federal prison in the Willamette Valley and were denied access to lawyers and care for their basic needs. Across the state in the Columbia Gorge, the number of immigrants held under an ICE contract in a rural county jail skyrocketed since the start of the Trump Administration. Oregonians responded by leveraging community power, technology, impact litigation, and mass representation to raise the voices of those objecting to the zero tolerance” policy and family separation, both inside and outside of detention. This diverse coalition of community activists, clergy, organizers, political leaders, attorneys and legal workers came together to fight back and make lasting change. The presentation will focus on the how they did it and the lessons learned.

**Navneet Kaur** describes herself as a “straightforward human being” who simply wants to help. Navneet lives in rural Oregon and is active in the Sikh and South East Asian communities. She has served as translator and cultural liaison at the Sheridan prison, and has engaged the Oregon faith community at large to connect the faithful with the struggles and joys of their immigrant neighbors. She is lead to service by her faith, her own history of hardship, and her moral compass. She is a member of the Interfaith Movement for Immigrant Justice and active pro bono volunteer at the Law Lab Sheridan project.

**Cara Shufelt** has an infectious passion for organizing and has been a leader in rural organizing for over 15 years. She joined the Rural Organizing Project (ROP) in 2002 as an organizer and immediately fell in love with a life criss-crossing Oregon meeting with folks in living rooms across the state, having conversations on how we build power and make change in our communities across rural Oregon. Cara now serves as the Co-Director at ROP while continuing to be an active part of the organizing team. Cara and the staff team at ROP have been working directly with local ROP member groups in the regions surrounding FCI Sheridan and NORCOR regional jail to build grassroots power to end the ICE contracts at both institutions.

**Miriam Vargas Corona** is a first generation immigrant from Mexico and raised in rural Yamhill County, Oregon. She graduated from Linfield College with a Political Science degree. Miriam had been a volunteer and board member for Unidos Bridging Community for 6 years before
becoming the Executive Director in late May 2018. She lives in McMinnville with her husband, son Jayden, and another boy on the way due in December.

**Nadia Dahab** is an attorney at the Portland law firm of Stoll Berne. Her practice focuses on trial and appellate advocacy. In her day-to-day work, Nadia focuses on complex civil litigation, primarily in the areas of securities, business, and the environment. She also has a passion for appeals, having clerked for the state and federal appellate courts and authored briefs in the Oregon appellate courts and the U.S. Courts of Appeal. Nadia is tirelessly committed to pro bono as well—she is active in the Oregon appellate courts pro bono program and has appeared more recently in several pro bono immigration cases.

**Isela Ramos Gonzalez** provides direct legal services to the Innovation Law Lab's clients detained at the Federal Detention Center in Sheridan, Oregon. Prior to joining Innovation Law Lab, Isela represented farm workers in employment litigation at the Oregon Law Center. Isela has nearly fifteen years of experience fighting for immigrants’ rights through organizing, public policy, and the law. While in law school, she served as a judicial intern in the United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit. She holds a JD from Northeastern University School of Law, a Masters in Public Policy from American University, and a BA from Wellesley College. Isela is admitted to practice law in the state of Oregon, California, and the United States District Court – District of Oregon.

**Stephen Manning** is the founder and executive director of the Innovation Law Lab. He is also a founding partner at Immigrant Law Group PC and an adjunct professor at Lewis & Clark Law School. Stephen has received multiple awards for his pioneering immigration work, including the 2017 Financial Times Legal Innovator of the Year Award and the 2015 AILA Founders Award. He is a former Commissioner for the City of Portland’s Human Rights Commission. He is on the Board of Directors of the ACLU of Oregon and the Board of Directors of Health Bridges International.
ADDITIONAL CLEs
(The following CLEs require separate registration and fees)

National Immigration Project CLE
Wednesday, October 31 (8:30am-5pm)
(Crystal Ballroom)

Fighting Back in Removal Proceedings and in the Federal Courts

The National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild has offered continuing legal education in the field of immigration law for decades. This immigration skills seminar has as its objective to provide a high-quality educational experience for attorneys to develop and hone their immigration practice skills at an intermediate to advanced level, including defending noncitizens convicted of criminal conduct against immigration consequences and representing noncitizens in immigration custody and in immigration court proceedings.

The course will address the impact of recent precedential decisions by the Attorney General to curtail the procedural rights of immigrants in immigration court. For detained noncitizens, the program offers strategies on securing release from immigration custody. It will also examine ethical obligations and challenges facing attorneys engaged in the practice of immigration law. The course will cover how immigration lawyers can access evidence through state and federal public record requests. Faculty will also explore ways of helping clients address gang enforcement and social media monitoring by the Department of Homeland Security. Finally, the course will include a study of how to best defend immigrants who have been convicted of crimes.

CLE Information: CA accreditation arranged through the National Lawyers Guild. OR accreditation arranged by NLGNIP. Materials will be made available by NLGNIP to registered attendees only.

Rex Chen is nationally recognized for work on termination and suppression motions, including co-authoring a 2015 Vera Institute practice advisory to help defend children. He’s a Supervising Attorney with Safe Passage Project in NYC, which gives free legal representation to unaccompanied children. He has handled a wide range of immigration cases in immigration court, the BIA, and the Third Circuit. He runs a joint defense group about suppression motions. He is a Board member of the National Immigration Project, made a video about an immigrant wrongly convicted of murder, speaks Spanish, and is Taiwanese-American.

Raquel Hecht is a founding partner of Hecht & Norman, LLP with offices in Eugene and Salem. A graduate of UCLA School of Law, Raquel has been an immigration lawyer in the State of Oregon since 1993. She is a frequent speaker at various professional events and a member of the Legal Ethics Committee of the Oregon State Bar. She previously served as an adjunct professor of immigration law at the University of Oregon School of Law. In 2018, Raquel was honored as a Pro Bono Champion by both AILA and the Lane County Bar Association for her work with
immigrants and GLAD (Grupo Latino de Accion Directa), a non-profit organization which promotes Latino interests and participation.

Stephen Kang is a Detention Attorney at the ACLU Immigrants’ Rights Project, where his practice focuses on enforcing and advancing the due process rights of noncitizens facing deportation. Kang graduated magna cum laude from New York University School of Law, where he was a Root-Tilden-Kern Scholar, an editor on the N.Y.U. Law Review, and won the Ann Petluck Poses Memorial Award for his work with the Immigrant Rights Clinic. Kang clerked for the Hon. Kermit V. Lopez of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the First Circuit and the Hon. Margaret M. Morrow of the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California.

Dan Kesselbrenner is the Executive Director at the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild (NIPNLG) and a nationally recognized expert on the immigration consequences of criminal convictions and on contesting deportability in immigration proceedings. Dan is co-author of Immigration Law and Crimes, which was cited in the 2010 Supreme Court decision, Padilla v. Kentucky, and has also authored numerous articles on immigration law. Dan has trained over 5,000 attorneys for the criminal defense bar as well as state judges in immigration consequences. He serves as mentor to scores of attorneys. A former member of the Clinton-Gore Department of Justice Immigrant Transition Team, Dan’s work advancing and defending immigrants’ rights has earned him numerous awards, including the American Immigration Lawyers Association’s Jack Wasserman Litigation Award. Dan has directed the NIPNLG since 1986.

Annie Lai is a Clinical Professor of Law and Co-Director of the Immigrant Rights Clinic at the University of California, Irvine School of Law. Her teaching, research and practice focus on emerging issues at the intersection of immigrants’ rights, civil rights, immigrant workers’ rights and criminal law and procedure. Prior to joining the faculty at UCI, Professor Lai served as a Clinical Teaching Fellow and Lecturer in Law at Yale Law School. She also practiced as a staff attorney with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of Arizona, where she litigated cases concerning local immigration enforcement, police misconduct, religious freedom and prisoners' rights, and with the Urban Justice Center Community Development Project in New York. Professor Lai received her J.D. from the NYU Law.

Michelle Mendez is the managing attorney of Defending Vulnerable Populations Project at the Catholic Legal Immigration Network Inc. (CLINIC). Before managing the Defending Vulnerable Populations Project, Mendez oversaw CLINIC’s role in the CARA Pro Bono Project in Dilley, Texas, which focuses on providing legal assistance to detained asylum-seeking mothers and children. Prior to joining CLINIC, she served as senior managing attorney in the Immigration Legal Services Program at Catholic Charities for the Archdiocese of Washington, where she began as an Equal Justice Works Fellow sponsored by DLA Piper. Mendez has taught the Immigration Litigation Clinic at Catholic University Columbus School of Law, served as a Visiting Clinical Lecturer in Law at Yale Law School, and assisted the Immigrant Rights Clinic at the University of Baltimore School of Law. Mendez has received a number of accolades including AILA's 2015 Joseph Minsky Young Lawyer Award and the National Law Journal 2018 Immigration Trailblazer recognition.
Patrick Taurel is an associate with the Immigration Practice Group in Clark Hill’s Washington, D.C. office. Taurel’s practice focuses on federal court litigation and removal defense, as well as affirmative benefits before United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) and U.S. Consulates abroad. In 2017, he was named by Washingtonian Magazine as one of “Washington’s Top Lawyers” in the field of immigration law. In June 2018, the American Immigration Lawyers Association (AILA) recognized him with the Joseph Minsky Young Lawyer Award for his outstanding contributions made as a young lawyer in the field of immigration and nationality law. In 2017-18, he served as a member of AILA’s National Immigration and Customs Enforcement Liaison Committee. He is currently serving on AILA’s Amicus Committee. Taurel is also a member of the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild and he is a frequent writer and speaker on immigration issues.

Rebecca Sharpless is a faculty member at the University of Miami School of Law, where directs the Immigration Clinic and teaches immigration law. Professor Sharpless researches and writes in the areas of immigration law, progressive lawyering and the intersection of immigration and criminal law. She speaks widely on immigration law, organizes conferences on immigration topics, and has been called upon to testify on immigration issues. Professor Sharpless is a longstanding board member of the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild and former President of the South Florida Chapter of the American Immigration Lawyers Association. Professor Sharpless was formerly a supervising attorney at Americans for Immigrant Justice, where she engaged in extensive litigation on behalf of low-income immigrants. She has received awards and recognition for her work.

Paromita Shah has served as Associate Director of the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild since 2005, specializing in immigration detention and enforcement. She is a contributing author and co-presenter of the “Deportation 101” curriculum, participates in regular advocacy efforts with ICE officials, and has created an abundance of resources for communities affected by heightened immigration enforcement efforts. Previously, Paromita served as director of Capital Area Immigrants’ Rights (CAIR) Coalition in Washington, DC, where she conducted presentations in regional county jails, trained attorneys, assessed detainee claims for relief, and conducted liaison meetings with DHS and DOJ. She also worked as a staff attorney at Greater Boston Legal Services.

Sarah Sherman-Stokes is a clinical instructor and law lecturer at Boston University School of Law. Sherman-Stokes teaches Immigration Law and is the associate director of the Immigrants’ Rights & Human Trafficking Program, where she teaches seminars on Core Lawyering Skills and Advanced Trial Advocacy and supervises students representing newly arrived unaccompanied children facing deportation, refugees fleeing human rights abuses, and other vulnerable immigrants in court and administrative proceedings. Previously, she was an Equal Justice Works Fellow at the Political Asylum/Immigration Representation (PAIR) Project where she represented noncitizens in removal proceedings, with a special focus on the representation of detained, mentally ill refugees. Professor Sherman-Stokes is also a member of the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild.

Michael Wishnie is the William O. Douglas Clinical Professor of Law at Yale Law School and Counselor to the Dean. From 1998-2006, he taught at New York University School of Law.
Wishnie’s teaching, scholarship, and law practice have focused on immigration, labor & employment, civil rights, and veterans’ law. For years, Wishnie and his students have represented individuals, unions, churches, and grassroots organizations in a range of litigation, legislative, media, and community education matters. He is also a Non-Resident Fellow of the Migration Policy Institute and frequently handles litigation matters as a cooperating attorney for the ACLU. Previously, Wishnie was an attorney at the ACLU Immigrants’ Rights Project and the Legal Aid Society, and a law clerk to Judge H. Lee Sarokin of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit and to Justices Harry Blackmun and Stephen Breyer of the Supreme Court of the United States. Professor Wishnie is a member of the Board of Directors of the National Immigration Project of the National Lawyers Guild.

Amalia Wille is an associate at Van Der Hout, Brigagliano & Nightingale, LLP. Her current practice focuses on complex motions to reopen and appeals, removal proceedings and detention, family-based immigration, waivers, asylum, naturalization, and consular processing. She graduated from the University of California, Berkeley School of Law (Boalt Hall), Order of the Coif, and earned her Bachelor of Arts degree, magna cum laude, from Georgetown University.

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**National Police Accountability Project CLE**

**Thursday, Nov 1 (8:30am-5pm)**

(Mayfair)

**Practical Solutions for Persistent Problems**

In a culture and age when women prosecutors are deemed "female assistants" and gender bias and violence go without accountability, learn practical and effective strategies for addressing gender bias in the law, from leaders in the field.

Get powerful tools to combat the persistent defense of "Excited Delirium" in restraint and TASER death cases, with internationally renowned epidemiologist, Dr. Michael Freeman, who presents the results of his national study on “Excited Delirium.” End the day inspired to continue the fight for justice, with noted trial lawyer and author Rick Friedman, speaking on creating justice in the 21st century.

**CLE Information:** Accreditation arranged through NPAP. Materials will be made available by NPAP to registered attendees only.

Teresa Allen is an attorney with Haddad & Sherwin LLP in Oakland, California. She has been a champion for civil rights since she began her career representing disabled people who had been discriminated against and/or physically denied access due to their disability. Teresa sought and was instrumental in achieving fair treatment and reasonable accommodations for the disabled community throughout Northern California. As a class action attorney, Teresa fought for the rights of thousands of low-income employees who were denied overtime pay, minimum wages, and meal and rest breaks in violation of California’s wage and hour laws. Teresa continues her pursuit of justice as an associate with Haddad & Sherwin where she now represents individuals.
and families who are victims of wrongful death and police misconduct. Teresa has consistently strived to improve the lives of others and hold accountable those persons or entities who have impeded access to basic human rights entitled to all. Teresa is inspired by the quote from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., “Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere.”

Dr. Michael Freeman is a forensic epidemiologist and consultant in forensic medicine, working in civil, criminal, and academic venues. He has provided expert testimony more than 1,100 times in a wide variety of civil cases, including injury and death litigation, automotive and other product liability, toxic tort litigation, life expectancy, and medical negligence cases, as well as in homicide and other criminal matters. Dr. Freeman has published around 200 scientific papers, books, and book chapters, primarily focusing on issues relating to forensic applications of epidemiology and general and specific causation. He has published research on the topics of traffic crash-related injury and death, injury biomechanics and injury causation, genocide, cancer epidemiology, chronic pain mechanisms, and adult autologous stem cell therapy, among others. Dr. Freeman is the co-editor and co-author of the authoritative text on forensic applications of epidemiology; Forensic Epidemiology: Principles and Practice, published in 2016. His 3-step approach to injury causation investigation has been adopted by U.S. courts as the generally accepted methodology, as described in the 2016 10th circuit US DCA Etherton decision. Dr. Freeman holds academic appointments at Maastricht University Medical Center and Oregon Health & Science University School of Medicine. He serves as an Affiliate Medical Examiner with the Allegheny County Medical Examiner's office in Pittsburg, PA, and is a fellow of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences. Dr. Freeman is currently a Fulbright Fellow with the U.S. Department of State, in the area of forensic medicine. He holds a doctor of medicine degree from Umeå University in Sweden and a Ph.D. and master’s degree in epidemiology from Oregon State University, i.a. He has completed a 2-year fellowship in forensic pathology through Umeå University and the Allegheny County Office of the Medical Examiner.

Kirsten Friedman was a plaintiff’s lawyer in Alaska and Washington before she became a psychodramatist and group psychotherapist. She practices psychodrama in Port Orchard, Washington; at the Trial Lawyers College in DuBois, Wyoming; and at the Mission Creek Corrections Center for Women in Belfair, Washington.

Lois Heaney has been a member of NJP Litigation Consulting/West (aka National Jury Project) in Oakland since 1979. She is a co-author of NJP’s Jurywork: Systematic Techniques (Thomson Reuters). She has assisted counsel in the murder trials of Robert Blake, Snoop Dogg, Menendez Brothers, Stephen Bingham and in more than 200 state and federal capital cases. She also works in civil cases including civil rights, police brutality, personal injury, asbestos, baby powder, products liability, insurance coverage and business cases, across the country. She worked with the Civil Rights Division and special prosecutors in the federal prosecution of law enforcement officers involved in the Rodney King case and with Randi McGinn in the prosecution of New Mexico officers charged with killing a mentally ill, homeless man. In addition to direct case work, she coordinates NJP’s amicus briefs, studies the impact of death qualification voir dire and is a frequent presenter at state and national conferences, as well as to the Ninth Circuit and Northern District of California judicial conferences.
Randi McGinn is the author of “Changing Laws, Saving Lives: How to Take on Corporate Giants and Win,” available through Trial Guides at: http://www.trialguides.com/book/changing-laws-saving-lives/. She is one of the country’s leading trial lawyers, having tried over 130 cases, including those of women survivors of sexual assault, harassment and retaliation. The first woman president of the Inner Circle (100 best trial lawyers in the US), she is known for her creativity in the courtroom and use of demonstrative evidence to visualize opening, direct, cross-examination and closing argument. She has destroyed adverse witnesses by leaving a pretentious Beverly Hills doctor standing in front of the jury covered with post-its and clutching a grapefruit to his chest, by grilling a government snitch until he threw up, and by exposing the fact that a world-renowned polygraph expert had been polygraphing his own sperm cells in the dead of night. In a particularly hard won police shooting case, the local SWAT cops once put her face on their Christmas pinata and took turns whacking it with a big stick. Randi recently was appointed as a special prosecutor and tried the first murder prosecution in over 50 years of an Albuquerque police officer for an on the job shooting.

Jane Paulson is a partner at Paulson Coletti Trial Attorneys PC, where she practices plaintiff’s personal injury, medical malpractice and product liability. She received her law degree from the University of Virginia and clerked for the Honorable James M. Burns (U.S. District Court, District of Oregon). Jane served on the Oregon Trial Lawyers’ Association Board 1995-2006 (President 2004-2005). She was the first female President of the Oregon Chapter of American Board of Trial Advocates (2015-2016) and has been listed in Best Lawyers in America for personal injury and medical malpractice cases since 2006 and is listed in the Top 10 Oregon Super Lawyers. She is a Fellow of the American College of Trial Lawyers. She served on the Habitat for Humanity Portland/Metro East Board and is currently on the board of PSU’s Center for Women’s Leadership and the board for the Campaign for Equal Justice. She is the 2015 recipient of Oregon Women Lawyers’ Justice Betty Roberts Award (recognizing an individual who has made an outstanding contribution to promoting women in the legal profession and in the community) and the 2017 recipient of the Multnomah Bar Association’s Professionalism Award (for the highest ethical standards and exemplary conduct in the practice of law).

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NLG International Committee CLE

Thursday, Nov 1 (1pm-5pm)
(Windsor)

Protecting Our Future: Defend Voting Rights and Mitigate Climate Change

This CLE will discuss practical uses of international human rights law for confronting two pressing issues: Mitigating Climate Change and Defending the Right to Vote. Participants will learn about relevant UN treaties and Inter-American declarations and how they are being incorporated into litigation at State, Federal and International forums. Particular emphasis on recent precedents, legal cases and findings as well as creative use of Amicus curae and expert testimonies in select ongoing cases; highlighting the Oregon case of Juliana vs US, and other Climate Justice cases being heard in EU as well as important ongoing litigation in the US challenging voter suppression.
CLE faculty will address the massive attack on voting rights across the United States. Across the country, massive voter purges are stripping thousands from the rolls, and this is having a vastly disproportionate effect on Black communities and other communities of color, particularly working-class people. How can we fight effectively to defend the right to vote? Practitioners will discuss domestic and international law strategies in use in cases across the country. CLE faculty will also address the rights of the earth and children, under attack even more as environmental protections are rolled back in support of corporate interests even as climate change poses a severe threat to the future. Around the world, climate change under capitalism is producing mass displacement and poverty. Children and youth have filed a lawsuit, Juliana v. United States, alleging that unchecked climate change violates the rights of children. The CLE will include active examples of the use of international law in relevant contexts to defend human rights in the United States.

**CLE Information:** CA and OR accreditation will be arranged through National Lawyers Guild.

**Jennifer Gleason** is Attorney at the Environmental Law Alliance Worldwide (ELAW) based in Eugene, OR. Ms. Gleason leads ELAW’s Legal Assistance Program and collaborates with lawyers around the world to strengthen and enforce laws that protect the environment and human rights. Jennifer’s current focus is helping lawyers protect the climate resources and communities impacted by climate change. She collaborates with local advocates globally, working in their home countries to promote laws that encourage the production of electricity from renewable sources, challenge projects that produce harmful greenhouse gases, and develop strategic litigation. Jennifer graduated from the University of Oregon School of Law in 1993 where she later taught Energy and the Law for ten years.

**Jeanne Mirer** is an Attorney and Co-Chair of the NLG International Committee. She is currently President of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers, a founding Board Member of the International Commission for Labor Rights and a Board Member of the Sugar Law Center. Additionally, Jeanne is a member of the Core and the National Board of the Vietnam Agent Orange Relief & Responsibility Campaign. She has been a member of the NLG for 42 years and has held numerous positions in the Guild. She practices labor, employment and civil rights law in New York City. Among her clients are Vietnamese victims of Agent Orange who have taken to court the U.S. chemical companies that profited from manufacturing the poison. In addition to the Guild and the IADL, she is a member of the AFL-CIO Lawyers Coordinating Committee, the National Employment Law Association, and the NAACP. Jeanne has a deep and extensive history of work in both the international and domestic sphere, including the application of international laws, standards and treaties to the United States. She has authored and co-authored countless white papers, briefs, and articles on everything from the human right to peace, to Agent Orange, to drones, to women’s rights, to labor law and international law. She is admitted to practice law in New York, Massachusetts, and Michigan.

**Greg Palast**, an investigative journalist and filmmaker, is currently investigating the violation of voting rights across the United States. Beginning in the 1970s, having earned his degree in finance at the University of Chicago studying under Milton Friedman and free-trade luminaries, Palast went on to challenge their vision of a New Global Order, working for the United Steelworkers of America, the Enron workers’ coalition in Latin America and consumer and environmental groups worldwide. Palast is Patron of the Trinity College Philosophical Society,
an honor previously held by Jonathan Swift and Oscar Wilde. His writings have won him the Financial Times David Thomas Prize.

**Martha L. Schmidt** is an Employment/Labor Attorney and Educator based in Seattle and was a chair of the NLG former Peace and Disarmament Subcommittee and RVP for the Northwest Region. She served several terms as chair of the World Peace Through Law Section of the Washington State Bar Association and has worked for more than a decade with the human right to health movement. She was a union organizer and educator for service sector unions and the King County Labor Council, AFL-CIO. Since the 1990s, she has taught in undergraduate liberal arts and graduate public policy programs at public universities in Washington State. Curricular areas have included international human rights, political economy, international relations of Latin America and the Caribbean, labor policy and law, race, class and gender studies, and sociology of social movements. Schmidt has a certificate in international human rights law from L’Institut International des Droits de l’Homme in Strasbourg and interned at the London secretariat of Amnesty International, working on the death penalty. She earned an LL.M. at University of Washington Law School (Law and Marine Affairs), J.D. at Wisconsin Law School and Master of International Administration from the School for International Training.

**Emily Yozell** is an International Human Rights and Environment Attorney based in Costa Rica. Emily participated in successful litigation to annul US big oil concessions granted in Costa Rica and to strike down Hydrocarbon laws leading to declaration of CR free from oil exploration/extraction. She was also instrumental advocating for CR to become Carbon Neutral by 2021. Emily has worked throughout Central America on select cases to defend the Right to Life with dignity during the past 30 years. Emily graduated from Northeastern Law School and has taught for various US law school summer abroad programs in CR on International Human Rights and Environmental law.