



#Law4thePeople Convention
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Annotated Agenda

Workshops and Major Panels - Descriptions and Speaker Bios

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Plenary I: Friday, October 18 (9:00am- 11:00am)

Main Gallery

Organizing Labor with an Immigration Perspective

Over the summer, ICE conducted raids across seven poultry plants in Mississippi, resulting in the arrest of over 600 workers and leaving young children without their parents. The workers at one plant had recently won a \$3.75 million settlement in a sexual harassment case. The Mississippi raids underscore what immigrant workers and organizers have known all along: workers' rights are immigrant rights. At this plenary session, our panel will talk specifically about the intersection of immigration and the labor movement and how workers and organizers in the South are fighting back against exploitation, union busting, stolen wages, immigration raids, and family separation.

Following the panel discussion, there will be a short musical performance by members of the Fruit of Labor Singing Ensemble. The Fruit of Labor Singing Ensemble's songs and music was born out of the struggle of organizing African American workers in the "Black Belt" region of North Carolina and the South. More than twenty-two workers, at various times, have participated in this dynamic cultural workers' organization. Recruited from workplace and community struggles, they have captured in music oppressed peoples' and the working class' history of community and workplace struggles.

Workshops I: Friday, October 18 (11:15am- 12:15pm)

Reparations and Self-Determination: Implications for Cross-Group Solidarity and Broad-Based Social and Economic Transformation (Gallery 4)

Co-sponsors: NCBL, TUPOCC

Reparations for African Descendants in the United States has become a hot topic with at least 5 of the Democratic Party presidential candidates supporting reparations and the passage of H.R. 40 and its Senate companion bill, S.B. 1083, that would create a commission to study and develop reparations proposals. This resurgence of national attention has increased support for reparations and also the critiques of reparations, and, in some cases, resistance from some on the left. Supporters recognize the legacy of slavery, Jim Crow, continuing racial discrimination, and other virulent forms of anti-black policies and practices, while some on the left question (1) whether a reparations frame is useful social justice advocacy (2) whether the focus should be on specific social justice issues, e.g. education rather than reparations, or (3) whether more inclusive forms of democratic and economic transformation would better serve to remedy social and economic inequality. An underlying assumption of those who raise these questions is that group specific policies, such as reparations, would be divisive and provincial, while not providing the basis for more expansive democratic and social and economic justice, or transformation.

This panel will explore this question by placing the call for reparations in conversation with other demands for group-specific policy and programs, including self-determination and sovereignty. In addition to African descendants, the panel will examine Native Hawaiians' and Puerto Ricans' claims. Each of these struggles start from a group or population specific perspective and advance demands for some form of reparation, grant of sovereignty rights that may include land, or, self-determination, all which emerge from the historic injuries inflicted by the United States to their specific group.

Jerome Hughes, Moderator, is a Co-Convener, of NCBL's Reparations 2020 Campaign. In 2019 he initiated an intensification of NCBL's work on reparations that began in 1987 when it was one of three organizational co-founders of the National Coalition of Blacks for Reparations in America (NCOBRA). Jerome practices in the areas of real estate law, not-for-profit law, and community development, with an emphasis on cooperatives and affordable housing development.

Olga Sanabria Dávila is a leader of the Committee for Puerto Rico at the United Nations. She is a Puerto Rican attorney who has advocated for Puerto Rico's independence for the past 37 years. Sanabria has brought the case of Puerto Rico before the United Nation's Special Committee on Decolonization for many years. A self-described "independence advocate," Sanabria has been involved with the Committee for Puerto Rico at the UN since its inception in 1980. In addition to lobbying delegations in the Special Committee for Decolonization, the Committee for Puerto Rico presents the case for decolonization of Puerto Rico in the yearly hearings of the Special Committee, applying international law to the case of Puerto Rico.

Derek H. Kauanoe is a LLM student at the University of Arizona's Indigenous Peoples Law & Policy Program. He is studying international human rights and tribal law. Kauanoe served as acting Tribal Justice Clinic Director and is a Teaching Fellow working in the University's Bachelor of Arts in Law program. Previous to his LLM studies, Derek served as the Governance Manager for the Office of Hawaiian Affairs where he worked on the state agency's Native Hawaiian self-determination and self-governance efforts. Derek also taught Federal Indian Law at the William S. Richardson School of Law at the University of Hawaii at Manoa.

Carlton Waterhouse is Professor of Law and Divinity, Howard University School of Law. He is the founding Director of the Environmental Justice Center at Howard. He is an international expert on environmental law and environmental justice as well as reparations and redress for historic injustices. Professor Waterhouse's forthcoming book with Cambridge University Press explores the historic and contemporary role of the United States Supreme Court in maintaining racial hierarchy.

Expanding Democracy: Protecting the Right to Vote (CLE, Gallery 5)

Sponsored by the NLG International Committee

In 2016, only 55% of those eligible to vote actually voted. This is an appallingly low number and reflects the fact that voting in this country is suppressed. Election day is not a national holiday so people must take time off to vote. With long lines especially in urban areas with old voting infrastructure, people are discouraged by having to wait to vote and or be late for work. With the critical 2020 Election fast approaching it is more important than ever to protect the right to vote. This is especially true when many states are actively engaged in various form of voter suppression targeting predominantly people of color and other marginalized groups. Requiring ID's, closing polling places in predominantly people of color districts, imposing onerous registration requirements, restricting hours of voting, and purging voters from the rolls are just some examples of the efforts which have been and are being used to prevent people from voting. These actions are illegal on many bases and need to be challenged. This workshop will explore ways NLG members and allies can get involved in this important struggle using both advocacy and litigation skills to protect the right to vote. The workshop will address current litigation, as well as educational outreach programs and using rights under the ratified human rights treaties which require states to take effective measures to implement the right to vote. In North Carolina there are many cases involving racial gerrymandering as well as challenges to voter ID laws which will be discussed along with the ways movement lawyers, law students and legal workers can work to ensure everyone who is eligible to vote is able to.

Whitley Carpenter (moderator), is Criminal Justice Staff Attorney for Forward Justice North Carolina Her work regularly reflects her strong commitment to advocating for and uplifting the voices of oppressed and systemically disenfranchised communities. Whitley is originally from Winston-Salem, NC. She received her

J.D. from the University of North Carolina School of Law in 2015. She currently serves on the advisory board of the Durham Expunction and Restoration Program, is an active member of the NC Second Chance Alliance, leads the NC Court Costs and Fees Working Group, and is a NC Chapter Organizer and Leader for the NCBL.

Caitlin Swain is Co-Director and Co-Founder of Forward Justice, a nonpartisan law, policy, and strategy center dedicated to advancing racial, social, and economic justice in the U.S. South. Forward Justice serves as a strategic partner for nonprofit organizations, coalitions, and networks at the forefront of movements organizing for a more just, equitable, and free South. Our work catalyzes tangible success for movements poised to usher in a Third Reconstruction in the U.S, and expands democratic opportunities for people directly affected by injustice. Prior to joining Forward Justice, Swain served as a Skadden Fellow and attorney with the national racial justice organization, Advancement Project.

Ría Thompson-Washington (she/her) 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 five states - Kansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Nebraska, and Virginia - and is responsible for cultivating Election Protection relationships with national and state affinity bars. She also serves as the Executive Vice President of the National Lawyers Guild. In this capacity, Ría is a member of the Mass Defense Committee (Steering); the Queer Caucus; and, The United People of Color Caucus (TUPOCC).

Jeanne Mirer, 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.

How to Be a Radical Lawyer in Support of Abortion Access (Gallery 6)

Sponsored by NLG North Carolina Chapter

This workshop will be an opportunity for lawyers, legal workers, and abortion activists to brainstorm what a clinic legal observer program can look like. We'll start with a discussion between clinic escorts and NLG legal observers. They will share their experiences being prayed over, shouted at through megaphones, and poor interactions with law enforcement. The escorts will give some basic information about the harassment folks seeking abortion face when attempting to access the medical care they need. The legal observers will talk about NLG's LO program and what neutrality means in most protest situations. We'll then open the floor for a larger discussion on the best ways radical lawyers can ensure abortion remains accessible.

Jaelyn Miller is from Topsail Island, North Carolina. She attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where she double majored in Political Science and Public Policy. Upon graduating in 2016, she got her paralegal certification and worked at Mark Jacobson Toyota. In 2017, she enrolled at the University of North Carolina School of Law. During her first year, Jaelyn worked with the Chatham County Public Defender's office and the Southern Coalition for Social Justice. During her 1L summer, she worked in Charlotte, North Carolina at Parker Poe Adam & Bernstein and Ingersoll Rand. During her second year of law school, she was the President of the National Lawyers Guild UNC Student Chapter, member of the Broun National Trial team, and the BLSA pro bono chair. In her third year of law school, Jaelyn has taken on positions as the President of the annual UNC Conference on Race, Class, Gender, and Ethnicity, and Vice President of the American Constitution Society UNC Student Chapter. Jaelyn's interests include criminal defense, employment law, constitutional law, and data privacy law.

Kelsea McLain (she/her/hers) is an abortion and reproductive rights activist living in Durham, North Carolina. She currently works with Alabama's abortion fund, The Yellowhammer Fund, as the Client Services Manager and volunteers in the triangle and triad region to help organize clinic escorts and develop strategies to fight back against anti-abortion extremism and harassment. Her work and volunteer experiences have led to many opportunities to engage local, state, and national governments around access and harassment issues. In addition to her local work around direct access, she is working to dismantle abortion stigma as a storyteller with We Testify, an effort organized by the National Network of Abortion Funds.

Ali Nininger-Finch (she/her) is a newish lawyer trying to build a solo law firm around her own anti-capitalist values while doing doc review full time to pay the bills. She's a Durham native and a graduate of the CUNY Law School class of 2017. Prior to law school, she worked at an international reproductive rights and health organization and founded an abortion fund to expand access to abortion in NC. Outside of the legal profession, she enjoys playing roller derby and trying new foods in the Triangle area.

US Exceptionalism & Responding to US Intervention Around the World (Private Dining Room)

Co-sponsored by the NLG International Committee, TUPOCC, and Anti-Racism Committee

Since 2001, the United States has spent nearly \$6 trillion on wars that have directly contributed to the deaths of over half a million people. Millions more continue to be impacted by a spectrum of military, political and economic interventions by the US government and the US and regional ruling classes that profit from these policies. Under Trump, there has been an escalation of threats against Iran, Syria, Yemen, Venezuela, Cuba, and Palestine among others, and a growing military and security project that has spread throughout the African Continent in the form of AFRICOM. The ability for US-based legal and social movements to build opposition to the functions of the US empire is weakened by a widespread belief in US exceptionalism. The panel will open an opportunity to create a more visionary understanding of how the NLG can directly challenge these policies and to use our legal voice to stop US aggression and support resistance.

Roberto Lovato is a teacher, journalist and writer based at The Writers Grotto in San Francisco, California. The author of a forthcoming memoir about war, gang violence and Salvadoran migration, Lovato is also recipient of a reporting grant from the Pulitzer Center. Until 2015, Lovato was a fellow at U.C. Berkeley's Latinx Research Center and recently finished a teaching stint at UCLA. His essays and reporting appear in numerous publications including Guernica Magazine, the Boston Globe, Foreign Policy magazine, the Guardian, the Los Angeles Times, Der Spiegel, La Opinion and other national and international publications.

Suzanne Adely is an Arab-American community organizer, with a background in global labor and human rights advocacy. She is a member of the Bureau of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers and co-chair of the NLG international committee and MENA subcommittee. She currently works for the Food Chain Workers Alliance, a bi-national alliance of worker based organizations in the food economy. She is a member of Al-Awda-NY, US Palestine Community Network and a newly launched Arab Workers Resource Center.

Jackelyn Mariano is a Filipina American human rights activist and immigration lawyer based in New York City. She serves as a co-chair of the National Lawyers Guild International Committee. Her work largely addresses the human rights situation in the Philippines and defending the rights and welfare of Filipinos in the diaspora. Jackelyn is involved in a nationwide campaign to cut U.S. aid to the Philippine military and police. Her legal work assists human trafficking survivors seeking justice from exploitative working conditions. She is the vocalist of a Pinoy punk band called Material Support.

Azadeh Shahshahani is Legal & Advocacy Director with Project South. Azadeh has worked for a number of years in the U.S. South to protect and defend 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. She also serves on the Advisory Council of the American Association of Jurists. Azadeh is also active in support of social justice movements in the Global South and 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 on 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.

Major Panels I: Friday, October 18 (4:30pm-5:45pm)

Organizing the South: Confronting Employers and the State to Build Worker Power (Gallery 5)

Sponsored by the NLG Labor and Employment Committee

Workers in the South have been fighting for their rights for more than a century, confronting the combined opposition of employers and the State and the heavy weight of racism, sexism and xenophobia. As the recent teacher strikes in North Carolina and other red states show, the organizing climate is more favorable now than it has been for years. This panel brings together grass-roots leaders to discuss the challenges that workers face and the strategies that have worked to build workers' power.

Michelle Burton is a 25-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 is currently the President of the Durham Association of Educators (DAE) and President of the NCAE Student Services Division. She is also a member of the Organize 2020 Caucus, the social justice caucus of NCAE. Born and raised in Chicago, Illinois and having family members actively involved in unions in her home state of Illinois, Michelle is a big believer in the positive impact that unions have on people's lives and is actively helping with the fight to stop the privatization of public schools in North Carolina.

Neidi Dominguez is the National Strategic Campaign Coordinator and Assistant to the General President for the International Union of Painters and Allied Trades. Neidi is a long-time labor and immigrants' rights organizer. She co-directed the CLEAN Carwash campaign in Los Angeles, California, which successfully unionized hundreds of carwash workers in Los Angeles County and changed working conditions for thousands of low-wage immigrant workers. She was also a key leader in the campaign to win Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA).

Angaza Sababu Laughinghouse is a veteran community, labor & human rights organizer, lawyer and leader. Angaza came back to his family roots in North Carolina from Brooklyn, New York in 1979 to do Anti-Ku Klux Klan organizing & legal work in response to the tragic "Greensboro Massacre" of five left activists doing union and anti-racist organizing. As a co-founder and former chair for 38 years of Black Workers For Justice, co-founder and president of the "social justice union" UE Local 150, the NC Public Service Workers Union and former Board of Director member of the National Conference of Black Lawyers (legal arm of the Black Liberation Movement), he brings more than five decades as a labor organizer as well as a Black Freedom Struggle /Black Liberation Movement activist.

Jaribu Hill is Founder and Executive Director of the Mississippi Workers' Center for Human Rights (the Center). She is a human rights attorney, veteran community organizer, international human rights spokesperson, and a frequent writer and commentator on these themes. Hill is the founder of the Fannie Lou Hamer

Roundtable and CUNY Law School's Mississippi Project. After Katrina, Jaribu and the Mississippi Workers' Center established the Southern Relief Fund/Witness Delegation, to provide support for victims of Katrina. As former director of the Southern Regional Office of the Center for Constitutional Rights, Hill won an important judgment against the Christian Knights of the Ku Klux Klan. She has coordinated cutting edge litigation in the areas of housing as a human right and racially hostile work environments. The Center currently represents a "MeToo" survivor in the Mississippi Delta.

Criminalizing the Right to Protest: State Crack Downs on Black, Indigenous, and Palestinian Resistance (Gallery 4)

Co-sponsors: Palestine Legal, Water Protector Legal Collective, Law for Black Lives, Palestine Subcommittee

Speakers from Black, Palestinian, and Indigenous movements and legal organizations, will discuss recent crackdowns on dissent including a wave of anti-protest legislation sweeping the nation. The panel will focus on anti-protest bills attacking Black lives, water protectors, and climate justice activists; anti-boycott legislation targeting Boycott Divestment and Sanctions for Palestinian rights (BDS); the FBI's Black Identity Extremism designation, militarized policing, law enforcement surveillance and infiltration, and other police terror; the attacks on Congresswomen Ilhan Omar and Rashida Tlaib; and court challenges to repression. The panel's primary aim is to discuss how we will resist in joint struggle. The panel will highlight common themes connecting attacks on Black, Indigenous and Palestinian solidarity movements in the U.S. and our joint resistance, including: how legislative attacks on our right to protest reinforce the long tradition of pathologizing oppressed people as dangerous; the violations to our free speech rights; right-wing donors who fund attacks; and the attacks on solidarity itself.

Leoyla Cowboy is a citizen of the Dine Nation born to the Salt Water Clan (To'dikozhi). Leoyla testified at the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights hearing on the criminalization of Indigenous people fighting resource extraction and worked with various groups on dismantling settler colonialism. Currently, she is a legal worker for the Water Protector Legal Collective, prison abolitionist, and an active member of the NoDAPL political prisoners support committee.

Maggie Ellinger-Locke is a staff attorney at Greenpeace USA where she supports resistance to the climate crisis. She helped lead the Guild's efforts through several movement moments, including the Ferguson Uprising, J20, and Charlottesville. Her background in legislative advocacy and mass defense has positioned her to fight back against ALEC-led efforts to restricting the rights to protest. She currently serves as co-chair of the Anti-Racism Committee and is a board member of Law for Black Lives DC.

April Goggans has lived and organized in Southeast DC for 12+ years and became a Core Organizer with Black Lives Matter DC in September of 2015. She leads #KeepDC4Me, a branch of Black Lives Matter DC, with a commitment to finding non-police solutions to intra-community violence and ending police brutality, terror, & murder through principled action, community defense, mutual aid, and creating more alternatives. April is a Founding Board Member of the Diverse City Fund, currently sits on the Interim Board of the Washington Peace Center, and is a Founding Member of Eaton House.

Radhika Sainath is a senior staff attorney at Palestine Legal, where she oversees the organization's casework on free speech, censorship and academic freedom. Together with the Center for Constitutional Rights, she won a landmark lawsuit against Fordham University after it refused to grant club status to Students for Justice in Palestine. Prior to joining Palestine Legal, Radhika represented clients in civil and constitutional rights cases involving discrimination, human rights abuses, and prison conditions at one of California's most prestigious civil rights firms. Radhika has successfully litigated numerous state and federal class actions and other federal civil rights cases.

Marbre Stahly-Butts, Executive Director of Law for Black Lives, works closely with organizers, lawyers and legal advocates to build a responsive legal infrastructure for movement organizations and to advance and actualize radical policy. Marbre is a founding member of the National Bail Out Collective and Movement for Black Lives Policy Table and helped develop the Vision for Black Lives Policy Platform. Marbre was a Soros Justice Fellow and attended Yale Law School. Before law school Marbre received her Masters in African Studies from Oxford University and worked in Zimbabwe and South Africa.

Carl Williams is a movement lawyer dedicated to creating the conditions where people are free from all systems of oppression. Carl has practiced criminal and civil rights law in Massachusetts for over twelve years. He began his legal career as a criminal defense attorney with the Roxbury Defenders. More recently he served as a racial justice attorney with the ACLU of Massachusetts. And he is currently the executive director of the Water Protector Legal Collective, defending Indigenous movements that are defending the earth and water. He is a long time member of the National Lawyers Guild and has served as chair of its Massachusetts board. Carl was a Distinguished Lecturer on Public Interest Law at Northeastern University School of Law and a Practitioner-in-Residence at Cornell Law teaching a course on the history and theory of movement lawyering.

Centering Affected Communities in the Field of Impact Litigation (Gallery 6)

Sponsored by the Southern Poverty Law Center

How can we bring effective litigation that centers clients, and is responsive to, impacted communities? Our panel will engage the audience to answer this question by discussing examples from existing efforts, including calls to end arbitrarily indefinite immigration detention, inhumane conditions and fights against xenophobic state laws and policies.

Shaniqua Shaw joined SPLC's Immigrant Justice Project in October of 2018 as an Outreach Paralegal. She obtained a Bachelors Degree from Connecticut College in International Relations in 2018. Before SPLC, she interned for two small non-profit organizations, the Immigration Advocacy and Support Center (IASC) in New London, CT, and Fundació Bayt al-Thaqafa, in Barcelona, Spain, where she served as a legal community advocate on the behalf of immigrants. At SPLC, Shaniqua has investigated jail-deportation program such as Basic Ordering Agreements (BOAs), the exploitation of guest workers through labor rights violations and human trafficking, and designed Know Your Rights workshops for the community.

Staff Attorney **Mich Gonzalez** is a queer, trans* Latinx attorney with SPLC's Immigrant Justice Project, fighting draconian policies and xenophobic laws. Before joining SPLC, they provided free legal representation to immigrant children facing deportation with the Safe Passage Project in New York. Prior to focusing on youth, Mich worked in New Jersey where they helped launch a universal representation pilot project for detained immigrants. Mich started as a fellow with Immigration Equality, where they testified before New York City Council against the use of solitary confinement and its disproportionate impact on transgender immigrants in detention.

Oliver Torres is a Miami native and the child of immigrant parents. He joined the Southern Poverty Law Center's Immigrant Justice Project as an Outreach Paralegal in September 2017. He has a background in education, having worked mostly with English language learners and on engaging communities. While at SPLC, Oliver has served on multiple teams investigating immigrant civil rights, mostly focusing on projects regarding the collaboration between federal immigration enforcement and local law enforcement agencies. Oliver aims to uplift community voices through SPLC, such as through work on the Florida Senate Bill 168 lawsuit.

Rose Murray (she/her/ella) is a Direct Services Attorney with the Southeast Immigrant Freedom Initiative – a program of the Southern Poverty Law Center which aims to end the detention of immigrants and provide fierce,

quality pro bono representation in removal proceedings. Rose has worked as an attorney, writer, researcher, and investigator specializing in human rights, immigration, and environmental law in the deep south for ten years. She has successfully investigated and litigated environmental cases facing multinational corporations and cases holding state actors responsible for civil rights and due process violations, and clerked at two international criminal tribunals.

Workshops II: Saturday, October 19 (9am-10am)

Movement Security: How to Support Safety at Actions, Marches, & Rallies (Private Dining Room)

Police and Nazis and Counter Protesters OH MY! These are just a few of the challenges many of us face when organizing a march, direct action, or movement event. And yet, despite the risks protest remains one of the most effective and long standing strategies for movement building in this country and across the globe. Come to this workshop to learn the basics of developing a security plan for your next event and gain hands-on experience in de-escalation and safety team formations. Bring your practical questions and real-life scenarios to try out.

*This workshop is geared towards those with base legal observer training but open to all. There will be some physical action and physical contact required on a mixed mobility spectrum. It will be led by a Queer Black Cis-Woman with mixed mobility.

Che Johnson-Long is a Community Organizer and Prison Abolitionist. She has over a decade of experience working with organizations such as The Audre Lorde Project's Safe OUTside the system Collective, Solutions Not Punishment Coalition, and the Atlanta/Fulton County Pre-Arrest Diversion Initiative developing strategies to divest from prisons and invest in community safety. She practices trauma healing as a teacher in training with Generative Somatics. Che grew up in Oahu, Hawaii and Los Angeles, and currently lives in Atlanta where she studies "law" at Georgia State College of Law.

We Need You to SLAPP back! How to Defend SLAPP Suits and Support Activists and Organizations from Corporate Repression (CLE, Gallery 4)

Co-Sponsors: Civil Liberties Defense Center, Protect the Protest Coalition

Strategic Lawsuits Against Public Participation are attempts to silence dissent through frivolous civil lawsuits. Big corporations are using them against activists and organizations with increasing frequency. Come learn how to defend these suits from experienced SLAPP defense litigators and then join the PTP coalition's legal working group!

Shayana Kadidal is Senior Managing Attorney of the Guantanamo litigation project at the Center for Constitutional Rights. He is counsel for a number of defendants in *Energy Transfer Equity et al v. Greenpeace*, a lawsuit brought by the owners of the Dakota Access Pipeline against environmental groups aiming to recast their support of grassroots activism against the pipeline's construction as criminal conspiracy and terrorism. He also has been involved in a number of cases challenging so-called "Ag Gag" statutes that aim to limit the ability of undercover journalists and animal rights activists to publicize abuses within factory farms.

As an experienced media litigator, **Lisa Zycherman** of Davis Wright Tremaine is familiar with the issues that drive claims against digital and traditional media. She helps her clients minimize their risk by providing pre-publication and pre-broadcast review encompassing a wide range of topics including libel, false light, copyright,

trademark, ag-gag laws, right of publicity, and privacy. She has represented news and entertainment companies in a broad spectrum of content-related litigation matters, ranging from investigative journalism to coverage of celebrities, from complaint through trial and appeal. She is one of the attorneys defending Greenpeace US against SLAPP suits filed by Energy Transfer Partners and Resolute Forest Products.

Mitchell Kaye is a law student from Florida who is facing a 2 year suspension from law school for filming an anti-Palestine speaker at his law school.

Legal Empowerment is Abolition: A Strategy to End Incarceration in the US (Gallery 5)

Sponsored by the Jailhouse Lawyers Initiative (Open Society Foundation Project hosted by the NLG)

The Legal Empowerment is Abolition workshop will highlight the national and international legal empowerment movement with a focus on Jailhouse Lawyers, prison law libraries, and the participatory defense movement. This workshop is intended to inform and inspire lawyers, legal workers and community partners on how to destroy the cycle of incarceration through the cycle of legal empowerment. Too often the abolitionist movement is a voice outside of the prison walls. Join the Jailhouse Lawyers Initiative as we strategize how we can obtain freedom from the inside out through the legal empowerment of the incarcerated, their families, and communities.

Kevin Garrett, a native of Ft. Worth, became the proud recipient of a two-year Hogg Peer Policy Fellowship in 2018. Kevin was formerly incarcerated in both county jails and in the Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) prison system. Kevin graduated magna cum laude from Texas Wesleyan University with a bachelor's degree in paralegal studies in 2011. In 2018, Kevin earned his JD from the Oklahoma City University School of Law, earning the CALI award in Texas criminal procedure. Kevin hopes to shape policy and practices among stakeholders and legislators and to take the Texas Bar Examination one day.

Andréa “Muffin” Hudson is an activist, abolitionist and a freedom fighter who fights for people's rights in and out of the courtroom people who have been over criminalized by our judicial system. She is the Director of North Carolina's first community Bail fund in Durham, NC. Muffin also has had the honor of being on the Durham Human Relations Commission. Muffin is a core leadership member and organizer with All Of Us Or None. Muffin does Participatory defense with families that have gone through the court system in Durham.

#SexWorkIsWork: Decriminalization After SESTA-FOSTA (CLE, Gallery 6)

Sponsored by the NLG Sex Workers' Rights Working Group of the NLG Queer Caucus

Following the NLG's recent resolution condemning SESTA-FOSTA, this workshop will discuss the criminalization of the sex trade at the cost of workers of color, workers with disabilities, and LGBTQAI workers. It will focus on how we can achieve what sex workers want: decriminalization, and barriers to this goal, like SESTA-FOSTA. The presenters will touch upon why sex work needs to be decriminalized rather than legalized, answer questions/dispel myths, learn the Guild's current and proposed policies regarding sex work and find out how to get involved.

Derek J. Demeri is a sex worker rights activist and co-founded the New Jersey Red Umbrella Alliance, New Jersey's only sex worker rights organization. Since then, he has worked in partnership with community organizations such as Best Practices Policy Project, G.L.I.T.S. Inc., the Outlaw Project, and the Black Sex Workers Collective. He has served on the Board of Directors for the Sex Workers Outreach Project-USA and as their Chapter Coordinator. Last year, Derek worked with community to draft the NLG Resolution Condemning SESTA-FOSTA. Derek is currently a 3L at Rutgers Law School in Camden, New Jersey.

Gina Musa, CPSS, CARC is NCHRC's Linkage to Care Coordinator. She has worked in the fields of recovery and harm reduction since 2017. Based in Raleigh, she works statewide to support NCHRC's participants in the process of connecting to health, wellness, and treatment/recovery resources, with a focus on participants in rural, under-resourced areas. Gina connects those in need to appropriate resources, while providing hope and using a non-judgmental, person-centered approach. Gina is a person in sustained recovery as well as a NC Certified Peer Support Specialist and a Certified Recovery Coach. Prior to working for NCHRC, Gina worked at Healing Transitions, providing wraparound services to people who have survived a non-fatal opioid overdose as well as other trauma from substance use. Gina advocates for recovery and the de-stigmatization of those fighting to become their best selves through the often-challenging recovery process.

Plenary II: Saturday, October 19 (10:15am-12:15pm)

Main Gallery

The second plenary of the convention will include the introduction of nominees for the Secretary & Treasurer positions on the NLG National Executive Committee, a presentation from the National Police Accountability Project for their 20th anniversary, and a substantive conversation about the 2019 proposed resolutions. Text of this year's resolutions can be found on the members-only page of the NLG website: nlg.org/members-only/2019-resolutions/. Speakers on the proposed resolutions include Guild members Rachel Pickens, Suzanne Adely, Carlton, Waterhouse, Keanu Sai, and Jeff Lake.

Major Panels II: Saturday, October 19 (1:45pm-3:00pm)

National Prison Strikes: Legal Strategies for Defending Prisoner Activists (CLE, Gallery 5)

Co-sponsored by Prison Legal Advocacy Network, IWOC, Millions for Prisoners, Jailhouse Lawyers Speak

This panel will discuss the changing tactics of the prison industrial complex to suppress prisoner activism, referencing recently uncovered prison records and hundreds of prisoner reports after the 2018 national prison strike. DE-NJ NLG PLAN has developed new legal strategies for mass defense that have improved conditions for prisoner activists. Topics include: prisoner-led legal responses through jailhouse lawyer involvement, building capacity through law school clinic partnerships, achieving favorable outcomes for prisoners using notices & demand letters, and working with organizers and the media to intensify pressure on the prison system.

Moderator **Tasha Moro** (she/her) is the Communications Director at the NLG National Office, where she has managed the NLG website, national press and promotion, and social media since 2013. In 2014, she launched the column Beyond Bars: Voices of NLG Jailhouse Lawyers in the NLG newsletter *Guild Notes*, to uplift art, poetry, and analysis by incarcerated NLG members. She has been doing media work with the Prisoners Legal Advocacy Network of the DE-NJ NLG Chapter since its inception to highlight different forms of retaliation experienced by people in prison stemming from political and other community organizing on the inside.

Former NLG Jailhouse Lawyer co-founded the DE-NJ NLG Prisoners Legal Advocacy Network and continues to contribute to PLAN as a legal assistant to the initiative. She is an avid proponent of both prisoner-led prisoners' rights advocacy, and the meaningful incorporation of jailhouse lawyers' unique skills and insights into advocacy efforts. She believes that prisoners are best positioned to identify new prison repression strategies

as they are playing out inside, and should be empowered to self-determine the priorities and direction of the prisoners' rights movement and what constitutes "high-impact" cases.

Stanley Holdorf is a co-founder and Supervising Attorney of DE-NJ NLG PLAN. Stanley's focus on data-driven advocacy traces back to his service as Database Coordinator for Trial Lawyers Care, the largest pro bono legal initiative in the history of the U.S., which logged over 100 years of pro bono legal hours. Using anonymized data drawn from reports of alleged prisoner abuses that have been sent to PLAN from approximately 10% of all prison facilities nationwide, Stanley has supported the development of a new PLAN data analytics resource that is soon to launch on the NLG website. This tool will enable legal professionals, organizers, journalists, and concerned members of the public to track trends in reported prisoner abuses, including the states and facilities that are generating the largest numbers of abuse reports, and the kinds of abuses most frequently being reported in different prison systems. Legal professionals and pro se litigants who litigate prisoners' rights issues can also use this tool to develop pattern and practice arguments by referencing data that may corroborate prisoners' allegations. This data set will be updated semi-annually. An overview of prison abuses reported to PLAN after the 2018 national prison strike will be discussed during this panel.

Lauren Athans is currently a Georgetown Law Civil Rights Clinic Student Attorney and PLAN Senior Clerk. Her interest in criminal justice reform and prisoners' rights began at a young age, when her family volunteered to help transition previously incarcerated women back into society upon their release. After her 1L year she worked at the Office of the Public Defender in Fairfax, VA where she saw first-hand the vital importance of protecting and advocating for the rights of people who are entangled in a system that dehumanizes and devalues them. She hopes to make criminal justice reform a central part of her career upon graduation.

Melinda Patterson is an NLG attorney member. In addition to volunteering as a PLAN attorney, she practices criminal defense, juvenile justice, and appellate law in Northeast Florida. She also represents incarcerated individuals, bringing actions for civil rights violations against the prison system and correctional officers in the Federal Middle District. Melinda worked alongside JHL Kevin Rashid Johnson during his incarceration at multiple facilities in Florida. She has experienced first-hand the tactics employed by the DOC to silence activism, and how to counter these tactics through legal advocacy. Having worked with people incarcerated in prisons across Florida, she has acquired experience working with JHLs, recognizing signs of retaliation, and working from within the system to make progressive change.

Pam Starsia is an NLG attorney member and was part of the Guild's Central Virginia chapter when it was reconstituted in 2017 amidst growing attacks on people of color and leftist activists by neo-nazis, neo-confederates, and law enforcement. She has provided support to activists in Charlottesville before, during, and after the neo-nazi rallies of August 11/12, 2017. She works to support incarcerated and returning jailhouse lawyers, organizers, and workers in collaboration with NLG Prisoners Legal Advocacy Network, No Exceptions Prison Collective, Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee, Southerners On New Ground, Charlottesville Community Resilience Fund, and a number of autonomous collectives.

Brooke is a longtime Oakland resident, abolitionist, and community organizer. His principle political project since 2016 has been prisoner movement organizing with the Oakland chapter of Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee. At the national level, he helped formulate and execute media strategies for the 2018 National Prison Strike as a member of the national IWOC Media Committee and the 2018 Prison Strike Media Team, continues work as an IWOC media representative, and serves on the national IWOC Steering Committee as Oakland's delegate. Locally, his work focuses on political education, outreach and group development.

Amani Sawari is a writer, founder of the site sawarimi.org, the National Spokesperson for Jailhouse Lawyers' Speak, and Coordinator for the Right2Vote Campaign. She graduated from the University of Washington with her Bachelor degree in both Media Communication Studies and Law, Economics & Public Policy. She was selected as Jailhouse Lawyers Speak's spokesperson for the 2018 National Prison Strike in April 2018 after the

Lee County Prison Riot provoked incarcerated activists to partner with organizers on the outside. Her coordination of over 300 endorsing organizations led to the successful participation of incarcerated activists in 17 states and 3 regions abroad.

Ryan Fatica is a researcher and co-founder of Perilous Chronicle, a project that seeks to comprehensively document prison uprisings, riots, protests, strikes, and other disturbances within public and private jails, prisons, and detention centers in the US and Canada. Perilous is an historical archive, a center for data-based social movement mapping, and a platform for highlighting the instability of incarceration.

Movement Lawyering in the South (CLE, Gallery 4)

Co-sponsors: TUPOCC and Anti-Racism Committee

The panel is designed to help lawyers, law students, and legal workers understand how to assist grassroots activism, organizing, and coalition building around social, racial, gender, and economic justice issues in the U.S. South. Topics to be covered include: what is movement lawyering and why is it necessary, working with grassroots organizers, lawyering for power-building, how lawyers often fail social movements, how legal strategies fit alongside other social change strategies, and the disconnect between conventional legal training and the skills needed to support social movements in the U.S. South.

Brian Spears grew up in Kentucky and Illinois, and graduated from the University of Michigan in 1971, where he organized support for political prisoners and against the War in Vietnam while also serving on the Student Government Council. After moving to California in 1972, he graduated from Golden Gate University School of Law in 1975. He practiced law in California for several years before moving Atlanta where he started his own law practice in 1979. The primary focus of his work has been in the areas of police misconduct litigation and other forms of governmental liability, including violating the rights of undocumented prisoners arrested by ICE or held in ICE custody. He frequently volunteers to represent demonstrators involved in civil disobedience. He represented Occupy Atlanta demonstrators for years, eventually winning dismissals for nearly all of his clients. His past clients have included the Hon. John Lewis and the Rev. Joseph E. Lowery and Rev. C.T. Vivian. He joined the National Lawyers Guild in 1972 and has twice been the Vice President of the National Lawyers Guild's national Executive Committee. He served on the NPAP Executive Board for many years and is the past Chair of the Civil Rights Section of the Georgia Trial Lawyers Association. He is the past chair of the Board of the Georgia Law Center for the Homeless, and was a founding member of the Guild's Maurice Sugar Law Center based in Detroit, Michigan. He was awarded the 1982 Drum Major for Justice Award by Mrs. Correta Scott and the 2016 Legal Legends award from the Georgia chapter of the American Constitution Society.

Jennifer Lai-Peterson lives in Lexington, Kentucky and works remotely as a Senior Attorney with Advancement Project National Office (AP) in Washington, D.C. She is also an active member of the NLG Kentucky Chapter, where she has focused on building the chapter's Mass Defense Committee. A litigator and former union and community organizer, Jennifer moved to New Orleans in the year before Hurricane Katrina to work on Quality Public Education as a Civil Right (QECR), a national campaign founded by former members of the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and supported by long-time movement/Guild lawyers in New Orleans. After Katrina, Jen continued to work in New Orleans, joining AP and the National Immigration Law Center (NILC) as a staff attorney and assisting on post-Katrina litigations and organizing projects. Jennifer then resumed private practice in California, litigating class actions for plaintiffs. While in private practice, she also served as an adjunct lecturer at the Center for Labor Research and Education (Labor Center) at UC Berkeley and remained active in the Guild in Los Angeles and the Bay Area TUPOCC. She rejoined AP in 2015, where she supports the Power and Democracy Program and Immigrant Justice Project. Her current voting rights work at AP is focused on litigation and policy support for organizations led by and comprised of formerly incarcerated people, convicted persons, and others directly impacted by mass incarceration. Her last panel at a Guild convention involved her work coordinating mass defense for anti-fascist

activists in Kentucky and West Virginia. Jennifer is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and UCLA School of Law.

Azadeh Shahshahani has worked for a number of years in the U.S. South to protect and defend 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 NLG. Azadeh also serves on the Advisory Council of the American Association of Jurists. Azadeh is also active in support of social justice movements in the Global South and 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 on 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 writings have 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 2018 Emory Law School Outstanding Leadership in the Public Interest Award, the 2018 Distinguished Leader Award from the Fulton County Daily Report, 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 several others. She has also been recognized as an Abolitionist by the Antiracist Research and Policy Center at American University & the Frederick Douglass Family Initiatives, and as one of Atlanta's 500 Most Powerful Leaders by Atlanta Magazine. In 2016, Azadeh was chosen by the Mundo Hispanico Newspaper as an Outstanding Person of the Year for 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.

Kristie Puckett-Williams is the Interim Statewide Campaigns and Advocacy Manager for the ACLU of North Carolina's Campaign for Smart Justice and is a working scholar in Mass Incarceration. Kristie holds an M.A. in Human Services Counseling: Addiction and Recovery Counseling. Having survived domestic violence, drug addiction and long term incarceration via community corrections, she is now an advocate and activist, fighting for the rights of all marginalized and disenfranchised people. Recently, Kristie was appointed by NC's Governor to serve as the Chair of the Women in Incarceration Workgroup for the State Reentry Council Collaborative. Also, Kristie is currently traveling across the state of North Carolina with the Attorney General and his staff to conduct roundtables to talk about pretrial detention practices in the state. Kristie serves on the Domestic Violence Advocacy Council, the Domestic Violence Speakers Bureau, and the Domestic Violence Fatality Review team in Mecklenburg County. Her goal is to use her educational and life experiences to convey a message of strength and hope in the community as well as a message of recovery, restoration and redemption.

Challenging Lawfare: Challenging White Supremacy, Zionism and Racism (Gallery 6)

Co-sponsored by the NLG National Office, Palestine Subcommittee, and International Committee

Within US & international institutions - including (but not limited to) US courts, academic institutions, Congress, state and local government bodies, museums - there has been an escalation of tactics to silence criticism of Israel and to demonize and attack academics, students, and community leaders who support justice in/for Palestine. These attacks have sought to deprive them of citizenship job security, workplace safety, and freedom to speak. In the past few years, these tactics have escalated targeted individuals like Rabab Abdulhadi, Rashida Tlaib and Ilhan Omar, as well as institutions like NLG, and other community organizations. These

attacks are inseparable from the growth and governmental legitimization of US white supremacy and fascism, especially in the last few years. These attacks by the Israel lobby are interlinked to the wider war on dissent and the right to protest, organize and speech. This workshop will discuss the attacks against the NLG and our allies in the Palestine movement and brainstorm over legal and grassroots strategies for social justice and an end to surveillance, criminalization, and advocacy for justice in/for Palestine as part and parcel of justice for all. The goal of the workshop is to formulate a road map for all NLG affiliates, chapters and affiliates to incorporate into their analysis and work the solidarity and strategies to fight all forms of white supremacy in our institutions inclusive of protecting BDS advocates and the right to stand in and organize for solidarity with Palestine.

Rabab Abdulhadi is an Associate Professor of Ethnic Studies/Race and Resistance Studies and the Senior Scholar of the Arab and Muslim Ethnicities and Diasporas Initiative, at the College of Ethnic Studies, San Francisco State University. Before joining SFSU, she served as the first director of the Center for Arab American Studies at the University of Michigan, Dearborn. She is the co-editor of the just released book from Syracuse University Press, *Arab and Arab American Feminisms: Gender, Violence and Belonging*. Her work has appeared in *Gender and Society*, *Radical History Review*, *Peace Review*, *Journal of Women's History*, *Taiba: Women and Cultural Discourses*; *Cuadernos Metodologicos: Estudio de Casos*; *This Bridge We Call Home*; *New World Coming: The 1960s and the Shaping of Global Consciousness*; *Local Actions: Cultural Activism, Power and Public Life in America*; *The Guardian*, *Al-Fajr*; *Womanews*, *Palestine Focus*, *Voice of Palestinian Women*, and several Arabic language publications, such as *Falasteen Al-Thahwra*, *Al-Hadaf*, *Al-Hurriyah*. Dr Abdulhadi has been repeatedly targeted, harassed and sued by "Lawfare" - the self proclaimed legal arm of the Zionist movement.

Behnam (Ben) Gharagozli earned his B.A. with Highest Distinction in Political Science from UC Berkeley, his J.D. cum laude from UC Hastings College of the Law and a Distinction in the Politics of the Middle East and North Africa course in the MPhil in International Relations and Politics program at the University of Cambridge. Mr. Gharagozli and Mark Kleiman defeated the lawsuit that Lawfare filed to silence Dr. Abdulhadi's scholarship, pedagogy and advocacy. Currently, he and Mr. Kleiman represent Professor Abdulhadi in lawsuits against SFSU for unconstitutional retaliation and discrimination.

Mark Allen Kleiman is the former Executive Director of the Consumer Coalition for Health in Washington, D.C. As a trial attorney for seventeen years, he has prosecuted doctors, hospitals, and nursing homes for consumer fraud and malpractice. In the process he has represented nurses, doctors, engineers as well as other whistleblowers in the defense, construction, and education industries. Mr. Kleiman has consulted with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the American Public Health Association, and the American Cancer Society. He has served on an FDA Advisory Panel and on the boards of state licensing agencies and national health care organizations. He has lectured at Columbia University, University of California Los Angeles, at seminars of the National Health Lawyers Association and American Bar Association, and has discussed health care fraud on the McNeil-Lehrer Hour. Mr. Kleiman has served as a Special Master during investigations of fraudulent medical-legal activities in cooperation with the California Department of Insurance and the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office.

Pooja Gehi has worked for immigrant and racial justice, trans and queer liberation, transformative justice, youth leadership, and cross-movement coalition building throughout her life. Currently, she serves as the NLG Executive Director. For over eight years, she worked as a Staff Attorney and Director of Immigrant Justice at the Sylvia Rivera Law Project (SRLP). There she provided direct legal services to hundreds of low-income transgender and gender nonconforming clients, and achieved major victories like access to transition-related healthcare for New York State Medicaid recipients through litigation and coalition work. Pooja's scholarly work focuses on social movements, the devolution of criminal and immigration systems, and the intersections of race, gender, sexuality, class, and nationality. Her recent work has appeared in the *Berkeley Asian American Law Journal* and *Harvard Journal of Law and Gender*.

Suzanne Adely is a graduate of City University of New York School of Law. Co-chair of the International Committee, she is also a founder of the Middle East, North Africa Labor Solidarity Network in the U.S. Prior to working with the UAW she was a civil rights coordinator with Desis Rising Up and Moving (DRUM) in Queens, NY, and a legal worker with the Arabic Network for Human Rights Information (Cairo). Suzanne is also a longtime organizer. In Chicago, she worked on campaigns with the Arab American Action Network and the Chicago Coalition to Protect People's Rights, challenging War on Terror policies. Suzanne has been active in anti-war and Palestine solidarity organizing in the U.S. since her youth. Suzanne is the daughter of Jordanian workers and grew up in Yonkers, New York. For 10 years, she worked as a high school teacher in New York City and Cairo. She is a long-time member of Al-Awda-NY, the National Lawyers Guild, and the Defend the Egyptian Revolution Committee of New York. This past spring Suzanne organized an NLG delegation which brought U.S. lawyers to Egypt.

ANTI-RACISM TRAINING

Saturday, October 19 (3:15pm-6:00pm)

Durham Marriott City Center, Meeting Room 4

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. Those who identify as People of Color will be gathering next door at the TUPOCC training.

THE UNITED PEOPLE OF COLOR CAUCUS TRAINING

Saturday, October 19 (3:15pm-6:00pm)

Durham Marriott City Center, Meeting Rooms 1-3

The United People of Color Caucus (TUPOCC) seeks to challenge the structure of the NLG to center POC in the Guild and create a space where POC within the Guild can convene and support one another. In this workshop, trainers will facilitate a conversation on levels of oppression, community empowerment, and self-care. 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.

Workshops III: Sunday, October 20 (9:30am- 10:30am)

Community Based Environmental Justice: CAFOs, Coal Ash, and Water (Gallery 4)

Sponsored by the North Carolina Environmental Justice Network

This workshop will focus on community-led environmental justice struggles in North Carolina and the legal strategies used to deal with them.

Minister Robert Campbell is the President of the Rogers-Eubanks Neighborhood Assn which works to end racial and cultural injustice through community involvement, political action and education. His historic

African-American community, located near Chapel Hill and Carrboro, NC, hosted the county regional landfill from 1972 until its closing in 2013. For nearly four decades, the neighborhood has been fighting to mediate the environmental and health effects of the landfill. In addition to being President of RENA, Minister Campbell is also President of the Chapel Hill–Carrboro (Orange County) chapter of the NAACP.

David Hairston is President of the Walnut Tree Community Association. Walnut Tree is an historic African American community which was finally annexed to the Town of Walnut Cove, Stokes County, NC in February 2018. David serves on the Board of Appalachian Voices, and is a member of Residents for Coal Ash Cleanup, Belews Creek, NC; ACT Against Coal Ash; and the Stokes County NAACP Chapter. He is part of The Lilies Project, which creates public art from coal ash.

Naeema Muhammad has been Organizing Co-Director for the North Carolina Environmental Justice Network (NCEJN) since 2013. NCEJN is a grassroots, people of color-led coalition of community organizations and their supporters who work with low income communities and people of color on issues of climate, environmental, racial, and social injustice. Naeema has co-authored publications on community based participatory research regarding the health effects of industrial hog operations with the late Dr. Steve Wing, a founding member of NCEJN and Associate Professor at UNC Gillings School of Public Health. Naeema just celebrated 52 years of marriage to Saladin Muhammad with their 3 children, 10 grandchildren, and 7 great-grandchildren.

Chandra T. Taylor is a Senior Attorney with the Southern Environmental Law Center, a regional non-profit focused on protecting natural resources and public health in the Southeast. Her current practice is focused in water quality advocacy and North Carolina water resource planning. Chandra is involved in matters across North Carolina related to natural resources restoration planning, municipal water planning, and contaminated site clean-up, and works in various capacities to incorporate consideration of Environmental Justice into traditional conservation advocacy.

Moderator: **Elizabeth Haddix**, NLG member since 1995, is the Managing Attorney of the new NC Regional Office of the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law.

Critical Race Theory (CLE, Private Dining Room)

Co-sponsored by the NLG North Carolina Chapter and UNC NLG Chapter

This workshop will cover key concepts associated with Critical Race Theory, and examine analytic strategies and forms of argument critical race theorists have deployed to investigate the uses and meanings of "race" in U.S. legal institutions and ideology. This workshop will delve deep into the CRT framework and how lawyers, law students, and legal workers can employ that framework in their legal work.

Erika K. Wilson is the Thomas Willis Lambeth Distinguished Chair in Public Policy at the UNC Chapel Hill School of Law. Her areas of expertise include civil litigation, civil rights, education and school reform, public policy, and race discrimination. She currently teaches Civil Lawyering Process and the Civil Clinic. Professor Wilson's research interests focus on issues related to education law and policy, specifically obtaining educational equality for disadvantaged students, and the intersection between race and the law. Her articles have appeared in the *Cornell Law Review*, *UCLA Law Review*, and *Michigan Journal of Law Reform*, among various others. In 2016, her work was selected for presentation at the Harvard Yale Stanford Junior Faculty Forum. In 2017, she was awarded the James H. Chadbourn Award for Excellence in Scholarship from the UNC School of Law. Prior to joining the UNC faculty in 2012, Professor Wilson was a Teaching Fellow at the University of Baltimore. She previously worked as an associate at Arnold & Porter LLP, where she litigated

complex commercial cases involving antitrust, copyright infringement and product liability issues. Professor Wilson also served as the George N. Lindsay Fellow for the Education Project at the Lawyers Committee for Civil Rights Under Law where she engaged in a broad range of litigation and law reform projects involving school desegregation, the No Child Left Behind Act, special education, school discipline and federal funding to Historically Black Colleges and Universities. Professor Wilson received her B.A. in public policy from the University of Southern California, cum laude and her J.D. from the UCLA School of Law.

Legal Consequences of the US Occupation of Hawai‘i (CLE, Gallery 6)

Sponsored by the NLG Hawaiian Kingdom Subcommittee

Since the *Larsen v. Hawaiian Kingdom* arbitration case was held at the Permanent Court of Arbitration from 1999-2001, the world has come to realize that Hawai‘i has been under a belligerent occupation by the United States since January 17, 1893. After investigating the overthrow of the Hawaiian Kingdom government, President Cleveland told the Congress on December 18, 1893, “By an act of war, committed with the participation of a diplomatic representative of the United States and without authority of Congress, the Government of a feeble but friendly and confiding people has been overthrown.” The President also concluded “that the provisional government owes its existence to an armed invasion by the United States.” In 1898, Congress unilaterally annexed Hawai‘i for the purpose of building military installations that today number 118. In 1900, Congress seized control of its proxy the provisional government, who at the time was calling itself the Republic of Hawai‘i, by renaming it the Territory of Hawai‘i, and in 1959 Congress changed the name from the Territory to the State of Hawai‘i. As the US Supreme Court stated, “Neither the Constitution nor the laws passed in pursuance of it have any force in foreign territory.” For the past 121 years, the US constitution and laws passed in pursuance of it have been unlawfully imposed within the territory of a foreign State under belligerent occupation. As a result of this revelation, the NLG’s International Committee formed the Hawaiian Kingdom Subcommittee in March 2019. The purpose of the Subcommittee is to provide legal support to the movement demanding that the US complies with the international law of occupation. This workshop will present the legal status of the Hawaiian Kingdom under international law and the work that is being done in Hawai‘i to bring the United States into compliance with international law.

Dr. Keanu Sai—I received a Ph.D. in 2008 and M.A. in 2004 from the University of Hawai‘i political science department with specific focus on the continuity of the Hawaiian Kingdom under international law and the application of the law of occupation. I served as Agent for the Hawaiian Kingdom in arbitral proceedings in *Larsen v. Hawaiian Kingdom*, PCA case no. 1999-01, at the Permanent Court of Arbitration. Currently serving as head of the Royal Commission of Inquiry whose mandate is to investigate war crimes and human rights violations in Hawai‘i. I am also a co-chair of the Hawaiian Kingdom Subcommittee.

Stephen Laudig—Born Indianapolis, 1952. B.A. Indiana University, 1974; J.D. University of San Diego, 1977. I had a general practice in Indiana from 1977-2003 with concentrations in asbestos, voting rights, election law, state criminal law, and civil rights. In 2003, I left Indiana, became licensed in Hawai‘i, went inactive and lived in China for 10 years teaching English. I am active in Hawai‘i and now focus on legal matters associated with the U.S. occupation of the Hawaiian Kingdom. I am a co-chair of the Hawaiian Kingdom Subcommittee.

Marti Schmidt— I am an employment/labor attorney based in Seattle, chaired the former NLG Peace and Disarmament Subcommittee, was co-RVP for the Northwest Region and is a co-chair of the Hawaiian Kingdom Subcommittee. I have 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. LL.M., University of Washington Law School (Law and Marine Affairs), J.D., Wisconsin Law School, Master of International Administration, The School for International Training.

Dexter Kaiama—Received my J.D. from the William S. Richardson School of Law in 1986. Licensed to practice law since October 1986. Area of practice: civil litigation and administrative law, with focus on the legal status of the Hawaiian Kingdom and international law for the past ten years.

Labor Strategies to Combat Authoritarian Regimes (CLE, Gallery 5)

Sponsored by the NLG International Labor Justice Working Group

The NLG through the International Labor Justice Working Groups has for the last fourteen years built an alliance between the NLG, the Association of Labor Lawyers of Latin America, (ALAL) and the Canadian Association of Labour Lawyers (CALL) to work on issues of common interest. In the last years, the elections of Donald Trump in the US and Jair Bolsonaro and other right wing leaders in South America have required labor movements to confront the authoritarianism of these leaders. Central to these authoritarian trends are the relationship between extractive industries such as mining, oil and gas and the leaders of these authoritarian regimes. This workshop will focus on the ways the labor movement in this hemisphere has been fighting against authoritarian regimes and working to address the relationships between these leaders and extractive industries. In January 2019 a dam owned by the largest mining company in the world, Vale S.A, ruptured sending tons of iron ore tailings mud descended on the city of Brumadinho in Brazil. The unions there united to fight back. A delegation of the International Commission for Labor Rights sent a delegation to Brazil to investigate. As two of the speakers on this panel were members of the delegation, they will highlight how this type of action is part of a larger fight against authoritarian regimes.

Marie-Claude St. Amant of the Canadian Association of Labour Lawyers (CALL) has been practicing law since 2006. She is a partner at the firm Melançon Marceau Grenier and Sciortino in Montreal, Canada where she practices labour law, both in collective and individual labour relations, and is particularly interested in cases involving grievance arbitration, certification, orders and injunctions related to labour disputes, workplace discrimination and human rights, occupational diseases and legal issues affecting the arts community. Marie-Claude is a founding member of the "Association of Progressives Jurists."

Lori Harreman of the Canadian Association of Labour Lawyers (CALL) graduated from the University of Ottawa Law School in 2003 and was called to the bar in 2004. She is a labour lawyer in Ottawa Ontario with the Ontario Nurses Association acting as counsel on rights arbitration, health and safety and long term disability claims since 2013. Prior to joining ONA she was in private practice with a union side law firm in Ottawa where she practised tort, labour, employment and human rights law, with a focus on the needs of persons with disabilities and survivors of historic abuse.

Oscar Alzaga of the Association of Labor Lawyers of Latin America (ALAL) is a longtime labor lawyer and judge based in Mexico. He was part of the International Commission on Labor Rights (ICLR) delegation to Brazil to investigate the Brumadinho dam collapse. He has represented trade unions and workers since 1975, including unions in the telephone, electricity, automotive and mining industries. He represented the EZLN in the San Andres and COSEVER dialogues from 1994 to 1996. He is the author of three books and has co-authored 17 books on labor law and workers' struggles and has represented mining unions at the European Parliament, International Labour Organization and Inter-American Commission on Human Rights.

Jeanne Mirer, 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. She was a member of the ICLR's delegation to Brazil to investigate the Brumadinho dam collapse.

WORKSHOPS IV: Sunday, October 20 (1:15pm-2:15pm)

Restorative Justice, Reparations, and the War on Drugs (Gallery 6)

Sponsored by the NLG Drug Policy Committee

This is an educational panel about the war on drugs and the rippling effects that it has had on individuals, families, and communities. As the legalization of recreational marijuana is becoming more and more prevalent throughout the States, it is time to take a look at the next steps in healing those who have been most affected by the anti-marijuana laws, and what we can learn from the success on marijuana legalization and how it can be pushed forward into other drug legalization. Should drug testing be conditional for aspects of life such as gainful employment, or benefits? For individuals who face incarceration for nonviolent drug offenses, what alternative forms of justice have been utilized and succeeded, that can be used within our justice system as an alternative to incarceration. Is it worth it to pursue these efforts in sentencing reform when the end goal is total drug legalization? And finally, what can attorneys do to promote reparations on communities that have been the most devastated by the War on Drugs. What do reparations look like?

Akele Parnell (Green Thumb Industries) is an attorney and activist. He currently sits on the board of Social Change, a nation nonprofit that seeks to uplift community voices and disrupt systems through storytelling and activism, and is also an active member of Illinois NORML.

Danielle Schumacher (THC Staffing, Illinois NORML Board) is a seasoned activist with experience running cannabis businesses across the country. Danielle was Executive Director of Illinois NORML and held the Youth Seat on the National NORML Board of Directors. She was named Freedom Fighter by High Times Magazine at age 22. Danielle serves as the current President & CEO of THC Staffing Group and continues her mission of perpetuating diversity and inclusion in the legal cannabis industry.

Joe Gilmore (Massachusetts Recreational Consumer Council) is a co-founder of the MRCC, a non-profit which seeks to ensure the safety of recreational marijuana consumers by bridging the gaps between communities, local legislators, and Massachusetts businesses.

Khadijah Tribble (Marijuana Policy Trust) is an activist and policy strategist on a mission to do good. Khadijah received her MPA from the Harvard Kennedy School in 2018. Upon her graduation, she successfully launched the Marijuana Policy Trust, a social enterprise partnering with government and the cannabis community establishing a regulatory framework that works for all stakeholders. Applying a social justice and equity lens, Khadijah utilizes over 15 years of consulting experience to assist government officials in regulating a new cannabis marketplace.

Struggle for Asylum, Legal Support, and Survival at the Mexico/US Border (Gallery 4)

Co-sponsored by the NLG National Office and Al Otro Lado

Since Spring 2018, NLG members have been in Tijuana, Mexico volunteering legal support, training, and observation in coordination with organizations such as Al Otro Lado. In March, NLG International Committee members and National Office staff participated in a delegation to Tijuana where we observed conditions at Ports of Entry and shelters and met with governmental and civil society groups to further understand the contributing factors of the migration “crisis” at the border. Panelists will discuss ongoing barriers to the legal right to asylum, efforts of migrants organizing in resistance and survival and state-sponsored criminalization and surveillance of human rights defenders. This panel speaks directly to the Guild’s anti-racist, anti-capitalist, and anti-imperialist principles, and will shine a light on the human cost of the US and Mexican governments’ anti-immigrant policies. Attendees will leave with a greater understanding of current legal support efforts at the border and how they can get involved.

Gabriela Zamudio Campos LLM is a Mexican international human rights attorney who has worked for 17 years at the national and international levels. She is the founder and general director of Alma Migrante, an impact litigation organization based in Tijuana dedicated to human rights defenders and their work. Zamudio studied law in Mexico City and public international law in Nottingham, UK. She served as a visiting professional at the Interamerican Commission of Human Rights and the International Criminal Court. She was a federal court clerk for almost a decade before working at the National Commission of Human Rights for six years. She arrived at Tijuana as the representative of this federal institute in Baja California in 2015.

Atenas Burrola is the Director and Co-Founder of Frontera Tech (previously Mi Maletín), an organization that builds technology to give advocates and organizations more people power, more time, and more data integrity. The daughter of Mexican immigrants, Atenas grew up in Santa Fe, NM, where she was deeply involved with the Latinx and other underserved communities from a young age. The injustices she witnessed in her community led her to pursue a career in law. Atenas has done Know Your Rights work with the migrant caravans in Mexico, and has volunteered at the family detention center in Dilley, TX and the Charlotte Center of Excellence, part of a national movement dedicated to winning every meritorious asylum case, every time.

Nicole Ramos directs the Border Rights Project of Al Otro Lado, working with asylum seekers and their families in Tijuana, Mexico, to provide direct legal services and engage in broader legislative, media, and legal advocacy efforts to challenge systemic human rights violations committed by state actors. Nicole also provides on-the-ground technical assistance, country conditions research, and expert declarations to U.S. attorneys with case needs in Mexico. Prior to joining Al Otro Lado, Nicole worked for six years as an assistant federal public defender in Montgomery, AL, where she represented clients charged with federal felony offenses and death row inmates challenging their convictions and death sentences in federal habeas proceedings. She is a graduate of Bryn Mawr College and Temple University James E. Beasley School of Law.

Michael Galvan received his JD from Lewis & Clark Law School in 2017 and is the co-chair of the NLG Queer Caucus. After passing the CA Bar exam in November 2017, Michael relocated to Tijuana, B.C., where he worked with Al Otro Lado connecting LGBTQ+ asylum seekers to legal services and humanitarian aid. As the recipient of the 2019 NLG Weinglass Fellowship, Michael is working on parole and sponsorship for LGBTQ+ migrants. With the support of the NLG International Committee, he has relocated to Santa Fe, NM to work with the Santa Fe Dreamer’s Project to provide post prison release support for transgender women seeking asylum and their sponsors.

Changing the South & Combating Retaliatory Anti-Immigrant Legislation (Gallery 5)

Sponsored by ACLU of North Carolina, Comunidad Colective, Appalachian State University, Just Futures Law

Once the state with the largest number of 287(g) agreements, North Carolina has undergone huge political change through grassroots organizing that removed incumbent sheriffs that collaborated with ICE from office. Such political change has led to great wins as well as retaliation. Now more than ever, we are seeing ICE creatively utilize relationships with lawmakers to influence an anti-immigrant legislative agenda in many states, particularly across the Southeastern US. These anti-sanctuary bills are preemptive legislation designed to undercut progressive disentanglement of local law enforcement from federal immigration enforcement. In North Carolina, an extreme anti-immigrant bill (HB 370) was pushed through the legislature this session to undermine local organizing efforts that won significant reforms in sheriff collaboration with ICE during the 2018 elections. It is imperative that we learn from the fight against HB 370 so that we can effectively combat legislative efforts to expand the deportation machine.

Alissa Ellis, ACLU of North Carolina - Regional Immigrants' Rights Strategis, works to assist statewide strategy on immigrants' rights, provides consultation to ACLU affiliates in the Southeastern US on immigrants' rights strategy, particularly terminating 287(g) programs, and collaborates with the National ACLU to support affiliates working to end 287(g) programs.

Stefania Arriaga, Organizer & Founder - Comunidad Colectiva ran #stop287g(g) campaign in Mecklenburg, NC, and provided technical assistance to incoming sheriff on community demands and expectations that led to the ending of 287(g), and detainer policy.

Dr. Felicia Arriaga, Appalachian State University - Assistant Professor is a researcher with a focus on: Race & Ethnicity; Immigration & Crimmigration; Experiential Learning; Popular Education; and Digital Humanities. She is the NC Statewide Policing Accountability Network coordinator working on supporting groups and activists across NC that are fighting the PIC.

Julie Mao, Just Futures Law, is an experienced immigration attorney skilled in community-centered litigation and the following areas of litigation: civil rights litigation against law enforcement abuse and labor exploitation, deportation defense, legal strategies challenging migrant prosecutions, technology-based policing, and ending local police collusion with ICE.

The Puerto Rican Summer: 12 Days That Shook Our World (Private Dining Room)

Sponsored by the NLG Puerto Rico Subcommittee

In July of 2019, the people of Puerto Rico, through weeks of massive, creative demonstrations, forced the Governor to resign. Although the immediate trigger was the revelation of his misogynist and homophobic comments in an online "chat," the Puerto Rican people also arose to protest many decades of corrupt exercise of power to favor the few and to target marginalized communities and political dissidents with harsh and inhumane policies and the heightened imposition of colonial rule in the form of U.S. law PROMESA and its odious Fiscal Oversight Management Board. Over 12 days, there were daily protests, without overt participation of traditional parties or traditional "leaders". The protests were characterized by the wide participation of women, LGBTTQI activists, community groups, and young people. During July and August, the activism has continued through People's Assemblies in every corner of Puerto Rico, reaching across the broad spectrum of communities, to plan and design a Puerto Rico which will address the needs of the population, rather than those of the colonial power.

Zoan Davila Roldan, a young woman of color from Puerto Rico, is one of the spokespeople for the "Colectiva Feminista en Construcción," a group which for several years has fought the patriarchal, homophobic and racist exercise of power in Puerto Rico, through concrete actions which had a significant impact on the discourse and demands of the mass movement in July, 2019. The Colectiva has been demanding that the Government declare a state of emergency regarding rampant domestic violence, especially since Hurricane Maria in 2017, as well as the reinstatement of gender studies curriculum in the public schools. Zoan is an attorney in the legal clinic of the Interamerican University School of Law and a frequent contributor of articles for a number of publications, primarily focusing on issues affecting women and marginalized communities.

Carla Minet, a Puerto Rican woman, is a journalist and the Executive Director of the Center for Independent Journalism (CPI), a non-profit organization which focuses on investigative journalism, access to information from corporations and government entities, and training of independent, investigative journalists. Her investigative work ranges from political campaign donations to environmental issues and government affairs. For the past 15 years she worked as a reporter, researcher, editor and producer for radio, television and online, in traditional and independent media. For six years, she was executive director of an organization called Community Press. The CPI has played a major role in uncovering government corruption. Its journalists were the first to uncover and publicize the government cover-up with respect to the number of deaths from Hurricane Maria. In mid-July, 2019, the CPI published the full 889 pages of the "chat" in which former Governor Rosselló and his cohorts displayed their homophobic, misogynist and corrupt conduct, a major factor in the vast movement which forced the Governor's resignation on August 2, 2019. Carla graduated from the Public Communication School at the University of Puerto Rico, and her master's in journalism is a joint degree between the University of Barcelona and Columbia University in New York. She has been a speaker at conferences and forums, a media trainer, and professor at the University of Puerto Rico.

Mariana Nogales, a Puerto Rican woman, attorney and NLG member, is a leading member of Brigada Legal Solidaria of Puerto Rico, recipients of the 2019 Arthur Kinoy Award for its exemplary legal work in support of the movement in Puerto Rico. Since its founding some two years ago, the Brigada Legal has been a critical voice in monitoring police abuse and offering space for lawyers, law students, and other legal activists interested in the defense of human rights. Mariana herself has represented any number of activists accused by the government of a host of charges related to mass demonstrations. She has been a key figure in mentoring younger attorneys and legal workers in work related to observation of police violence during demonstrations and defense of those accused in that context. Mariana is also an active member and past President of the Puerto Rican Coalition against the Death Penalty and the feminist Movimiento Amplio de Mujeres de Puerto Rico. She was the 2016 candidate for Resident Commissioner, representing the PPT (Working People's Party of Puerto Rico).

ADDITIONAL CLEs

(The following CLEs require separate registration and fees)

National Immigration Project CLE

Wednesday, October 16 (8:30am- 5:30pm) in Main Gallery

Resistance Lawyering: Fighting for Immigrant Communities and the Rule of Law

Join us on October 16 to learn about innovative strategies to address the Trump administration's continued assault on immigrant communities and the rule of law. Topics include:

Immigration Litigation in Federal Court · Expedited Removal · Raids and Motions to Suppress · Asylum Updates · Creating a Record and Working with Experts in Immigration Court

Learn more/register at the NIPNLG website: nipnlg.org/seminars.html

National Police Accountability Project CLE

Thursday, October 17 (9:00am-5:00pm) in Main Gallery

Framing Your Case: Building Power through Litigation

Presented by the National Police Accountability Project, an NLG Project, and Law 4 Black Lives, this day-long seminar addresses building client and community power through litigation strategies. Panelists will discuss tactical approaches for client representation, including:

- Media work, seizing the narrative, and framing our roles as civil-rights lawyers in context
- Creative uses of declaratory and injunctive relief to create change
- Controversial issues, practical concerns, and community inclusion in settlements
- Crafting robust *Monell* claims, from pre-litigation to 12(b)(6) motions, discovery, and trial prep strategies
- Flash reviews of novel and critical issues and ideas in pending litigation from across the country

These interactive discussions will situate our work as police and prison misconduct litigators in the current political moment and in relation to movement work carried out by our clients and communities.

[Register on the NPAP Website](#)

NLG International Committee CLE

Thursday, October 17 (1pm-5pm) in Gallery 5

Human Rights for the People: The Gig Economy, Precarity and the Right to Healthcare

Sponsored by the NLG International Committee and Labor & Employment Committee

This CLE will explore contemporary legal strategies for advancing human rights in the “gig economy” amid rising precarity. Speakers will discuss current cases challenging companies like Uber and unique legal strategies to confront precarity. It will also address key human rights issues like the right to healthcare. Discussion will

highlight ongoing work around a range of labor issues that address fundamental human rights, including migration, prison labor and the right to organize.

The CLE will include detailed analysis, case histories and strategies for arguing for human rights in court in cases related to precarious labor and major human rights issues, such as the right to a job or the right to healthcare. It will also include a discussion of detailed, successful examples of challenges to Uber and other “gig economy” companies on behalf of precarious workers as well as the intersection of legal work and organizing to defend human rights.

[Register on the NLG International Committee website](#)

Martha L. Schmidt, Employment/Labor Attorney and Educator based in Seattle, 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.

Natasha Lycia Ora Bannan is an Associate Counsel at LatinoJustice PRLDEF, focusing on working with low-wage Latina immigrant workers as part of the organization’s economic justice platform, legal support in the face of the economic crisis in Puerto Rico and human rights advocacy before regional and international bodies. Natasha has worked on gender and racial justice issues, including access to reproductive health, sexual violence and violence against women in conflict zones. Natasha is former President of the National Lawyers Guild and co-chairs its subcommittee on Puerto Rico.

Suzanne Adely is the Regional Organizer, Mid-Atlantic and New England, for the Food Chain Workers' Alliance. She is co-chair of the NLG International Committee and a member of the Bureau of the International Association of Democratic Lawyers. Her background is in community organizing, public interest law, and international worker advocacy. Suzanne worked with several community-led organizations in Chicago and New York before beginning her global labor rights work. From 2011-2014 she was the UAW Global Organizing Institute India project coordinator and since has collaborated with many local and global organizations on behalf of workers.

Zubin Soleimany is a lawyer on staff with the New York Taxi Workers Alliance in New York City. He has been with the NYTWA since he graduated from law school. He knows firsthand the problems facing drivers having driven a taxi during his education. He is one of the principal architects of cases against Uber and other companies in the gig economy. He can discuss the legal and other issues faced by people who are driving for Uber and other ride share companies and the precarious nature of the work.