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# Program

Saturday, October 3, 2020

7 PM-9 PM

- 7:00 PM Welcome by Elena Cohen, NLG President
- 7:15 PM Presentation of Carol Weiss King Award to Michael Wishnie
- 7:25 PM Presentation of C.B. King Award to Jodi Hill
- 7:35 PM Presentation of Legal Worker Award to Sara Kershner
- 8:00 PM Presentation of Ernie Goodman Award to Jeanne Mirer
- 8:15 PM Presentation of Law for the People Award to NLG-Minnesota
- 8:30 PM Testimonials
- 9:00 PM Program Concludes

*Cover: Dr. Angela Davis (center), 2020 Arthur Kinoy Award Recipient with the late NLG Past President Haywood Burns (second from right), and fellow NLG attorney Margaret Burnham (far left) during 1972 trial.*

# President's Welcome

Dear Guild Members and Allies,

Welcome to our 2020 digital convention. This year has been extraordinarily difficult. The dual pandemics of COVID-19 and state-sponsored murders and violence against Black people have shown us that we can- we must- radically rethink the racist capitalist structures that have brought these pandemics to the fore. None of us can opt out of anti-racist solidarity and movement building. Support for building an actual social and economic safety net that includes universal public health, fixed basic income, dignified housing for everyone, guaranteed pensions and collective welfare must be robust and accessible to all. Climate disaster is an integral part of all our lives now and we must all honestly engage with our individual and collective relationships to the Earth and the role we play in her existence.

This is why we are here. Because the Guild always shows up when injustice is rampant and has been a pivotal part of social justice struggles for 83 years. The other world that is being breathed into existence in Louisville, Portland, Minneapolis, Chicago and in all of our communities is here. It is arriving. And the National Lawyers Guild will be here to support this other world and fight back against the rise of global fascism and its white supremacist, nationalist covers to perpetuate the police state and justify the murders and disappearances of citizens.

I am reminded now of all those who came before us. While they couldn't finish the work of creating the liberatory world in which they wanted to live, as we may not be able to, neither can we desist from engaging in it. There are no better examples of this than our honorees at this year's convention. This year we are honoring Dr. Angela Davis, Michael Wishnie, Jodi Hill, Jeanne Mirer, and the UndocuBlack Network in the memory of Arthur Kinoy, Carol Weiss King, C.B. King, Ernie Goodman, and Daniel Levy. We also honor Sara Kershner with the 2020 Legal Worker Award, as part of our recognition that radical legal change is accomplished through the tireless work and dedication of non-attorneys.

This work is not achieved in one night, in one convention, or in one lifetime. We can, and should, sit with this point when the world seems the darkest and change seems most out of reach. While the arc of the moral universe may be long and bends towards justice, it also takes devastating and demoralizing twists and turns along the way. Yet as 83 years have shown us, we are in this for the long haul, and we will persevere. And while this journey of collective struggle for freedom for all may feel heavy with the tremendous weight of the fate of our loved ones and of the world that rests upon it, we also find moments for celebration. Let this convention, and our time together, be in service of the transformations we all seek and the moments for joy and for hope that allow us to continue. Welcome.

Elena L. Cohen, NLG President

## Law for the People Award NLG Minnesota Chapter

**T**he National Lawyers Guild Minnesota Chapter is honored to accept this award in recognition of the legal support we have provided to the people who have been in the streets pushing back against the police state in response to the brutal and tragic murder

of George Floyd. We saw unprecedented police brutality and militarization in the Twin Cities, and yet the people were brave and resilient in their pursuit of justice. During the Minnesota uprising and in the months since, the NLG MN has joined forces with community organizers and other legal aid groups to help coordinate jail



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support, legal observers, bail support, and mass defense strategies for those that were arrested. Over 600 people were arrested in the span of about one week in the twin cities after the National Guard swept through our communities in collaboration with local police departments to brutalize and arrest those demanding justice.

Minnesota has a deep seeded legacy of racism, which is especially apparent in the amount of racist police killings that occur in our state. George Floyd should not have been murdered over a twenty dollar bill, he and all other victims of police murder should still be alive. Now, not only are the Twin Cities experiencing conversations about police reform and abolition on a city-wide level that we have never experienced before, but we are seeing that this has had a ripple effect across the entire nation.

We believe that the majority of any real change that will occur is a result of the brave people standing up and demanding change, and we are dedicated to working towards protecting their right to do so. It has been a privilege to organize with and support the people of Minnesota in this fight towards justice and an end to this violent and racist police state. Justice for George Floyd.

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*Each year the National Lawyers Guild gives the Law for the People Award to an individual or organization whose work embodies the values that our membership holds dear. Previous recipients include Walter Riley, Standish Willis, Jan Susler, Judith Berkan, and Jim Lafferty.*

## Ernie Goodman Award

# Jeanne Mirer

**J**eanne Mirer joined the NLG in 1969 in her first year of law school at Boston University, and helped to re-start the Boston Chapter. In the 1970s, she was a founder of the Women's Law Collective in Massachusetts, which worked on many cutting edge cases including working with CCR attorneys Rhonda Copelon and Nancy Stearns challenging the Massachusetts anti abortion law; representing the Hispanic Community in the Boston School Desegregation case; organizing women workers into unions; and working to free the Attica Brothers.

She has served as Treasurer, Mideast Regional Vice President, and Chair of Minority Legal Resources Task Force (MLTF). As MLTF chair she fought to protect affirmative action through organizing NLG members and allies in the NCBL and others in the movements to ensure the cases of Bakke, Weber and Fullilove would not outlaw affirmative action programs in education, employment, and contracting. In 1975, Jeanne and her family moved to Detroit, where she maintained her activism, in her law practice and in the NLG Anti Racism Committee. In the 1980s, Jeanne had her two children, Michael and Elisabeth.



In the 1990s, she began her work in the NLG International Committee after participating in an important conference in South Africa sponsored by the ANC Constitution Committee. From that point, Jeanne began studying how to use international human rights law in domestic and other settings. She has been an election monitor in the South Africa election organized by the IADL and was elected to the bureau of the IADL at the Cape Town Congress. Jeanne has served as a co-chair of the International Committee for many years and has been president of the IADL since 2009. In the early 2000s, Jeanne organized lawyers to bring a case in the US against the chemical manufacturers of Agent Orange on behalf of the Vietnamese victims of this chemical warfare. She continues to work with the Vietnam Agent Orange Relief and Responsibility Campaign (VAORRC) to get resources to these victims. As part of her work in the IADL, she organized the International Commission for Labor Rights (ICLR) which has been engaged in assisting in labor struggles in Colombia, India, Mexico and Brazil among others. As president of IADL she has studied International Human Rights Law, and has published many articles on these issues including Israeli aggression, torture and drones, and most recently, voting rights. In 2006, Jeanne and her husband moved back to New York City and she is now a labor lawyer in her law practice in the firm of Mirer, Mazzocchi and Julien.

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*Ernest "Ernie" Goodman (1906-1997) of Detroit was a founding member of the National Lawyers Guild and an influential civil rights and First Amendment lawyer. Each year the Ernie Goodman Award is awarded to a Guild lawyer who, within the past several years or currently, is engaged in legal struggle against financial, political, or social odds to obtain justice on behalf of those who are poor, powerless, or persecuted. The Goodman Award is given by the National Lawyers Guild Foundation.*

## C.B. King Award

# Jodi Hill

**Jodi Hill** is a third-year law student at Loyola University New Orleans College of Law, where she is an active member of Loyola's National Lawyers Guild Chapter. Over the last two years, Jodi has trained to become a movement lawyer and has been deeply committed to the adoption of legal pedagogy that centers the narratives of Black, Indigenous, and People of Color.



As the 2019 Vice-President of Loyola's NLG chapter, she advocated for a legal pedagogy that emphasized human rights rather than a singular focus on private property interests. Jodi organized Loyola NLG's first, "Thinking Outside the Books Event" where students launched a collective demand for course offerings based on human rights litigation, critical race theory, and the prison industrial complex. Jodi expanded NLG's community presence, by galvanizing student legal support for local immigration attorneys representing asylum seekers and detained immigrants in North Louisiana.

In addition to her NLG work, Jodi is deeply committed to environmental justice. She was a Loyola Human Rights Advocacy Project student, where she provided legal support for Black organizers working to stop petrochemical plant expansion in Cancer Alley. She served as a brief writer and oralist for Loyola's PACE Environmental Law Moot Court team, winning the best oralist award at the 2020 national competition. Additionally, Jodi has worked as a legal writing and research teaching assistant for Loyola Professor of Law and Former Dean, Professor María Mercedes Pabón.

Jodi spent her 1L summer interning with the Louisiana Fair Housing Action Center, where she supported litigation enforcement of the Fair Housing Act. She also worked as a research assistant in Loyola's Workplace Justice Project for Clinical Director and Professor, Luz Molina. She spent her 2L summer interning with the New Orleans Workers' Center for Racial Justice, where she worked with Black and Brown organizers to develop strategies for challenging labor violations and building labor power.

Jodi hails from Prairieville, Louisiana and currently lives in New Orleans, Louisiana. She is a 2016 alumna of Xavier University of Louisiana. Jodi serves as a board member of Serve Louisiana, Louisiana's longest-running AmeriCorps program. She is committed to leveraging her legal education towards advancing equity in the deep south.

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*The C.B. King Award is given to an NLG law student in honor of Chevene Bowers King (1923-1988), one of the country's most prominent and courageous civil rights lawyers. For over 30 years, he practiced law in Albany, Georgia, where he was a major figure in the civil rights movement. C.B. King was also a great teacher who taught several generations of law students and young lawyers how to practice law with a commitment to the poor, the disenfranchised, and the oppressed.*

## Legal Worker Award Sara Kershnar

**Sara Kershnar:** After Sara’s father tested positive for HIV, Sara began organizing with ACT-UP and Queer Nation as a young woman. She then became involved in the harm reduction movement to end drug-related harm, including volunteering with needle exchange programs in the Bay Area and NYC and national organizing through the Harm Reduction Coalition. In response to the discrimination, homophobia and arrests her father faced as the result of being a gay man and her own experiencing of antisemitism growing up, Sara has spent her life fighting for justice and collective liberation.



As a co-founder of GenerationFIVE, Sara was part of developing transformative justice responses to child sexual abuse. She is a founder of the International Jewish Anti-Zionist Network and an anti-racist, anti-racist activist. Sara was part of a core of consultants and organizers who established two holistic youth organizing and wellness centers in the Bay Area – Richmond Youth & Student Empowerment Center (RYSE Center in Richmond, CA) and Youth Uprising in East Oakland. Sara is an activist with the California Coalition for Women Prisoners and on staff of the Young Women’s Freedom Center.

Sara is also a certified massage practitioner and herbalist and is trained in Somatic approaches to transforming trauma. Her work has integrated holistic wellness as central to the work of individual and collective transformation. She established street-based and drop-in wellness programs at needle exchange programs and harm reduction centers.

Sara loves being a queer mother of a five-year old and guardian to her sister with disabilities.

Sara started participating in the NLG first as an activist, then as a Board member and now as Interim Executive Director of the NLG-SFBA chapter. Sara has relied on the NLG as a crucial resource in her thirty years of direct action and grassroots and movement organizing.

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*The annual NLG Legal Worker Award is given to a Guild member whose legal support work has demonstrated leadership in the organization, marked by one or more notable accomplishments, and recognized by their peers.*

## Arthur Kinoy Award

# Angela Davis

**A**ngela Davis Through her activism and scholarship over many decades, Angela Davis has been deeply involved in movements for social justice around the world. Her work as an educator – both at the university level and in the larger public sphere – has always emphasized the importance of building communities of struggle for economic, racial, and gender justice.

Professor Davis' teaching career has taken her to San Francisco State University, Mills College, and UC Berkeley. She also has taught at UCLA, Vassar, Syracuse University, the Claremont Colleges, and Stanford University. Most recently she spent fifteen years at the University of California Santa Cruz where she is now Distinguished Professor Emerita of History of Consciousness – an interdisciplinary Ph.D program – and of Feminist Studies.



Angela Davis is the author of ten books and has lectured throughout the United States as well as in Europe, Africa, Asia, Australia, and South America. In recent years a persistent theme of her work has been the range of social problems associated with incarceration and the generalized criminalization of those communities that are most affected by poverty and racial discrimination. She draws upon her own experiences in the early seventies as a person who spent eighteen months in jail and on trial, after being placed on the FBI's "Ten Most Wanted List." She also has conducted extensive research on numerous issues related to race, gender and imprisonment. Her recent books include *Abolition Democracy* and *Are Prisons Obsolete?* about the abolition of the prison industrial complex, a new edition of *Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass*, and a collection of essays entitled *The Meaning of Freedom*. Her most recent book of essays is called, *Freedom Is a Constant Struggle: Ferguson, Palestine, and the Foundations of a Movement*.

Angela Davis is a founding member of Critical Resistance, a national organization dedicated to the dismantling of the prison industrial complex. Internationally, she is affiliated with Sisters Inside, an abolitionist organization based in Queensland, Australia that works in solidarity with women in prison.

Like many educators, Professor Davis is especially concerned with the general tendency to devote more resources and attention to the prison system than to educational institutions. Having helped to popularize the notion of a "prison industrial complex," she now urges her audiences to think seriously about the future possibility of a world without prisons and to help forge a 21st century abolitionist movement.

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*The Arthur Kinoy Award was established in 2008 as an occasional award given in the spirit of beloved member Arthur Kinoy. The inaugural recipient was former Jailhouse Lawyer VP Paul Wright. While there are no formal guidelines for the award, on special occasions it may be given to those individuals whose work and passion would have especially appealed to Arthur.*

*The 2020 Arthur Kinoy Award was presented during a standalone event honoring the work of Dr. Angela Davis on October 2.*

## Debra Evenson "Venceremos" International Award Charlotte Kates

**Charlotte Kates:** In the National Lawyers Guild, Charlotte Kates is best-known as the coordinator of the International Committee, who has worked with its members, co-chairs and steering committee to organize programs, activities and campaigns for eight years. In its own words, the International Committee "provides assistance and solidarity to movements in the United States and abroad that work for social justice...seeking to remedy conditions caused by illegal U.S. or corporate practices." She also works closely with the International Association of Democratic Lawyers, of which the NLG is a member association.



Charlotte's graduated from Rutgers School of Law in 2006, where she was a member of the student chapter of the Guild, but she had planned to join the NLG as soon as she entered law school, having known the NLG well as an organizer in Palestine solidarity, anti-war and social justice movements in her hometown and later as a university student.

Charlotte is involved in a wide range of anti-imperialist, internationalist and social justice movements, particularly campaigns in solidarity with the liberation struggle of the Palestinian people. She is the International Coordinator of Samidoun Palestinian Prisoner Solidarity Network, an international network of activists and organizers that works to advance the struggle to free nearly 5,000 Palestinian political prisoners in Israeli jails.

She is a member of the Organizing Collective of the US Campaign for the Academic and Cultural Boycott of Israel and is also a member of the national board of Al-Awda, the Palestine Right to Return Coalition, which advocates for Palestinian refugees' internationally recognized right to return to their homes and lands from which they were displaced.

Charlotte, currently based in Vancouver, Canada, frequently writes and speaks in a variety of publications and venues about the Palestinian liberation struggle and the crimes and injustices of U.S. imperialism, and she looks forward to organizing with fellow Guild members for a more just world for many years to come.

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*Former Guild President Debra Evenson (1942-2011) was one of the visionary architects of Cuba's legal system, and a staunch defender of the country at home. The award is presented by the International Committee in recognition of brave work to extend justice beyond borders. The 2020 Debra Evenson Venceremos International Award was presented at the joint International Committee and Labor and Employment Committee Reception on Friday, September 25.*

## Daniel Levy Award

# UndocuBlack Network

**T**he UndocuBlack Network (UBN)<sup>™</sup> is a multigenerational community of currently and formerly undocumented Black people fighting to not only survive, but thrive. UndocuBlack<sup>™</sup> fosters a strong and resilient community, serves as a fierce advocate, and facilitates access to resources – all while promoting understanding about what it means to feel twice rejected by the country Black and undocumented people call home.

UndocuBlack<sup>™</sup> has ushered in victories for Liberian TPS and DED communities, fought for DACA, public health, and mental wellness, and spearheaded powerful media narratives centering Black undocumented people.

UndocuBlack executes all work centered on three core, organizing principles:

- Develop the leadership of our members through tools, training, and programming
- Build power with and for our community through advocacy, local organizing, and cultivating strategic alliances to advance policies that positively impact our lives
- Center the humanity, dignity, and well-being of our community in all aspects of our work

In 2020-2021 UBN committed to organizing within and throughout five campaign priorities: the African/Muslim ban; TPS/DACA protections; public charge/healthcare advocacy; Liberian Refugee Immigration Fairness (LRIF) implementation; and community wellness. COVID-19 demanded an emergency shift to protect, inform, and comfort our distressed and disproportionately impacted community – including direct financial support, education about testing and protection, and advocating for healthcare for our communities.

Continuing to fight and organize for the rights of undocumented Black immigrants is even more critical during this time; the continued deluge of attacks via unjust immigration policies, flagrant misuse of existing laws, and burden of COVID-19 on our community demands that we forge ahead on organizational goals. UndocuBlack's entire community remains hopeful, however, steadfast in the knowledge that organizing always wins: there is no power like people power.

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*The National Immigration Project of the NLG (NIPNLG) created the Daniel Levy Award in 2002, to honor the memory and work of Daniel Levy. Daniel Levy was a former staff attorney of the National Immigration Law Center who passed away at the untimely age of 48. He was a member of NIPNLG and a tireless advocate on behalf of immigrant and civil rights. Each year, the NIPNLG recognizes an organization or team that exemplifies Daniel Levy's creative, collective and socially conscious work style.*

*The 2020 Daniel Levy Award was presented at the NIPNLG and National Police Accountability joint reception on Thursday, September 24.*



## Carol Weiss King Award Mike Wishnie

**M**ike Wishnie is William O. Douglas Clinical Professor of Law and Counselor to the Dean at Yale Law School, where he co-directs the Worker & Immigrant Rights Advocacy Clinic (WIRAC), Peter Gruber Rule of Law Clinic, and Veterans Legal Services Clinic. In addition to handling individual removal defense, habeas, wage-and-hour, and damages cases, for many years he and his students and colleagues in WIRAC have represented grassroots organizations, unions, and faith coalitions in litigation, legislative, regulatory, media, and community education matters. He has also authored numerous law review articles and book chapters.



Recent cases in which Wishnie and his students and colleagues in WIRAC have served as lead counsel include *Batalla-Vidal v. Nielsen*, 279 F.Supp.3d 401 (EDNY 2018) (enjoining termination of DACA), cert. before judgment granted, aff'd in substantial part, 140 S.Ct. 1891 (2020); *Reid v. Donelan*, 390 F.Supp.3d 201 (D.Mass. 2019) (holding one year of detention without bond hearing pursuant to 8 U.S.C. § 236(c) presumptively unreasonable, government bears burden of proof at bond hearings, and granting class-wide relief), appeal pending; J.S.R. by and through *J.S.G. v. Sessions*, 330 F.Supp.3d 731 (D.Conn. 2018) (ordering reunification of children in Connecticut separated from parents at border and directing transfer of parents to CT), and as co-counsel in *Darweesh v. Trump*, 2017 WL 388504 (EDNY Jan. 28, 2017) (entering nation-wide injunction against first Muslim Ban day after ban announced); *Savino v. Souza* (D.Mass. 2020) (certifying class of detainees at the largest ICE jail in New England and ordering temporary release of one third of class members during COVID-19). A graduate of Yale College and Yale Law School, Wishnie previously taught at NYU School of Law and served as a Skadden Fellow at the ACLU Immigrants' Rights Project, staff attorney at The Legal Aid Society in Brooklyn, and law clerk to Judge H. Lee Sarokin and Associate Justices Harry Blackmun, retired, and Stephen Breyer. He served on the NIPNLG board in 2007-19.

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*The National Immigration Project of the NLG awards the Carol Weiss King Award annually for excellence in the pursuit of social justice through organizing, litigating, and teaching. The award has honored dozens whose work has significantly advanced human and civil rights for all. Prominent U.S. lawyer Carol Weiss King (1895-1952) specialized in immigration law and the defense of the civil rights of immigrants, and was a founding member of the National Lawyers Guild.*

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**The Alabama Chapter of  
the National Lawyers Guild**

*extends its congratulations to  
our state's favorite daughter,  
Angela Davis*

*for receiving  
the Arthur Kinoy Award*

*for finally receiving  
the Fred Shuttlesworth  
Human Rights Award from  
the Birmingham Civil Rights Institute*

*and, not incidentally,  
for a lifetime battling for  
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**CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE 2020  
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NLG NATL OFFICE & FOUNDATION STAFF:**

**DANIEL, KIMMIE, LISA, POOJA,  
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**The Mass Defense Committee (MDC) congratulates the 2020 award recipients for their inspiring achievements and contributions to the struggle for liberation.**

**The MDC also stands in solidarity with all NLG members and chapters providing mass defense, and especially with everyone who's taken the streets this year in support of the movement for Black lives.**



**Congratulations Jeanne,  
Ernie Goodman Award  
honoree!**

You are a tireless champion for human  
rights and worker justice here and around  
the globe!

In love and solidarity from your friends  
and partners,

Ria, Kristina and Paul  
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**MARJORIE COHN  
& JERRY WALLINGFORD**

**CONGRATULATIONS  
DR. ANGELA DAVIS  
& ALL  
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The Detroit police misconduct litigation firm CLA (Buck Davis, Cynthia Heenan, John Philo, Scott Mackela and Jill R.) salute this year's amazing honorees. We equally lift our glass to all the amazing NLG staff, members, chapters, committees and projects who have been rising to support the ongoing protests in the wake of the murder of George Floyd and so many others. Power to the people!

Congratulations to all the honorees. I want to single out Jeanne Mirer, not only for her spectacular international work with organizations like IADL but because in the 1970's and 1980's, Jeanne was a critically important person in getting the NLG to once again be involved the anti-racist work, most notably our support for affirmative action in schools and in workplaces. Along with the National Conference of Black Lawyers and the Center for Constitutional Rights, the NLG under Jeanne's leadership established the Affirmative Action Coordinating Center, which submitted amicus briefs in the key affirmative action cases.

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**To Aunt/Cousin Sara  
AKA The Champion of all People.  
Thank you for modeling who we should  
all strive to be in the world. You make  
us proud each and every day.  
WE LOVE YOU!  
Amy, David, Sai & Ike**

Congratulations to the 2020 NLG  
Honorees...  
especially my long time friend & comrade  
Jeanne Mirer

Solidarity & Struggle  
Joseph Lipofsky

**IN THE FACE OF  
TROUBLES, WE RISE.**

**KAREN JO KOONAN**

Congratulations to our dear friend Jeanne, for whom tireless  
is an understatement, and our chapter ED Sara, to whom we  
are eternally grateful for her leadership!

Marc & Jody

**A big shoutout to the  
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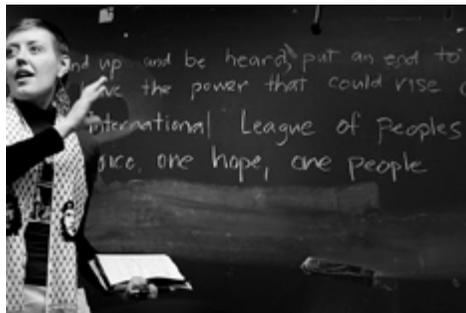
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***Congratulations to our Colleague  
Charlotte Kates***

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***We are grateful and consistently amazed by your intellect and camaraderie. Your contribution to the work of the National Lawyers Guild International Committee is immeasurable. We join many in honoring you today.***



*Suzanne Adely, Natasha Bannan, Audrey Bomse, Marjorie Cohn, Steven Goldberg, Ollie Jefferson, Kathy Johnson, Jackie Mariano, Jeanne Mirer, Susan Scott, Natali Segovia, Judy Somberg, Jordan Winqvist, Emily Yozell, and the NLG International Committee*

Dear Mike Wishnie,

Sorry, we meant to have something pithy and meaningful to say here but we didn't have time to get it down in words because we were too busy rushing off to court to seek an emergency injunction of government overreach like you taught us.

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The generations of WIRAC students you've helped join the struggle for justice.

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Congratulations Jeanne on receiving the NLG's Ernie Goodman Award recognizing an NLG lawyer who a Guild lawyer whose life's work models how to lawyer for the people against financial, political and social odds.

We honor your clarity, tenacity, and fierceness for working people.

Thank you for your friendship and advice, and most of all for your example.

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The International Jewish Anti-Zionist Network (IJAN) congratulates our co-founder Sara Kershner on receiving a well deserved Legal Worker Award. Sara is truly an incredible leader, comrade, friend, and parent. We also want shout out to our fellow anti-Zionist and Debra Evenson award winner, **Charlotte Kates** and thank everyone at Samidoun for the indispensable work they do. And finally, we are eternally grateful to **Angela Davis**, this years recipient of the Arthur Kinoy award, for a lifetime of work interweaving Black, feminist, abolitionist, and anti-Zionist struggles for liberation. **We appreciate all of you and your steadfast commitments to anti-racist, anti-Zionist, and anti-imperialist movements!**

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Winner of the Debra Evenson Award, and

**Jeanne Mirer**

Winner of the Ernie Goodman Award

We are thrilled to honor both of you as critical and outstanding leaders of the NLG International Committee. We couldn't do the work that we do without either of you.

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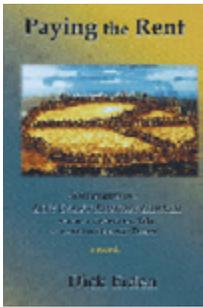


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- Alice Walker

**Congratulations to  
the awardees and  
deep gratitude to the old timers who  
remained active and helped build the  
Guild into what it is today!**

I was active in the NLG in the 1970’s and 80’s in L.A., and my memoir of those years and beyond was published last year. Preview on Amazon, also available on Powells & Barnes & Noble.

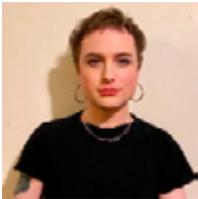
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**We Are Family!**  
**Congratulations to Jeanne Mirer on**  
**Receiving the Ernie Goodman Award**

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# Congratulations to Jeanne Mirer, Charlotte Kates and all of the 2020 honorees!



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**Jeanne Mirer**

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We honor our colleague, Jeanne Mirer, for her tireless work on behalf of the victims  
of Agent Orange, workers, and oppressed peoples everywhere. Jeanne is a courageous  
fighter for peace, justice, equality and liberation. Congratulations, Jeanne!

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*Dan, Jeanne, Jonathan, Marjorie, Merle, Nhan, Paul & Susan*

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To our Dear Friend and Comrade Charlotte Kates  
Recipient of the 2020 **Debra Evenson Venceremos International Award**



**The courage, intelligence, and commitment that you have given to the Palestinian struggle and so many liberation struggles is beyond measure.**

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# Congratulations to all the deserving honorees

with a special shout out to our own Jeanne Mirer for her lifelong and unrelenting pursuit of justice and for her strength, tenacity and courage to speak truth to power with kindness, generosity and compassion. You do the Guild proud!

And to Charlotte Kates, for your work behind the scenes and on the front lines of the struggle.

We Salute You!

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**We support and honor the commitment and work of all the honorees.**

**May the struggles of 2020 inspire ongoing work to end anti-Black racism and bring us hope and change for the future.**

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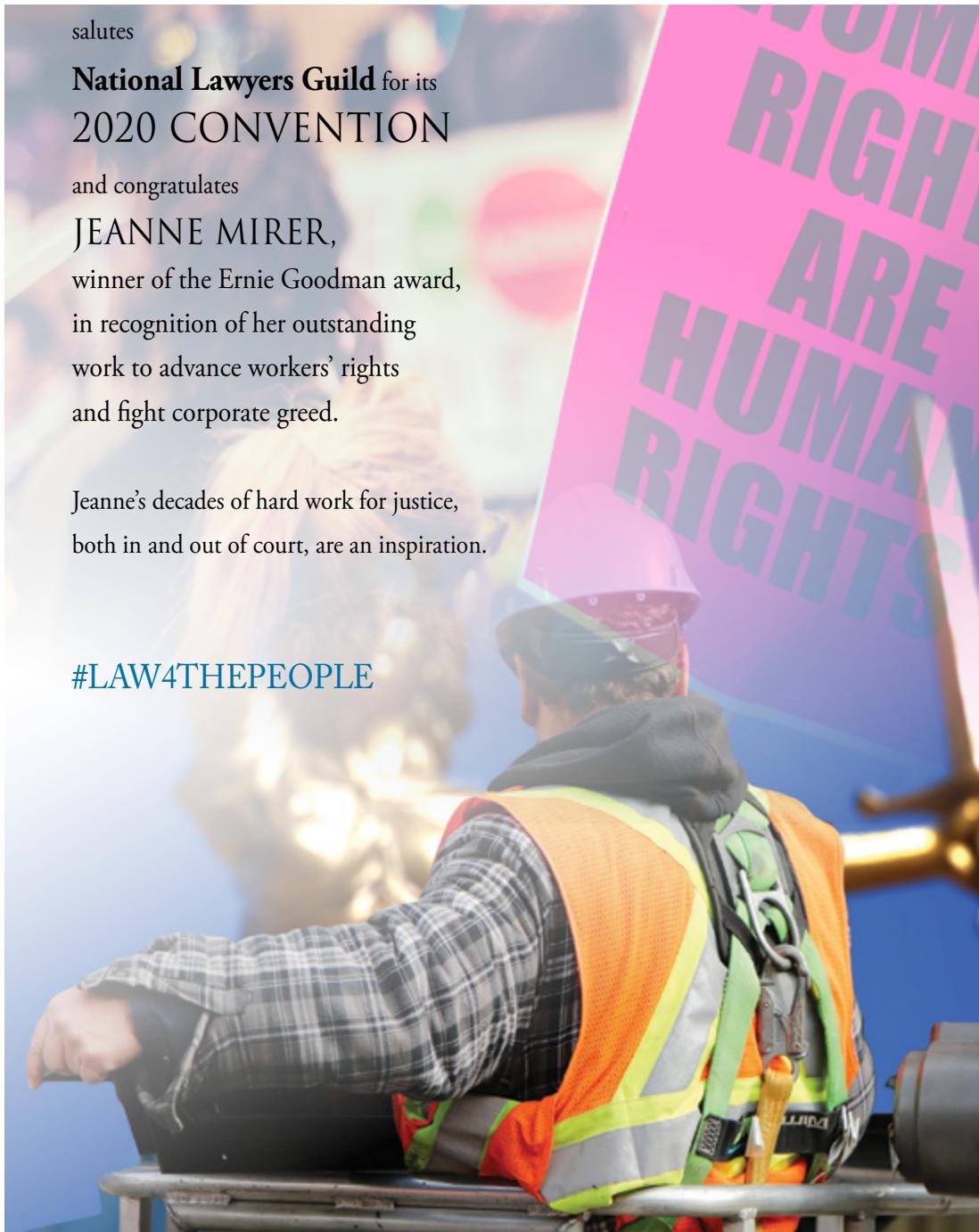
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[and] to do it all the time."

– Angela Davis

***The Center for Constitutional Rights  
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**We honor each of you for your resolute stand against  
oppression in all its forms and your relentless pursuit of a  
more just world from Turtle Island to Palestine.**

**We commend the Guild's longstanding commitment to our  
collective liberation and historic leadership in defending  
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**Every generation at the Center for the Constitutional Rights  
has been proud to struggle with you in demanding racial  
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***With gratitude, solidarity, and until liberation,  
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# Jeanne Mirer

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Today we celebrate Jeanne and her tremendous career as a people's lawyers who has defended and built power for frontline workers, supported women and political dissidents, fought for racial equity and voting rights, and helped build a global movement of people's lawyers through the IADL. Her work is at the forefront of the legal and people's movements.

Jeanne has mentored and supported countless numbers of lawyers in the NLG and around the world. We honor her and look forward to fighting the good fight together with her for many more years to come.

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