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NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD — MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER

Mass Dissent

Digital Monthly Newsletter

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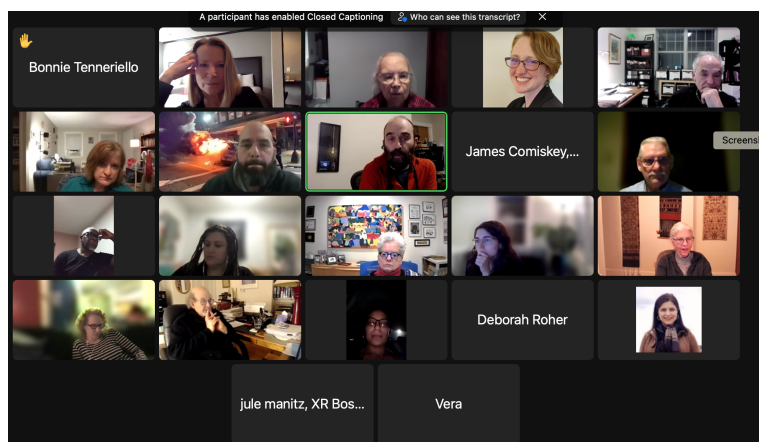
Welcome to the January issue of *Mass Dissent* - Digital Monthly Newsletter.

On January 18, the NLG-Mass Chapter members met for this year's Annual Meeting.

We were hoping that this time, after long 3 years, we'll be able to hold the meeting in person; however, a survey of our membership showed that people preferred a virtual meeting.


At the meeting, we conducted our annual Elections of the NLG-Mass Chapter Board of Directors and of Officers. After a unanimous vote, the Chapter elected **Eden Williams** as Co-Chair, **David Kelston** as Treasurer, and **Kylah Clay** as Clerk. Five Board members were re-elected to a new 2-year term: **Lee Goldstein**, **David Kelston**, **Lisa Lunskey Gordon**, **Josh Raisler Cohn**, and **Eden Williams**; **Deb Wilmer** was elected for the first time. **[READ THEIR CANDIDATE STATEMENTS HERE.](#)**

Congratulations to all and welcome to the Board! **[CLICK HERE FOR MORE ON THE ANNUAL MEETING.](#)**



NLG-Mass is NOW HIRING an Administrative Coordinator

If you are interested in applying, the deadline for all applications is January 31, 2023. **[CLICK HERE FOR THE JOB POSTING.](#)**



NATIONAL LAWYERS GUILD-MASS CHAPTER

Administrative Coordinator

Part-Time (15 hrs/week)

NLG-Massachusetts Chapter is a progressive bar association of over 200 lawyers, legal workers, and law students dedicated to working for political, social, racial, gender, and economic justice. The Chapter serves to function as an "effective political and social force in the service of people, to the end that human rights shall be regarded as more sacred than property interests."

The Chapter, a non-profit entity, has a small two-person office. The Administrative Coordinator reports to and works at the direction of the Executive Director to ensure administrative aspects of the office and to ensure impactful communications with the NLG-Mass Chapter members and allies.

Details of Employment

Wages: \$21/hour
Work Hours: 15/week (weekdays between 10am-5pm; exact hours to be negotiated)
Benefits: include vacation and sick days, health insurance
This is a union position (NOLW/UAW 2520).

Details of Hiring

Deadline for applications: January 31, 2023
Starting date: Mid-February, 2023

NLG-Mass Chapter is an equal opportunity employer. Women, persons of color, persons with disabilities, and LGBTQ+ persons are strongly encouraged to apply.

Responsibilities

Coordinate and complete all office management/administrative tasks, including:

- Membership & donors administration (update and maintain database, do billing)
- Work on membership development & growth
- Answer phone calls and mail inquiries
- Office management (maintain office equipment and supplies)
- Researching research potential funders, assist with grant proposals, assist with all special events, including Annual Dinner
- Newsletter production - 6 times a year (help solicit and edit articles, publish on social media)
- Conduct correspondence with prisoners.

Maintain and update NLG social media, including website:

- Update, organize & maintain listservs, Google Drive, Dropbox

Qualifications/Requirements

Possess the following:

- Commitment to progressive politics and NLG Mission
- At least one year administrative experience preferred
- Strong computer skills **REQUIRED**
- Experience in Wordpress, webpage design & training
- Organized: Self-motivated, detail-oriented, with good communication and writing skills.
- Must be able to multi-task and work independently
- Organized: Self-motivated, with good interpersonal skills.

Application Process

E-mail to Urszella Masny-Latos (nlgmass_director@riseup.net) **AS ONE DOCUMENT:**

- Letter of Interest
- Resume
- List of references.

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If you have any comments or suggestions you would like to share with us about this publication, or if you would like to submit information, email us @ nlgmass-director@riseup.net



NLG-Mass Holiday Party - Friday, January 27, 2023, 6pm-9pm 185 Devonshire St., Suite 302, Boston

Please join the Massachusetts Chapter of the National Lawyers Guild in celebrating the successes of 2022 and the exciting plans for 2023! We will eat, drink, and be merry on Friday, January 27, 2023 at 6pm. The celebration will be held at the NLG new office.

Discussion with Luca Falciola - "Up Against the Law: NLG and Radical Lawyering of Social Movements of the 60s & 70s" Monday, February 13, 2023, 6pm-8pm Suffolk Law School Keches Room (1st Floor), 120 Tremont St., Boston

NLG-Mass Chapter and Suffolk NLG are hosting historian, Luca Falciola, who will be discussing his latest book, **"Up Against the Law: NLG Radical Lawyering and Social Movements of the 60s and 70s"** which prominently features the NLG, our members, and their work in civil rights and social movement advocacy in the 60s and 70s. **[CLICK HERE FOR MORE ON THE BOOK.](#)**

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UP AGAINST THE LAW:

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A DISCUSSION WITH LUCA FALCIOLA

Luca Falciola is a Lecturer in History at Columbia University in New York City, specializing in the history of social movements, radicalism, and political violence. His latest book, "Up Against the Law" investigates the legal engagement of NLG and other militant attorneys and their impact on American social and political struggles.

His publications also include an award-winning book on "The Movement of 1977 in Italy" (Carocci, 2015) as well as articles and essays on various aspects of contentious politics.

**MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 13 2023**

6:00 - 8:00PM
SUFFOLK LAW SCHOOL
120 TREMONT STREET
KECHES ROOM (1ST FLOOR)
BOSTON, MA

Read More About Luca:
lucafalciola.com/about/

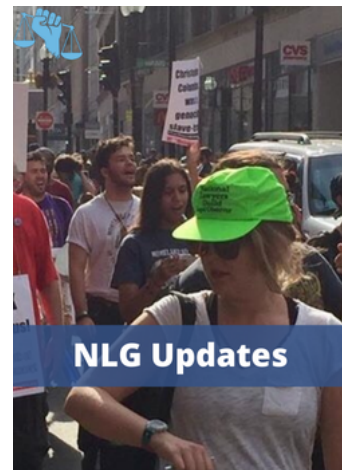
Mass Defense Committee Report:

On January 9th Victoria Baratain and Cameron Cantelmo provided legal observing at a protest in Cambridge in response to a killing by Cambridge police in Sayed Faisal, organized by Bangladeshi Association of New England (BANE) and Muslim Justice League.

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Street Law Clinic Report:

Thank you for your participation and dedication to NLG! We would like to uplift our work at the Street Law Clinic and encourage those who are interested to get involved!



NLG Updates

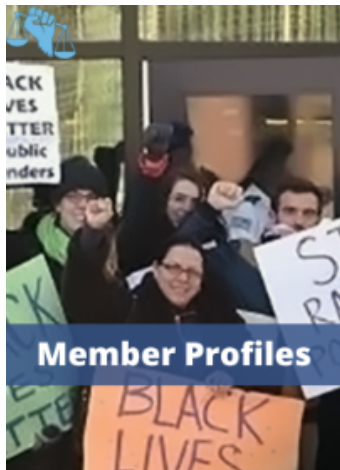
Litigation Committee Report:

In June 2020, Litigation Committee members, including Jeff Petrucelly and David Kelston, sent public records requests to the Boston Police Department (BPD) and the Boston Regional Intelligence Center (BRIC) seeking records concerning the so-called, "Straight Pride Parade" (SPP) of August 31, 2019 and arrests, harassment and abuse of people who protested SPP. [**READ MORE**](#)

Abortion Justice Task Force Report:

AJTF CALL TO ACTION!

NLG-Mass' Abortion Justice Task Force (AJTF) was established in response to the *Dobbs* decision. The AJTF is currently researching the most pressing legal questions for those seeking an abortion, helping with accessing an abortion, and performing abortions in Massachusetts. [**READ MORE**](#)



For this month's NLG Member Profile, we are congratulating Kylah Clay and her co-organizers at Starbucks.

Kylah, one of our 2022 law student honorees, and her co-organizers at Starbucks were among the impressive group of people named as "Bostonians of the Year" by the Boston Globe.

[**READ THE BOSTON GLOBE ARTICLE**](#)

This month's Student Work section features updates from Northeastern.

This past fall semester, the NUSL NLG chapter has been excited to be back on campus in full capacity for the first time since 2020. We have held bi-weekly meetings and plan to continue to do so this coming next semester. [**READ MORE**](#)





Recently, we had a great conversation with NLG Legal Worker Award Recipient Cortina Vann.

In this Left Ledes Special episode, we sat down with the NLG Legal Worker Award Recipient Cortina Vann to get to know her a little better. Cortina spoke about her work, what inspired her and what wisdom she had to pass on to the next generation of organizers looking to fight for affordable and equitable housing. **[CLICK HERE TO WATCH THE INTERVIEW AND SUBSCRIBE.](#)**



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