



Mass Dissent

Digital Monthly Newsletter

...To the end that human rights shall be regarded as more sacred than property interests...

Hello Friends, Comrades and Members,

Welcome to the October issue of Mass Dissent - Digital Monthly Newsletter. In this issue we have reports from the Street Law Clinic, Mass Defense, Litigation Committee, the Abortion Justice Task Force, and from a UMass Dartmouth Student who shares plans from the NLG chapter at their school. We also have an article written about this year's Annual Dinner by first time participant, Eric Bowen. On October 2nd, we gathered to honor: Ellen Messing and Phil Kassel (Lawyer Award), Cortina Vann (Legal Worker Award), Joan Steffen, Kylah Clay and Annie Guare (Student Award).

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

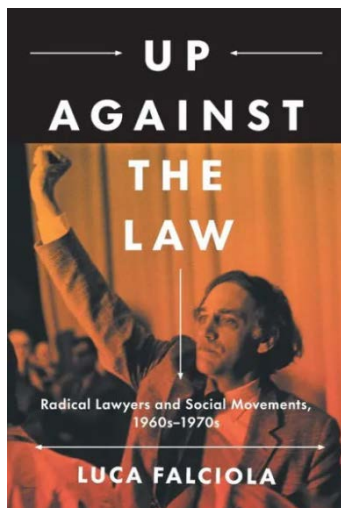


Discussion with Luca Falcicola - Up Against the Law - Radical Lawyers and Social Movements:

We are currently in talks with historian, Luca Falcicola to organize a discussion with him on latest book, "Up Against the Law - Radical Lawyers and Social Movements, 1960's-1970's," which prominently features the NLG, our members and their work in civil rights and social movement advocacy in the 60s and 70s. Details to come. **CLICK HERE FOR MORE ON THE BOOK.**

NLG-Mass "Summer" Retreat Notes:

At this year's "Summer" Retreat, NLG members, Board and Staff gathered in person for the first time since the height of the pandemic to discuss Guild work and potential initiatives for the future. **CLICK HERE TO READ MORE AND ENJOY THE PHOTO GALLERY**



Bonnie, Makis and Melinda facilitating the meeting.
(Photo by Roberto Patterson)

Street Law Clinic & Mass Defense Committee:

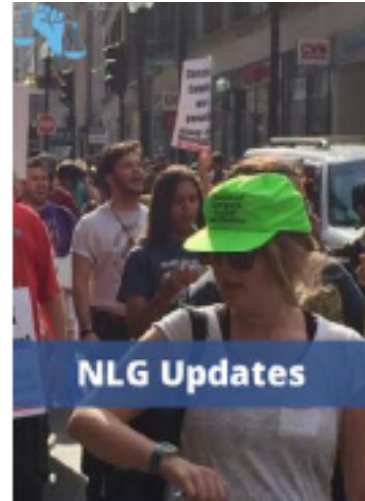
The SLC and MDC provide workshops and trainings for activists and organizations, and Legal Observers to demonstrations around the state. **READ MORE**

Litigation Committee Report:

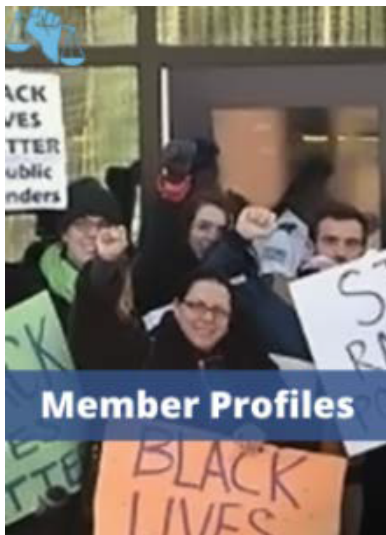
The fight for the release of public records from the BPD has seen forward movement, but there is still much to do. The Litigation Committee is still hard at work. **READ MORE**

Abortion Justice Task Force Report:

NLG-Mass' Abortion Justice Task Force (AJTF) will start facilitating trainings for groups and communities across Massachusetts in January 2023. **READ MORE**



NLG-MASS ABORTION JUSTICE TASK FORCE



For this month's NLG Member Profiles, we are taking a look back upon this year's Annual Dinner which took place on October 2nd.

...The universal theme of the early evening was centered around gratitude and excitement for finally being able to gather as a group, post pandemic. I believe we honestly didn't appreciate how much it means to us as humans to be able to celebrate significant events together during COVID, so seeing the joy on the faces of the NLG dinner guests as they greeted each other to start the evening was wonderful... - Eric Bowen
CLICK HERE TO READ MORE AND ENJOY THE PHOTO GALLERY

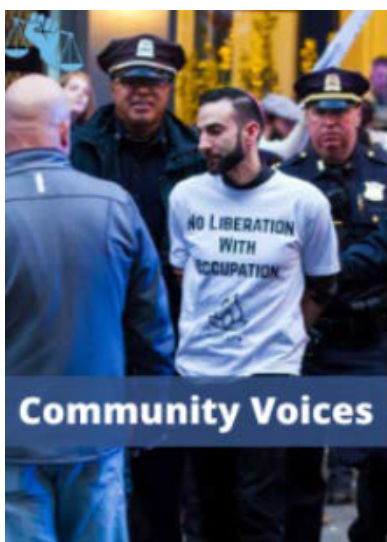
-photo of honorees on next page-



Our 2022 Dinner Honorees - (left to right) Ellen Messing, Phil Kassel, Kylah Clay, Annie Guare, Joan Steffen, our ED Urszula Masny-Latos and Cortina Vann.
(Photo by - Sebastian Sokolowski)

This month's Student Work section features an update from UMass Dartmouth NLG Student Rep, Sarah White.

...This Fall, UMass Dartmouth Law NLG Student Chapter plans to host a movie night showing, "Aftershock"; we have invited members of If/When/How and BLSA to join us. We are co-sponsoring a Judicial Accountability event as well as co-sponsoring a post election event with a law professor who will speak on his recently published book on International Policy... [READ MORE](#)



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

In this Left Leds 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!](#)



**Our mailing address is:
National Lawyers Guild Massachusetts
Chapter 185 Devonshire St., Suite 302
Boston, MA 02110**