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## NLG-Mass Chapter in Action

The state of the Guild is: militant! As the threats of white supremacy and unbridled capitalism grow ever starker, movements for a more just society are raising their voices more strongly. And the NLG,

as always, has been there to support our activist partners.

In this issue, **Makis Antzoulatos** describes the tireless work of the **Mass Defense Committee** providing criminal defense to folks arrested protesting attacks on immigrants' rights, a homophobic hate parade, repressive police actions against drug users, and destruction of the environment. **Zachary Lown** writes about the NLG's role in responding to the actions of Judge Richard Sinnott, who outrageously violated standard procedures in court, and even detained NLG attorney Susan Church for citing case law in the course of representing protestors. We also continued to support grassroots activism by providing Legal Observers and "Know Your Rights" trainings.

We've also supported protest with civil litigation. As **David Kelston** reports, the **Litigation**

**Committee** continued to push back against government surveillance of protestors, settling its lawsuit against the Boston Police Department and the Boston Regional Intelligence Center (BRIC), and pushed for Hepatitis C testing and treatment for prisoners.

As **Rebecca Amdemariam** writes, the Chapter members played an active role in the NLG Convention in Durham, with Judy Somberg receiving the "Venceremos" award for her leadership of the International Committee. Closer to home, Mark Stern was honored by the Council on American-Islamic Relations-MA for his pro bono work on behalf of Muslim clients.

Much else has also been going on, from quarterly Happy Hours to trainings for non-immigration attorneys to help

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**Litigation Committee:**

Established in 2011, the Committee brings civil lawsuits against large institutions (such as government agencies, law enforcement, banks, financial institutions, and/or large corporations) which engage in repressive or predatory actions that affect large numbers of people and perpetuate social, racial and/or economic injustice or inequality. To get involved, please contact the NLG office at 617-227-7335 or [nlgmass-director@igc.org](mailto:nlgmass-director@igc.org).

**Mass Defense Committee:**

The Committee consists of two sub-committees: (1) "Legal Observers" who are trained to serve as NLG Legal Observers at political demonstrations and (2) "Mass Defense Team" (criminal defense attorneys) who represent activists arrested for political activism. To get involved, please contact the NLG office.

**Street Law Clinic Project:**

The Street Law Clinic project was established in 1989. It provides workshops in Massachusetts to address legal needs of various communities. Legal education workshops on 4th Amendment Rights (Stop & Search), Housing Law, Workers' Rights, Direct Action, Bankruptcy Law, and Immigration Law are held at community organizations, youth centers, labor unions, and shelters. If you are an NLG member and would like to lead a workshop, please contact the NLG office.

**NLG NATIONAL PROJECTS & COMMITTEES**

(FULL LIST AT [HTTPS://NLG.ORG/COMMITTEES/](https://nlg.org/committees/))

**NLG National Immigration Project (NIP):**

NIP works to defend and extend the human and civil rights of all immigrants, documented and undocumented. Located in Boston, NIP works in coalition with community groups to organize support for immigrants' rights in the face of right-wing political attacks. For more information contact NIP at 617-227-9727.

**NLG International Committee (IC):**

IC supports legal work around the world "to the end that human rights shall be regarded as more sacred than property interests." It plays an active role in international conferences, delegations and on-going projects that examine and seek to remedy conditions caused by illegal U.S. or corporate practices. IC has done work in Cuba, the Middle East, Korea, Haiti, and other countries. For more info go to <https://nlginternational.org>.

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## GUILD CALENDAR

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### NLG HOLIDAY PARTY

Holiday Season is upon us and we would love to have you join us at the NLG Holiday Party. This year, for the first time, we'll be hosted by Encuentro 5 in Boston.

The event will be a great way for us to reconnect with old friends, meet new friends, enjoy wonderful food and holiday beverages, and engage in interesting conversation. The central part of the party will be a raffle drawing of amazing prizes.

Hope to see you there.

#### NLG-MASS CHAPTER HOLIDAY PARTY

**Friday, December 6, 2019**

**5:30 pm - 8:30 pm**

**Encuentro 5**

**9 Hamilton Place, Boston**

### NLG HAPPY HOUR

If you were not able to attend our last Happy Hour with **Mario Paredes** (Bart J. Fellow/Staff Attorney at Mass Law Reform Institute and Prisoners' Legal Services) on "ICE Detention Centers in Massachusetts," you can read a short report about the event on page 4 of this issue of *Mass Dissent*.

Details about our next Happy Hour will be announced soon, but please reserve the time. As always, if you have an idea for a happy hour please reach out to Judy Somberg ([judy\\_somberg@igc.org](mailto:judy_somberg@igc.org)) or Coco Holbrook ([cocoh@protonmail.com](mailto:cocoh@protonmail.com)).

#### NLG HAPPY HOUR

**Wednesday, January 8, 2020**

**6:00 am - 8:00 pm**

**Red Hat Café**

**9 Bowdoin St., Boston**

### NLG HAPPY HOUR

NLG "Think & Drink" Happy Hour is held quarterly on the **2nd Wednesday of January, April, September, and November**. The event brings together legal professionals and activists to discuss current political and legal topics. If you have ideas for a presentation or would like to be a speaker, please call the NLG office at 617-227-7335.

### NLG BOARD MEETING

NLG-Mass Chapter members are invited to participate in monthly meetings of the Chapter's Board of Directors. The meetings are held on the **3rd Wednesday of a month** (except July and August), from **6:00 to 8:00 pm**, at the NLG Office (41 West St., Suite 700, Boston). Please notify the office if you plan to attend.

#### ARTICLES FOR MASS DISSENT

The February issue of *Mass Dissent* will discuss changes in immigration law.

If you are interested in submitting an article, essay, analysis, or art work (cartoons, pictures) related to the topic, please e-mail your work to [nlgmass-director@igc.org](mailto:nlgmass-director@igc.org).

**The deadline for articles is JANUARY 10.**

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## GUILD NEWS

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### November NLG Happy Hour

As the Bart J. Gordon Fellow/Staff Attorney at Mass Law Reform Institute and Prisoners' Legal Services, **Mario Paredes** was able to create his dream job combining his interest in immigrant rights, his legal skills, and his desire to engage with community activists. Beginning his work, Mario is assessing the needs of immigrant detainees in the three Massachusetts ICE-contracted detention centers. Meeting with immigration attorneys, advocates, activists, and former detainees, and hearing the reports from the calls from current detainees, Mario is working on how to address the most pressing issues, from medical neglect, language

access, attorney/client access and privacy, religious freedom, unsafe conditions, retaliatory transfers, solitary confinement, etc. We brainstormed with Mario about how NLG chapter members might work together with him.



(Photo by Urszula Masny-Latos)

### NLG-Mass Chapter in Action

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immigrant advocates by doing intake in detention centers. If you have not been engaged, take a look at the list of committees and see how you fit in.

And don't forget - financial support is a great way to be involved! Most of our work is possible because of membership dues and the financial contributions of our sustainers and donors. Soon you will be reminded about your membership in the NLG-Mass Chapter, so please renew it promptly. If you are not a member - please join us. Our strength and power come with our members!

**Our Guild Circle** program makes it easy to support the Guild - you determine what monthly contribution you can make (from \$10/month - what you spend on coffee or tea every day!) and we'll take care of everything else.

The year of 2020 will be his-

toric on many fronts. Our Mass Defense Committee is already in conversations with NLG members in Durham, NC, about how we can assist in preparations for the RNC which will be held there. So be with the Guild!

- Bonnie Tenneriello, Chair -

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### NLG Foundation Grant for SLC

The NLG-Mass Chapter's Street Law Clinic project has been awarded a grant of \$2,500 from the NLG Foundation to cover the costs of updating and printing new materials and booklets for its six legal clinics. The project is grateful for the grant.

## GUILD NEWS

### Hepatitis C in the Department of Correction

We want to hear from you if you are (or were) a prisoner in the Department of Correction and have concerns about Hepatitis C, including if:

- You have asked to be tested for Hepatitis C but have been denied testing;
- You have Hepatitis C but have not been evaluated recently, or told whether and when you will be treated for it;
- You have Hepatitis C and have not been assigned priority level for treatment; and/or
  - You have other questions or concerns about Hepatitis C treatment.

Prisoners' Legal Services and the National Lawyers Guild are monitoring the settlement in *Fowler v. Tureo*, a class action concerning the testing, evaluation, and treatment of Hepatitis C in the DOC. The Settlement calls for universal testing for Hepatitis C (the prisoner can decline testing,) regular assessments of those who have Hepatitis C to determine their priority level for treatment, and treatment to be given within certain time frames to those who qualify. The settlement also limits the reasons why the DOC can deny treatment to prisoners who otherwise qualify for it.

*If you have questions or concerns about Hepatitis C, please contact PLS or NLG with as much detail as you can give about your specific issue:*

PLS: 617-482-2773

NLG: 617-227-7335

### New NLG-Mass Chapter On-line Store

Please visit our new on-line store where we offer items to commemorate our 50th Anniversary: a copy of a new 30-min. documentary about our Chapter's beginnings (on a pen with USB drive and on a USB drive) and a business card holder ([https://nlgmass.org/featured\\_news/nlg-mass-chapter-store/](https://nlgmass.org/featured_news/nlg-mass-chapter-store/)).

### Street Law Clinic Report

*The following clinics and trainings were conducted since last issue of Mass Dissent:*

**October 2:** *Direct Action* training for Cosecha and Never Again, by **Makis Antzoulatos**.

**October 3:** *Legal Observing* for Cosecha and Never Again Coalition, by **Jackie Baum, Lee Goldstein, and Cam Haigh**.

**October 7:** *Legal Observing* at Harvard Disorientation event, by **Sarah Block & Alexis Yeboah-Kodie**.

**October 8:** *Know Your Rights* trainings for Northeastern law students, by **Jeff Feuer**.

**October 15:** *Legal Observer* training at UMass Dartmouth School of Law, by **Benjamin Evans**

**October 17:** *Legal Observer* training at Harvard Law School, by **Carl & Chris Williams**.

**October 19:** *Legal Observing* at a Cosecha action in Mattapoisett, by **Benjamin Evans**.

**October 26:** *Legal Observing* at a Harvard Prison Divestment Campaign action, by **Sarah Block, Cam Haigh, and Lindsay Mitnik**.

**October 28:** *Legal Observer* training at Boston College School of Law by **Chris Williams**.

**October 31:** *Legal Observing* at a Public Good Coalition rally against Fidelity, by **Sarah Block**.

**November 6:** *Know Your Rights* training at UMass Dartmouth School of Law, by **Makis Antzoulatos**.

**November 8:** *Legal Observer* training at Boston University School of Law, by **Rebecca Amdemariam & Lee Goldstein**.

**November 16:** *Legal Observing* at an action against big pharma organized by Right Care Alliance, by **Ava Cheloff and Margaret Henry**.



# Mass Defense Committee

*by Makis Antzoulatos & Josh Raisler Cohn*

It is always a great sign when we sit to write our end of the year update at the Mass Defense Committee and cannot keep straight all the incredible things the MDC has done over the year. Activists and organizers around the state have been involved in bold and energetic actions, fighting against oppression, and for the liberation of all people. The MDC has been proud to be there providing legal support to our comrades in these struggles, ensuring that when they are met with state resistance they have the legal protection they need to ensure their struggles continue.

The MDC conducted over 25 Know Your Rights training sessions around the state, our volunteer lawyers have represented over one hundred people arrested at protests and civil disobedience actions, and we have had Legal Observers at nearly every left-wing political action in the area. Here is a snap-shot of some of the movements we have been supporting this year. *(The full report is on our website blog - [www.nlgmass.org](http://www.nlgmass.org).)*

- Thirteen activists from Never Again Coalition were arrested at the Amazon building protesting cooperation between Amazon and ICE. MDC lawyer **Lee Goldstein** represented these activists, and all their charges were dismissed.

- Thirteen Cosecha activists were arrested at a week-long action in and outside of the State House fighting for driver's licenses for undocumented people. All were represented by the MDC, and all had their charges dismissed.

- Environmental activists around the state (Xtinction Rebellion, Plymouth pipeline, and others) have organized sit-ins and rallies against destructive energy policies, coal power plants, and dangerous pipelines. MDC Attorneys **Jeff Feuer** and **Andy Fischer** stepped in to represent those arrested.

- Activists in Bristol County took action against the racist and anti-immigrant policies of the County's Sheriff Hodgson, and when they were arrested for blocking the County jail, MDC attorneys **Zach Lown** and **Jim Vita** represented them.

- In September, when far-right organizations held a homophobic march in Boston, a strong resistance was organized in opposition to this event. MDC members met ahead of time with LGBTQ youth and other anti-fascist groups to provide legal trainings. On the day of the event the police ruthlessly attacked our people and arrested 35. The MDC's Legal Observers were on the front lines, and our attorneys and legal

workers made sure that everyone had legal representation. In Court, Judge Richard Sinnott illegally jailed defendants, raised bails to ensure people would be held in custody, and when long-time MDC attorney **Susan Church** stood up against his ruling, he took her into custody and threatened her with contempt! As of now, while not all cases have been disposed of, we are continuing to get favorable results for our clients.

It is not only the attorneys of the MDC that make this work possible. The MDC is proud to have many law student and legal worker members who make this possible. **Jude Glaubman** is always in court at a moments notice helping organize defense, and putting activists at ease.

The MDC is honored by the trust we receive from the activists who make us the legal arm of their movement. Keep fighting and struggling and loving - and if you need our help always call **(617) 431-6626**.

On December 10th of this year, the **MDC will proudly accept the MACDL Presidents Award** for our continued fight in support of the movement.

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*Makis Antzoulatos & Josh Raisler Cohn are Co-Coordina-tors of the MDC.*

# Litigation Committee

by David Kelston

The Litigation Committee had a very productive year, with special help from our two excellent student summer interns - Madison Levin (Columbia) and Josh Lutts (Suffolk). Our interns were particularly helpful in exploring new matters for us, including possible efforts challenging cash bail in Massachusetts, work to challenge statutes that attempt to limit challenges to wrongful foreclosures, and other matters. We have also continued to work this year on our precedent-setting case against the Massachusetts Department of Correction that succeeded in assuring treatment for prisoners with the potentially deadly Hepatitis C virus. The task before us and our partner Prisoners' Legal Services is now to monitor the settlement of that case to assure that prisoners are in fact being properly tested and treated during the almost three-year period that the federal court retains jurisdiction.

This year we also successfully concluded our major case against the Boston Police Department's Regional Intelligence Center ("BRIC"), one of two fusion centers in Massachusetts. BRIC's guidelines and rules purport to respect first amendment-protected activities, to limit its

intelligence gathering and surveillance to suspected terrorist or gang activities, and to assure that when surveillance or related records are gathered, they would be purged within 90 days if they don't relate to BRIC's core mission and don't lead to a criminal investigation. Our lawsuit confirmed that long after BRIC promulgated its rules and after it specifically told us, in response to our earlier lawsuit, that it had stopped maintaining intelligence files on peaceful dissent, it in fact had gathered more than a thousand pages of documents on the Occupy movement, where the Boston Police Department was conducting and documenting surveillance daily. The records we got as a result of our lawsuit - records that should never have been created, and, once created, should have been purged after 90 days - showed without question that BRIC was violating its own rules, its agreements with us, and constitutional norms. And in addition to creating and maintaining these usually twice-daily reports on goings-on at the Occupy site, BRIC was sending the reports to approximately 1,500 "partners" around the country, including both law enforcement and private parties (BRIC called them "our business partners") including

hotels, schools, law firms, and all manner of other businesses.

The lawsuit NLG v. BRIC is now over - we have the surveillance documents that were supposed to be purged years ago and the lists of the 1,500 "business partners" and others to whom these records should never have been disseminated. Our next step is to do whatever we can to stop these practices from recurring - practices that BRIC itself recognizes are improper and that chill dissent and cause potential great harm to those whose names remain on intelligence documents distributed around the country.

As the calendar year draws to a close, the Litigation Committee is preparing for an active 2020, including working in coalition with our Mass Defense Committee and other activists to bring civil rights cases on behalf of demonstrators injured by police violence (including counter-demonstrators to the "Straight Pride March") and exploring working with student groups seeking divestiture from the prison-industrial complex.

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*David Kelston is an attorney in Boston and NLG-Mass Chapter Treasurer.*

## Reply to Straight Pride

*by Zach Lown, Mass Chapter Board*

A few hundred “Straight Pride” paraders came to Boston to promote racism and bigotry. They were protected by the Boston Police Department. Boston Police officers attacked, beat and pepper-sprayed those who turned out to protest. When some of these individuals were arraigned in a Boston court, Judge Richard Sinnott denied the District Attorney’s requests to drop charges, denied their lawyers the opportunity to file motions to preserve video evidence, and imprisoned for several hours Attorney Susan Church for citing case law that contradicted his decisions. Judge Sinnott wrongfully sent one individual to jail for an offense that, even if convicted, carried no jail time.

This was but one day in a system which brutalizes communities of color on a daily basis. The data on racial profiling, disparate sentencing and unfair treatment in the court system is overwhelming. Disgusted with the old order, Boston residents elected the reform-minded Rachael Rollins as their District Attorney. She trounced her police-backed opponent and became Boston’s first woman of color to assume the office. Bostonians elected her with a mandate: end the cycle of targeted incarceration for people of color and those suffering from substance-use, poverty and mental health disorders.

Police unions and Judge Sinnott may have a different vision of who should be prosecuted. And by extension, who should be caged and subsequently denied loans, job opportunities and housing. They may also have a different vision of what a defendant and victim ought to look like. In Judge Sinnott’s case, our state supreme court overruled his actions.

A grassroots coalition elected Rollins to do the job that she is now doing. That includes throwing out petty charges and rethinking criminal punishment. Whatever police officers or Judge Sinnott may prefer, that is the vision that Bostonians chose. The NLG will continue to provide legal support to community activist seeking to expand upon these reforms.

## Lawyer Directory

*by Roberto Patterson, Coordinator*

When the NLG-Mass Chapter resolved itself to part ways with one of its long running and deeply impactful programs, the Lawyer Referral Service, it did so with a heavy heart and understanding that empty shoes would not be easily filled. However, meeting difficult challenges head-on is a path that the NLG has always taken. So, in an effort to replace the LRS, the chapter devised a new online platform known as the Lawyer Directory ([nlgmass.org/lawyer-referral-directory/](http://nlgmass.org/lawyer-referral-directory/)).

The LD functions as a way for potential clients to seek out NLG lawyers online at a time convenient to them and identify a strong fit. It features full lawyer profiles organized by case type and it easily navigated. In removing the necessity of a Chapter coordinator standing between client and lawyer, we are driving towards two goals: expediting the process and giving potential clients a sense of empowerment. That being said, there is still phone support provided to clients who do not have access to the internet.

As the Chapter was designing this program, we looked back at what made the referral service great and what were possible areas of improvement. One such improvement was the elimination of follow-up paperwork and reporting that the LRS had required. With the LD, members fill out a form, pay the annual fee of \$100, and their information is put on the website. It’s quick, easy and functional.

The Lawyer Directory is still a young program and it needs the help of our Chapter’s lawyers to continue to grow and to better serve the communities and people who we have and continue to advocate for. So, if you’re interested in joining the Directory, you can do so on our website: <http://nlgmass.org> or you can email us at: [nlgmass@igc.org](mailto:nlgmass@igc.org).



# NLG Convention in Durham

by *Rebecca Amdemariam*

Being in the South for this year's NLG #Law4thePeople Convention was a fitting reflection point on how the NLG's involvement in the Civil Rights Movement of the 60s still resonates with members and supporters alike. However, it was clear from the Convention's beginning that the NLG, nationally and regionally, is in a different landscape from that 60s era radical lawyering. With openly fascist attacks against our communities and myriad oppressive policies sanctioned by the federal government, the NLG is working to establish sure footing as a space for radical attorneys and legal workers fighting for what they believe in.

Ash-Lee Woodard Henderson's Keynote Address from the Highlander Center was refreshing. It re-centered the Highlander's Movement work in the South through open dialogue with attendees about our vision of utopia; not just a world without cops or prisons, but a meditation on what would exist in the world we are fighting toward. This is a fundamental mapping that NLG members could build on. It was a call to action: for attorneys to listen to the people on the ground who are on the front lines. So, I ask myself, what can I commit to? What can I offer? Or how can I sup-

port communities in need? Ash-Lee encouraged personal commitments and action plans and offered to have them emailed to her.

The opening night set the tone for the rest of the convention. I gained so much love and insight from the hallway conversations and from people connections I made while waiting for an event to start or after its end. It was in the brief but heartfelt meetings and conversations that NLG members were eager to exchange ideas about their work and activism. It is in those moments that NLG members had the privilege of sharing a brief experience, a goal, a plan to meet again, or connect and learn how vastly different radical lawyering and movement work looks from place to place. This wealth of experience and dedication was honored in the award ceremonies.

Our own **Judy Somberg** received the Debra Evenson "Venceremos" Award for her tireless work for the NLG International Committee. Contratulations, Judy! **The MacArthur Justice Center and Louisiana Office** received the Law for the People Award; **Azadeh Shahshahani** received the Ernie Goodman Award; **Leoyla Cowboy** received the

Legal Worker Award; **Michael Podgurski** received the C.B. King Award. All have shown relentless dedication to community work. But we cannot stop there.

#Law4thePeople must strive to include more community organizers and movement comrades. Connecting to people on the ground is absolutely critical for the NLG to heed calls to action effectively and authentically. Next year I hope to see more folks from the radical south, indigenous communities and black liberation spaces. They need to be consciously invited and made at home in the NLG. We need to make our utopian vision come to life in our space. The value in people centered work has the power to revolutionize how we commit to the work. As Leoyla Cowboy said, "...we have to take care of each other and we have to love each other". Providing a space, whether it is through our yearly convention or being an active chapter in a region of the country where there are no other leftist lawyers, allows us to take care of our comrades and show love and respect to each other's work and community.

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*Rebecca Amdemariam is an attorney at CPCS in Boston and serves on the Chapter's Board.*

# NLG Law Student Chapters Report on 2019

## BOSTON COLLEGE

*by Rebecca Langsam*

NLG Chapter at BC had an exciting semester. We hosted a Legal Observer training with Chris Williams that got our students engaged in talking about the right to protest and the role of Legal Observers. In November, we hosted Rep. Mike Connolly, an activist legislator, and talked about his support for the upcoming amendment to restore the right to vote to incarcerated individuals. We also focused on strengthening the coalition of progressive advocates on our campus. We are excited to have our 1L's lead events next semester and lend our support to progressive causes.

## BOSTON UNIVERSITY

*by Tristan Worthington*

We kicked off the semester with a Disorientation panel featuring young lawyers discussing their experiences surviving the toxic law school environment. NLG attorneys Coco Holbrook and Mario Paredes, and E.P.A. attorney Sasha Aleksandra George, spoke to our students about coping strategies for burnout and how to connect with community. We also organized an informal public interest happy hour at a local bar with other student organizations, including the Women of Color Caucus and the Immigration Law & Policy Society.

In November, we welcomed Rebecca Amdemariam and Lee Goldstein to lead a Legal Observer training for our students. We also hosted an event titled "Using Law as a Path Towards Freedom: The Palestinian Fight for Full and Equal Rights" with Diana Buttu, a Canadian-Palestinian lawyer who previously served as a negotiator for the PLO.

## HARVARD

*by Anna Nathanson*

The HLS NLG student chapter has gotten off to a busy start this year. Most of our current projects advocate and organize for abolition:

- We campaigned for including abolition in the law school curriculum.
  - We coordinated signature gathering for the Mass POWER ballot initiative to return the right to vote to incarcerated people.
  - We supported the efforts of the Harvard Prison Divestment Campaign.
  - We worked on launching of a national "Law Students Against ICE" campaign to demand that Westlaw and Lexis end their contracts with ICE.
- We also hosted a Legal Observer training and co-organized "Lessons from the Trauma Center Campaign," a talk by the Black women activists who led the victorious campaign that forced the University of Chicago to open an adult trauma center. Next year we plan events on sex work, solitary confinement in ICE detention centers, and more.

## NORTHEASTERN

*by MaryGrace Menner*

Our student chapter is active and engaged with issues both on and off-campus, bringing attention to leftist causes across Boston. We hosted NLG trainings, including Legal Observer, Know Your Rights, Stop & Search, and Direct Action. We partnered with many organizations doing amazing work, such as Black & Pink, Mass Bail Fund, NU for the Common Good, Students for Justice in Palestine. We sent a cohort of folks to both RebLaw at Yale and the Cover Retreat in New Hampshire. We were involved with labor activism; our members actively organized with the Graduate Employees of N.U. (GENU-UAW) and the Non-Tenure Track Faculty Union. Our 1L class organized an annual series of Critical Legal Theory lectures, with law professors who present each doctrinal 1L course with a critical theory lens.

We actively opposed changes to the N.U. co-op program, which would reduce the number of co-ops. We hosted speakers - Flint Taylor; Nicole Ramos of Al Otro Lado; Scott Sanders; the Coalition of Immokalee Workers; Diversidad sin Fronteras; NLG Jeff Feuer; and Sa'ed Atshan.

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## NLG-Mass Chapter Sustainers

In the spring of 2003, the Massachusetts Chapter of the NLG initiated the Chapter Sustainer Program. Since its inception, the Program has been very successful and has been enthusiastically joined by the following NLG members & friends:

**Anonymous • Patricia Cantor & Jeff Petrucelly • J.W. Carney • Howard Cooper • Melinda Drew & Jeff Feuer • Roger Geller & Marjorie Suisman • Lee Goldstein & Mark Stern • Benjie Hiller • Andrei Joseph & Bonnie Tenneriello • Martin Kantrovitz • Nancy Kelly & John Willshire-Carrera • David Kelston • John Mannheim • Jonthan Messinger • Hank Phillippi Ryan & Jonathan Shapiro • Allan Rodgers • Martin Rosenthal • Anne Sills & Howard Silverman • Judy Somberg**

The Sustainer Program is one of the most important Chapter initiatives to secure its future existence. Please consider joining the Program.

NLG-Mass Chapter Sustainers are NLG members and friends who make a commitment to support the NLG Massachusetts Chapter with an annual contribution of \$500 or more (not including the NLG membership dues).

### The NLG Sustainers receive:

- special listing in the Dinner Program;
- 1/8 page ad in the Dinner Program;
- acknowledgement in *Mass Dissent*;
- two (2) free raffle tickets for a Holiday Party raffle;
- invitation to special events.

### There are three ways to become a sustainer:

- contribute \$500 or more a year (in addition to dues)
- pair up with another person and pay \$250 each, or
- join the "Guild Circle" and pay \$50/month or more.

If you are interested in learning more about the NLG-Mass Chapter Sustainer Program or if you would like to become a Sustainer, please contact our office at

617-227-7335 or [nlgmass-director@igc.org](mailto:nlgmass-director@igc.org).

## NLG Law Student Chapters Report on 2019

In 2019, we hosted NLG's Law for the People lecture on labor law. In 2020, our topic will be reparations, and our facilitator will be Professor Margaret Burnham.

### UMASS DARTMOUTH

*by Deb Wilmer*

Our student chapter got off to a great start this year. In October we sold candy - tied around with a paper with the NLG logo and motto - to raise funds for our students who plan to attend the Cover retreat in 2020. This was followed with a Legal Observer training, led by NLG attorney Ben Evans and attended by our student and one faculty member. We were thrilled to have long-time immigration attorneys and NLG members Nancy Kelly and John Willshire-Carrera come down from Boston to do a talk on immigration law, joined by our very own faculty sponsor and

NLG member, Prof. Hillary Farber. One student said it was the best event at UMass that he had been to yet.

In November, we hosted NLG Mass Defense Committee Co-Coordinator Makis Antzoulatos who contacted a Know Your Rights training for UMass Dartmouth students and local activists. We also had our members meet in the library to make buttons with progressive slogans for our next fundraiser and to educate and agitate just a little.

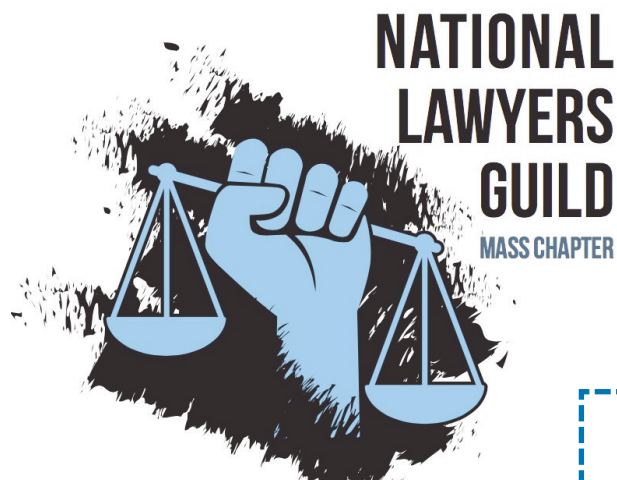
Not content to rest on our laurels, our student chapter has also sent a letter of support for a local community member applying for bond after being detained by ICE on a mistaken identity, signed onto a letter of support for an activist facing trial for a direct action against ICE and the local sheriff, and created a social media presence for the group.

We will let you know what developments next semester brings.

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