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Activism in the Age of COVID-19 and 2020 Rebellion

This issue of *Mass Dissent* started with the theme of activist work on economic issues in the time of COVID-19,

but with the murders of George Floyd, and Breonna Taylor, and Ahmaud Arbery, and so many others, our Chapter's work has shifted dramatically to supporting activists in the streets and to doing what the NLG always does: serving as the movement's lawyers and fighting racism.

Our first three articles in this issue, all written before George Floyd's murder, are a microcosm of what activists can and must do in the hardest of hard times, even when it can be dangerous to leave our homes. **Eva Goldstein** writes about the emerging Rent Strike 2020, fighting successfully to keep people in their homes. **Lily Huang** and **Ashley Tarbet DeStefano** write about Massachusetts Jobs With

Justice's work as unemployment skyrocketed in Massachusetts from under 3% before and to over 15% during the pandemic, and its mutual aid work to help provide food, hot meals, cash, and transportation support statewide to those hit hardest by the greatest economic turndown since the Great Depression. **Geoff Carens** writes of efforts at Harvard University by unions and student groups to protect workers from layoffs and other adverse actions. The actions of activists – and thousands of citizens who had probably never considered themselves activists – during the height (perhaps we should say initial height) of the COVID-19 crisis helped create some of the conditions for the inspiring activism we are seeing now.

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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.

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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.

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GUILD CALENDAR

NLG APRIL HAPPY HOUR

At our April Zoom Happy Hour, Northeastern Law students **Chase Childress**, **Christine Farolan**, and recent grad **Alex Stein** discussed their recently published report on “Campus Police”. The report takes an in-depth look at how campus police operate and what role and authority they have.

Using Northeastern as a case study, they found, among other problems, that the campus police were operating with a broad mandate from the University, seemingly beyond that afforded by statute, but yet protected from public scrutiny as they are not subject to public records disclosure obligations.



NLG ANNUAL DINNER

The 2020 NLG Testimonial Dinner Awardees are:

Lawyer Award - **Andrew Fischer** (Jason & Fischer) & **Bonnie Tenneriello** (Prisoners’ Legal Services).

Legal Worker Award - **Cosecha Movement**.

Student Award - **Anna Nathanson** (Harvard) & **Debra Wilmer** (UMass Dartmouth).

“Contemptuous Courage” Award - **Susan Church**.

Because of the Coronavirus pandemic, the Dinner will be conducted *via Zoom*. Unusual times call for unusual measures! Ticket buyers will still be provided with tasty dinner prepared by Taste de Tropiks and delivered to their home. Please buy a greeting/ad in the Dinner Journal to support the honorees & NLG!

NLG ANNUAL DINNER
Friday, October 23, 2020
6:00 pm - 9:30 pm

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 the month** (except July and August), from **6:00 to 8:00 pm**, at the NLG Office (41 West St., Suite 700, Boston) **after the pandemic**. Please notify the office if you plan to attend.

ARTICLES FOR MASS DISSENT

The September issue of *Mass Dissent* will discuss the **Supreme Court**.

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.

The deadline for articles is AUGUST 10.

GUILD NEWS

Activism in the Age of COVID-19 and Rebellion

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With the pandemic threatening, people came together all over the country in mutual aid of each other, supporting the most vulnerable among us and celebrating some of bravest, the health care workers. There was a wedding of political activism and traditional charity reminiscent of the Black Panther Party's free breakfast program, as a recent article in *The New Yorker* pointed out. And there was also political education, as we learned who the real essential workers are, and saw that they are both essential and among the lowest paid. The pandemic also showed us one of the most dramatic presentations of racism anyone can imagine, as Black Americans died at more than twice the rate of white people, the result of where they worked, what they were paid, what medical care they got, and every other ugly manifestation of racism.

The last article bridges the two time periods. **Noah Meister** begins his article writing about efforts to focus attention on the COVID-19 danger in our prisons and jails, and ends writing about the demonstrations that started after George Floyd's murder.

One thing that ties both together is our chapter's involvement. We were involved in the "car demonstrations" at prisons, and in all the other work to try to protect prisoners from Covid-19, and we have been deeply involved in everything that has happened since George Floyd's death. Our Legal Observers are at every, or almost every demonstration, observing and documenting what is happening. We are training (*via Zoom*) more and more Legal Observers, including lawyers from big firms sickened by what they have seen on television and ready to do duty at jail and related work. Melidan Drew and Jeff Feuer conduct weekly trainings in Legal Observing and Direct Action which are coordinated by law students from Northeastern, Western New England and Harvard law schools. Our Mass Defense Committee handles arraignments for the great majority of arrested protestors, and the Harvard NLG student chapter coordinates our HotLine. We are keeping track of every arrest, every arraignment, and all follow up. We are working with the Mass Bail Fund which posts bail for all protestors arrested for whom bail is

ordered, and we secure lawyers for protestors whose charges go forward.

And we are watching the police. Things have changed. Under the new, Trump-like Police Commissioner, we now see, in plain view in front of cameras - shields and batons, rubber bullets (the BPD stopped using those 15 years ago when an Emerson student was killed), and pepper spray, and tear gas, and badges hidden, and police brutality and violence. And it seems not surprising, but of course disturbing, that this police violence escalates as the number of Black and Brown protestors increases. But with this bad comes the good, and the good is a level of activism that we haven't seen since the height of the resistance to the war in Vietnam. The demonstrations, commitment, and comradery are exhilarating. Since May, almost 70 new members have joined our NLG Mass Chapter, and we are committed to doing what we have always done - being the Movement's and People's lawyers and legal workers!

- David Kelston &
Urszula Masny-Latos -

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

Mass Defense Report

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

May 27: *Legal Observing* at a car protest in Roxbury, organized Families for Justice as Healing, by **Rebecca Amdemariam, Makis Antzoulatos, Geoff Carens, Lisa Gordon, Elizabeth Martin, Julia Poirier, Deb Wilmer.**

May 28: *Legal Observing* at a protest organized by Black Lives Matter against police brutality in Boston, by **Benjamin Evans, Noah Meister, Deb Wilmer.**

May 29: *Legal Observing* at a protest against police brutality in Boston, by **Noah Meister, Marina Multhaup, and Deb Wilmer.**

May 30: *Legal Observing* at a protest against police brutality in Lowell, by **Daniel McLaughlin & Connie Mortara.**

May 31: *Legal Observing* at an action in Tewksburg organized by the Mass Advocating For Change for better conditions at mental hospitals, by **Connie Mortara.** • *Legal Observing* at a protest against police brutality, organized by Black Lives Matter in Boston, by **Makis Antzoulatos, Stef Grindle, Drew Heckman, Hillary Nikyema, Josh Raisler Cohn, Anna Sherman-Weiss, Randa May Wahbe, Carl Williams, Chris Williams, Deb Wilmer, and Alexis Yeboah.**

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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/).



Rent Strike

by *Eva Goldstein*

I'm a renter in Brookline, and I'm part of the emerging **Rent Strike 2020 movement**. The national movement began when Joshua Collins, a 26 year-old truck driver in Washington State and independent socialist candidate for Congress, created a petition that has gathered over 3 million signatures, raised the rent strike banner, and called on government to cancel rent, mortgage and utility payments for the duration of the pandemic. The primary goal of Rent Strike 2020 is to build a movement to keep people in their homes and protected from rental debt by agitating for a full cancelation of rent. Eviction moratoriums are not enough, and will only lead to mass evictions as they are lifted in many states. Millions are unable to pay full rent, and this nonpayment is strongest when it's politicized and collective. This is why Rent Strike 2020 calls for renters, especially those unable to pay, to organize with their fellow tenants to mount rent reduction and cancellation campaigns in their buildings and under their landlords.

Locally, a team of rent strike activists have built the Boston #RentStrike 2020 facebook group to over 2,000 members. This group is an active organiz-

ing tool for renters to connect with each other, share news about the housing justice struggle under the pandemic, provide concrete organizing steps, and plan larger actions, such as an upcoming social distance protest outside the office of one of the cities most notorious slumlords. We've connected with tenants who are organizing in their buildings and delivering demand letters to landlords. These demands include rent reductions, addressing health threatening building conditions, free laundry and more! Some of these newly formed tenants associations are using strike tactics in order to force management to respond to their demands and to complete building maintenance.

I've been organizing in my building, where we're currently in collective negotiations with our landlord about rent reductions and rent forgiveness. This process required talking to my neighbors, learning that many of us were out of work, unable to keep up with rent payments, and willing to take part in collective action. Our landlord agreed on an individual basis to rent reductions up to 50% for individuals who have lost income due to the pandemic. Even though these reductions were granted on an individual

basis, and represent the landlord's use of a "divide and conquer" tactic, we have been able to maintain communication with each other about exactly what he told different tenants. From there, we've been writing letters signed as a tenants council that demand continued access to reductions as more of us lose work, as well as full rent forgiveness for those who've won reductions. Our landlord is now asking for a burdensome amount of personal financial information in exchange for the reductions, including our "full assets." Landlords believe they are entitled to every cent we own, and are confident that armed with the right information, they will get their bailout. The reductions only on an individual basis, and the burden of providing so much information underscore why it's necessary to demand building wide rent reductions and cancellation, as relief shouldn't be reserved only for individuals who can prove unemployment/financial hardship in ways that are suitable to the capitalist class.

In sum, though organizing in my building is a start, and has materially benefited tenants, we need a movement of renters taking up the serious work of getting organized in order to affect real change!

Jobs With Justice Has Our Backs

by Lily Huang & Ashley Tarbet DeStefano

Now more than two months into the statewide shutdown as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the unemployment rate in Massachusetts, according to the state's Department of Unemployment Assistance, is above 15%. This is up from less than 3% in each of the previous 12 months. While this number is on par with national unemployment, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, neither includes the millions of undocumented workers or others that do not qualify for unemployment benefits. State unemployment offices are back-logged reviewing unemployment claims for eligible workers, and an estimated 11 million undocumented people have been written out of the economic stimulus bill that, according to the U.S. Department of the Treasury, is intended to protect the American people from economic impacts of COVID-19. In Massachusetts, low-wage and undocumented workers are facing the impossible decision to return to work to earn a paycheck as businesses re-open and risk catching the virus, or to stay home to keep their families safe, take care of their children, and risk hunger or eviction. Many of these workers are deemed essential to keep the economy moving and

our communities fed, but they recognize the hypocrisy that the Governor's Re-Opening Advisory committee does not have a single worker or union leader at the table, only corporate executives.

In Massachusetts, the answer to this question is the grassroots coalition Mass Jobs With Justice. Massachusetts JWJ quickly mobilized our network of trusted workers centers, immigrant organizations, labor unions, faith groups, and student advocacy groups, as well as neighborhood organizers and activists to address the immediate material needs generated by the COVID pandemic and the state's stay-at-home order. We are coordinating local mutual aid efforts statewide to provide material relief in the form of food, hot meals, diapers and baby formula, cash assistance, and transportation support through neighbor-to-neighbor resource redistribution.

One major aspect of this effort is MassUndocuFund. Founded in March 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, the Fund provides direct financial assistance to undocumented families and communities affected by the pandemic who do not otherwise qualify for

government relief to recover and rebuild. Undocumented workers face barriers to access mainstream aid organizations and nonprofits who lack translation, outreach, and relationships with immigrant communities, or who actively prevent undocumented community members from applying. Our trusted network that collaborated to create MassUndocuFund has close ties to immigrant communities across the state and are working to identify individuals and families to receive resources without fear of having their information shared with immigration enforcement. In its first six weeks, MassUndocuFund raised over \$500,000 and provided financial assistance to over 400 individuals and families. This is important work, however, it will not be enough to meet everyone's needs.

The current crisis has uncovered on a large scale truths that many working-class people have long understood: that the government does not meet the basic needs of workers at this time of crisis or any time, and that corporations do not take responsibility for the safety of their working conditions and fairness of their wages. These problems are not a result of the crisis but are exacerbated by it.

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Fights for Workers at Harvard

by *Geoff Carens*

This year, on May 1st, International Workers' Day, members of four Harvard unions and two student groups besieged university administrators with incessant phone calls and email messages demanding extra sick time for all workers who need it, proper personal protective equipment for all essential staff, no layoffs and no furloughs, and a fair contract for Harvard's graduate students, among other demands. Members of SEIU Local 32BJ, UNITE HERE Local 26, HGSU-UAW, and the Harvard Union of Clerical and Technical Workers/AFSCME Local 3650 joined with Harvard's undergraduate Student Labor Action Movement (SLAM) and the Law School's Labor and Employment Action Project (LEAP) in the day-

long protest. Organizers included NLG members who are also active in the **Harvard No Layoffs Campaign**, a decades-old initiative by rank & file union members to resist Harvard's periodic efforts to slash employment. The NLG also provided Legal Observers to actions organized by the coalition.

This was the third such protest to jam Harvard administrators' phone lines and flood their email inboxes since COVID-19 and Harvard's typically selfish and heartless response (which included pushing students hastily off campus with no provision for low-income students, and barring unhoused individuals from the Smith Campus Center, along with layoffs, forcing workers to report sick, and denying vul-

nerable workers PPE). Just four days after the May Day protest, Harvard agreed to pay many campus workers through June, but large numbers of more contingent jobs have already been lost, and the world's richest university continues to threaten those who remain with layoffs and furloughs.

At least two union contracts still need to be settled. It promises to be a long hot summer of protest in Cambridge, where the Harvard No Layoffs Campaign plans its next action in June.

Geoff Carens is the Union Rep. for Harvard Union of Clerical & Technical Workers, AFSCME Local 3650.

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Meeting the immediate needs of our communities is important right now for our survival but does not change the underlying conditions that created these needs.

While we take care of one another, we must ensure we are

also building power and organizing for long-term mobilization to transform these conditions. We do not just want to survive the current oppressive circumstances—we, as workers, deserve to thrive in a world where every worker is indispensable and basic needs,

respect, and dignity are met.

Lily Huang is a Co-Director of Massachusetts Jobs with Justice, and Ashley Tarbet DeStefano is a scholar-activist and MA JWWJ volunteer.

NLG Mass Defense Committee in Action

by Noah Meister

The COVID-19 crisis has created a Catch-22 for activists and organizers: the more dangerous the virus makes in-person actions, the more necessary they become. As a result of the pandemic, one of the first big concerns I noticed amongst activists in Massachusetts was a concern for people imprisoned or detained by the police,

COVID-19 infection rate amongst its entirely female population. Organizers, such as those at Families for Justice as Healing, have banded together to consistently put pressure on the prison staff and make sure they and those they are imprisoning know they are seen and remembered. The action I observed here was entirely

to the run-of-the-mill prison abuse, Sheriff Thomas Hodgson oversees the unjust detention of I.C.E. detainees. On May 1, 2020, immigrants were gassed with pepper spray inside the facility, leading to three hospitalizations. One of the detainees involved reported that the confrontation started when Hodgson assaulted him. In a campaign to raise awareness about the abuse and to petition for these people's freedom, organizers put together another car-based action, slowing traffic in front of the facility and making noise to let Bristol County House of Corrections know that the world is watching. An online campaign has also started, requesting elected officials in Massachusetts visit the prison and investigate the conditions inside.



NLG Legal Observer Marina Multhaupt (in *the back*) observing an arrest of an anti-police brutality protester on May 29, 2020. (Photo courtesy of Keiko Hiromi)

and the lack of safe and sanitary conditions within government detention facilities.

One of these actions was at Mass Correctional Institute – Framingham. As of mid-May, MCI – Framingham had a 42%

peaceful, with participants circling around the complex in their vehicles, honking horns.

Another car-based protest took place outside the notorious Bristol County House of Corrections where, in addition

While car-based protests certainly have their drawbacks, they do give activists certain advantages. These events become more accessible, with people of all ages and families being able to come out. I also heard organizers mentioning that they felt less worried about police interactions with these kinds of actions.

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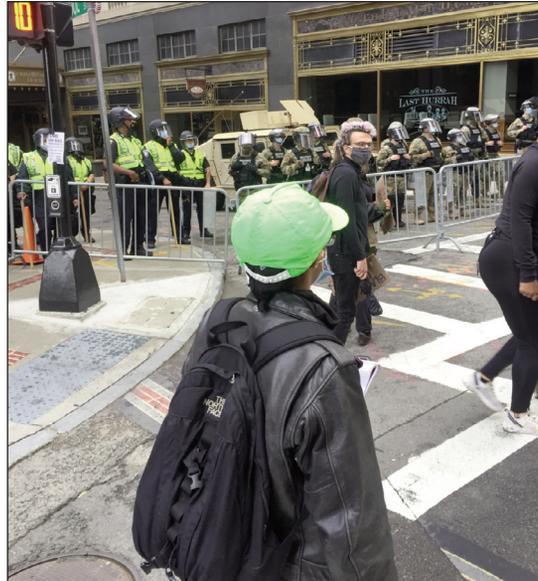
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Nothing could have made driving this later point home harder for me than the protests that began in Minnesota following the murder of George Floyd. On May 29, I legal observed an action organized by Mass Action Against Police Brutality. It was a testament to the deep-rooted need for this kind of direct action that people showed up in massive numbers in the midst of the current health crisis. My experiences observing that night highlighted the need for this action. Police I saw that night were unsympathetic and antagonistic, and compromised the health and safety of citizens.

The most heartening feature of all of these actions is the way people are coming together. I saw protestors fixing a stranger's car, cleaning pepper spray from young people's eyes and comforting hurt, traumatized people who need to be heard.

As the fight for freedom and equality continues, please continue to support activists who put themselves at risk to speak truth to power.



Rebecca Amdemariam Legal Observing at an anti-police brutality rally on June 7 in Boston, facing police, soldiers and tanks. (Photo by Urszula Masny-Latos)

Noah is a 3rd year law student at Western New England School of Law and a member of the NLG Litigation Committee.

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June 2: *Legal Observing* at anti-police brutality rally in Franklin Park in Boston, by **Laura Alfring, Rebecca Amdemariam, Rebecca Chapman, Sara Duncan, Urszula Masny-Latos, Noah Meister, Ellen Messing, Hillary Nikyema, Sofia Owen, Julie Page, Asya Rosental, Eliza Walker, and Deb Wilmer.**

June 3-30: *Direct Action* weekly (Tuesdays) Zoom training series coordinated by Northeastern and Harvard law

students (with more than 120 participants), by **Jeff Feuer.**

June 4-July 2: *Legal Observer* Zoom trainings (two with over 100 attendees each!) coordinated by Northeastern and Western New England law students, by **Melinda Drew.**

June 5: *Legal Observing* at anti-police brutality rally in Nubian Sq., Boston, by **Rebecca Amdemariam & Katie Sheldon.**
• *Legal Observing* at a protest in Peabody, by **Carl Williams.** •

Legal Observing at a protest in Lawrence, by **Stef Grindle & Josh Raisler Cohn.**

June 6: *Legal Observing* at anti-police brutality rally in Greenfield, by **Julie Page.** •
Legal Observing at a protest at UMass Boston, by **Elliot Bartel & Julia Poitier.**

June 7: *Legal Observing* at anti-police brutality rally in New Bedford, by **Margaret Henry.**
• *Legal Observing* at a police

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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:

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- invitation to special events.

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- 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.

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brutality march in Boston, by **Rebecca Amdemariam, Hannah Deegan, Drew Heckman, Emily Law, Urszula Masny-Latos, Hillary Nikyema, Ben Pitta, Katie Sheldon, Eliza Walker, and Deb Wilmer.**

June 10: *Legal Observing* at an BLM anti-police brutality protest in Boston, by **Sarah Duncan, Jennie Halperin, Elizabeth Martin, Urszula Masny-Latos, Haley Pleskow, Josh Raisler Cohn, Jason Tauches, Michael Waalkes, Deb Wilmer, and Judith Young.**

June 13: *Legal Observing* at

"Say Her Name" Solidarity March in Worcester, by **Kevin Forbes, Noah Meister, Connie Mortara, Annika Skansberg, Melissa Tobin, and Judith Young.** • *Legal Observing* for trans people of color in Franklin Park, Boston, by **Makis Antzoulatos, Abigail Armstrong, Lucinda Gulino, Ellen Messing, Patricia Peters, Ben Pitta, Eliza Walker.**

June 14: *Legal Observing* at a rally in solidarity with BLM in Turers Falls, by **Julie Page & Cate Woolner.** • *Legal Observing* for Black Student Union at Eastern Nazarene College in Quincy, by **Liz Rover**

Bailey, Emily McCorry, Andrew Patterson, Lester Smiley, Joan Steffen, Melissa Tobin, and Deb Wilmer.

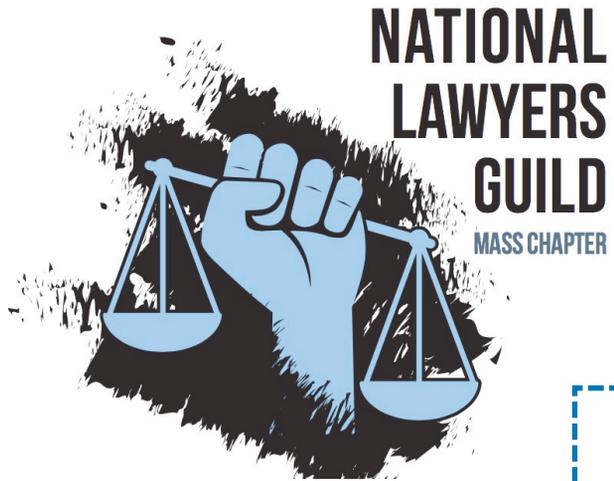
June 16: *Legal Observing* at Mass Action Against Police Brutality in Boston, by **Tess Berkowitz, Adam Gould, Andrew Patterson, Melissa Tobin, Josh Williams, and Deb Wilmer.**

June 17: *Legal Observing* at a counter protest to police support rally, by **Makis Antzoulatos, Tess Berkowitz, Olivia Dubois, Noah Meister, Evelyn O'Regan, Ben Pitta, Katie Sheldon, and Nora Wells.**

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