

# Who We Are

The conference is organized by the National Lawyers Guild - University of WI Law School Chapter.

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## The National Lawyers Guild [www.nlg.org](http://www.nlg.org)

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The National Lawyers Guild is an association made up of chapters and committees working locally, nationally and internationally. We are dedicated to the need for basic change in the structure of our political and economic system. The Guild unites lawyers, law students, and legal workers as an effective political and social force in the service of the people. Our aims:

- To eliminate racism;
- To safeguard and strengthen the rights of workers, women, farmers and minority groups, upon whom the welfare of the entire nation depends;
- To maintain and protect our civil rights and liberties in the face of persistent attacks upon them;
- To use the law as an instrument for the protection of the people, rather than for their repression.

*“...to the end that human rights shall be regarded as more sacred than property interests.”*

# Details

## Networking & Information Sharing

We will have space for organizations and activists to share information and materials. Please feel free to bring materials to share. If you will have any questions, contact Shelley Fite at [smfite@wisc.edu](mailto:smfite@wisc.edu).

## Places to Stay

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**Hostel:** Madison Hostel, 141 S. Butler St., (608) 441-0144. Dorm bed \$17, Private Room \$41.

**Home Stay:** Stay with a local NLG member! Please e-mail [cmckenzie@wisc.edu](mailto:cmckenzie@wisc.edu) by Feb. 20 to arrange a stay.

**Hotels:** In addition to those listed below, there are many less expensive hotels located outside of downtown.  
*Concourse Hotel*, 1 W. Dayton, (608) 257-6000, Double Room \$129. A unionized hotel on the capitol.  
*University Inn*, 441 N. Frances St., (800) 279-4881. Call for rates. Very close to campus on State Street.

## Getting There

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The conference is located at the Univ. of WI Law School. 975 Bascom Mall, Madison, WI.

**Travel Info:** [www.visit.wisc.edu/index.html?get=directions](http://www.visit.wisc.edu/index.html?get=directions)

**Directions:** [www.law.wisc.edu/prospective/directions.htm](http://www.law.wisc.edu/prospective/directions.htm)

**Union Cab:** (608) 242-2000 [www.unioncab.com](http://www.unioncab.com)

**Bus:** (608) 266-4466 (TTY: 267-1143) [www.ci.madison.wi.us/metro/](http://www.ci.madison.wi.us/metro/)  
From Chicago to our campus: [www.vangalderbus.com](http://www.vangalderbus.com)

**Parking:** There is only metered parking near the law school. There is a parking ramp on Lake Street (between University & State).

## Disability Accommodations

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The conference site is wheelchair accessible. In order to assure appropriate accommodations, please contact us. If you need some other accommodation (e.g. sign interpreter, large print, alternative format, special diet), contact Annie Smith at [anniesmith@wisc.edu](mailto:anniesmith@wisc.edu).

## Contact Us

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For further information, e-mail [anniesmith@wisc.edu](mailto:anniesmith@wisc.edu)  
If you do not have e-mail access, call (608) 255-2114.

**For online conference information, see:  
[www.nlg.org/chapters/mwconference.htm](http://www.nlg.org/chapters/mwconference.htm)**

# The National Lawyers Guild Midwest Regional Conference



# FORWARD!

## Strategies for Social and Legal Change

## March 4-6, 2005

## University of Wisconsin School of Law

# Conference Agenda

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# Registration

There are two simultaneous tracks:

## I. Personal Rights

- Effective Responses to the Security State
- Innovative Approaches to Prisoner Re-Entry
- Resistance to Military Service
- Responding to the Increased Detention of Immigrants
- Defending Equality in a Time of Backlash: Gay Rights Advocacy and the Marriage Debate

## II. Building Power

- Challenging Corporate Personhood, Realizing Democracy
- Lawyering and Community Organizing
- Rethinking Labor Law: Innovative Strategies for Building Labor's Power
- The New Movement for Election Reform

## Friday, March 4

7:00pm - 10:00pm Film Screening: *The Take*  
Conversation with the filmmakers  
(Not yet confirmed)

## Saturday, March 5

8:30 - 9:00am **Registration**

9:00-9:15am **Welcome**

9:30-10:45am **Resistance to Military Service**  
*Marian Neudel*, Chicago attorney with 43 years of experience in military law  
*Ray Parris*, Military Counselor, Vietnam Veterans Against the War; military brat and veteran  
*Jim Klimaski*, Attorney, National Lawyers Guild's Military Law Taskforce (invited)

### Challenging Corporate Personhood, Realizing Democracy

*David Cobb*, 2004 Presidential Nominee, Green Party of the United States  
*Kaitlin Sopoci Belknap*, Director, Democracy Unlimited of Humboldt County

11:00-12:15pm **Responding to the Increased Detention of Immigrants**  
*Michelle Garnett McKenzie*, Director, MN Advocates for Human Rights' Refugee & Immigrant Program  
*Malik Ndaula*, Activist & legal worker, National Immigration Project; former detainee & jailhouse lawyer  
*Aarti Shabani*, Organizer and Co-Director, Families for Freedom (invited)

### Defending Equality in a Time of Backlash: Gay Rights Advocacy and the Marriage Debate

*Jane Schacter*, Professor of Law, University of Wisconsin  
*Mark Pocan*, Wisconsin State Assemblyman (invited)  
*Chris Ott*, Action WI (invited)

### Rethinking Labor Law: Innovative Strategies for Building Labor's Power

*Polly Halfkenny*, General Counsel, United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers of America (UE) (invited)  
*NLG/Sugar Law Center for Economic & Social Justice* (panelist TBA)

12:30-1:45pm

**Keynote & Lunch**  
*Amy Goodman*,  
Host & Executive Producer of Democracy Now!

2:00-3:30pm

**Innovative Approaches to Prisoner Re-Entry**  
*Lauren Brown Perry*, Madison Urban Ministries  
Additional Speakers TBA

### Lawyering and Community Organizing

*John Bouman*, Director of Advocacy, Sargent Shriver National Center on Poverty Law  
*Andrew Hanson*, Staff Attorney, Midwest Environmental Advocates  
Community partner with Midwest Environmental Advocates (panelist TBA)  
*Matt Nelson*, Education for the People (invited)  
Moderator: *Juliet Brodie*

3:30-4:30pm

**"Why Wait?" Coffee Break: Recent law grads creating new avenues for social justice**  
Founders and Attorneys from Community Justice, Inc.  
*Victoria Selkove*, Staff Attorney & Skadden Fellow, Economic Justice Institute, Inc.  
*Juscha Robinson*, Attorney, Tenant Resource Center

4:45-6:00pm

**Effective Responses to the Security State**  
*Noel Saleh*, NLG Member and Former ACLU Attorney  
*Mohammed Abdrabbob*, Independent Attorney & Member, MI Civil Rights Commission  
*Kaitlin Sopoci Belknap*, Director, Democracy Unlimited of Humboldt County

### The New Movement for Election Reform

*Rob biko Baker*, Board Member, League of Pissed-Off Voters  
*David Cobb*, 2004 Presidential Nominee, Green Party of the United States  
*Mike McCabe*, Executive Director, Wisconsin Democracy Campaign  
*Stefania Sani*, Madison Share the Vote Campaign

7:00 -11:00 pm

**Dinner and Socializing at Café Montmartre**

## Sunday, March 6

10:00-1:00pm

**CLE: Ethics & Community Lawyering**  
*Juliet Brodie*, Director, Neighborhood Law Project, University of WI Law School  
*Victoria Selkove*, Staff Attorney & Skadden Fellow, Economic Justice Institute, Inc.

3 WI CLE Ethics Credits expected. We may apply for credits in additional states. Contact: jdmiller3@wisc.edu for details.

1:00-1:30pm

**Send-off**

Please help us to plan and pre-register by sending a check and the following information to:

*NLG, Univ. of WI,*  
*975 Bascom Mall, Madison, WI 53706*

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Bar No. \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

**Friday & Saturday Program:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Students, Legal Workers & Community Members \$10  
NLG Attorneys \$30  
Other Attorneys \$40

**Saturday Vegetarian Bag Lunch:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**\$5/person**  
Catacombs is a coffeehouse dedicated to supporting sustainable agriculture by purchasing organic goods from regional family farms. Your hearty lunch will consist of the most organic, local ingredients possible.  
[www.catacombscoffeehouse.com](http://www.catacombscoffeehouse.com)

**Saturday Dinner**  
**at lovely Café Montmartre:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**\$10/person**  
Café Montmartre is a locally-owned Wine Bar and Jazz Café located just off the capitol. They are preparing a delicious, affordable buffet dinner to support our conference.  
[www.themomo.com](http://www.themomo.com)

**Sunday CLE:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
NLG Attorneys \$45  
Other Attorneys \$60  
All Others \$5

**Donation to support the Conference** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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