



2025

# REBELLIOUS LAWYERING CONFERENCE

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*Celebrating 31 years of RebLaw  
February 28 - March 1, 2025  
Yale Law School*



# SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2025

**2:00pm - 2:45pm**

**Check-In** | SLB 122

**2:45pm - 3:00pm**

**Welcome & Opening Remarks** | Auditorium

**3:00pm - 4:00pm**

**Opening Panel**

- Building a Left Legal Movement | Auditorium

**4:15pm - 5:00pm**

**Workshops**

- Leftist Joy in Organizing | SLB 127
- Reflections on Our Resilience | Auditorium

**5:00pm - 7:00pm**

**Community Reception** | Ruttenberg Dining Hall



# SCHEDULE

SATURDAY, MARCH 1, 2025

**8:30am - 10:00am**

**Check-In & Light Breakfast** | SLB 122

**10:00am - 11:00am**

**Welcome & Opening Keynote:** Josie Duffy Rice | Auditorium

**11:15am - 12:15pm**

**Panel Block #1**

- Lawyering for the Solidarity Economy | Auditorium
- Transnational Labor and Migration | SLB 127

**12:30pm - 1:30pm**

**Lunch** | Ruttenberg Dining Hall

**1:45pm - 2:30pm**

**Workshops**

- How to Sue the Police | Auditorium
- In Living Color | SLB 127
- Movement Journalism | SLB 120

**2:45pm - 3:45pm**

**Panel Block #2**

- Anticolonial Movement Lawyering | Auditorium
- Carceral Health Care | SLB 127

**4:00pm - 5:00pm**

**Closing Keynote:** Rhiannon Hamam | Auditorium

**5:00pm - 7:00pm**

**Community Happy Hour** | Rudy's Bar

# LETTER FROM THE **DIRECTORS**

## **Dear RebLaw Community,**

Welcome! We are honored to be the co-directors of this year's Rebellious Lawyering Conference. For more than 30 years, RebLaw has served as a meeting place for a broad community of practitioners, students, and activists dedicated to challenging systemic oppression and breaking down hierarchies within legal practices, organizing, and academia.

The theme of RebLaw 2025 is Building a Left Legal Movement. This theme acknowledges the need for a cohesive, collaborative, and affirmative movement for a radically better world.

For decades, the conservative right has engaged in the systematic capture of the US judiciary, national and international legal institutions, and American legal education. The expansion of extremist conservative ideologies was not an accident. It is the result of an enduring, calculated strategy by legal and political actors to stifle social movements, entrench oppressive systems, and dismantle the very foundations of democracy. While conservative extremism has proliferated, the left has struggled to organize a coherent response. It is time for the left not only to react to the conservative legal movement but to build an enduring, comprehensive movement of our own.

This year's theme is a recognition of two fundamental truths. First, activists and advocates have been organizing to counteract the conservative legal takeover since its inception. Many have labored, largely unrecognized, for decades to preserve some of our most fundamental rights, and they have done so in the face of immense opposition. Second, progress is necessary—and more importantly, it is possible. Together, we are capable of envisioning and building a legal movement for radical progress. At RebLaw 2025, our hope is to spark conversations and build connections that foster positive action toward a powerful and principled legal left. Together, we will do the things that scare the conservative legal movement the most. We will come together. We will learn from one another. We will build a movement with energy, optimism, and kindness.

This conference is the product of the effort, diligence, and enthusiasm of dozens of dedicated community members. We deeply appreciate the support of our many co-sponsoring organizations, who make this conference possible both in practice and in spirit. Thank you to Rachelle Byron from the Office of Student Affairs, Nick Cifarelli and the facilities staff, the Yale A/V team, and all the other staff who have provided guidance and responded to our limitless stream of emails. We, of course, have to thank all of our speakers, panelists, and workshop leaders for their incredible contributions. We are thrilled to be here with you.

Finally, we are grateful to our conference planning committee. Thank you for your time, energy, and passion—RebLaw would not be possible without you.

We are delighted to welcome everyone to New Haven for RebLaw 2025. We hope that you each leave this year's conference feeling inspired and energized for the work ahead.

In love and solidarity,

## **The RebLaw 2025 Co-Directors**

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# ABOUT REBLAW

*Historically the largest student-run conference in the country, the Rebellious Lawyering Conference brings together practitioners, law students, and activists from around the country to discuss innovative, progressive approaches to law and social change. RebLaw is grounded in the spirit of Gerald López's Rebellious Lawyering, which seeks to build a community of practitioners and activists working in service of social change movements and challenging hierarchies of race, class, and gender.*

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## Code of Conduct

We hope that conference attendees who join us for the weekend will adhere to the following principles of inclusion and respect that draw in large part from the Civil Liberties and Public Policy Conference:

During the Q&A portion of panels and the participation portion of workshops, please be aware of your influence on other attendees and on your space. Please do not inhibit the ability of other attendees to participate in panels and workshops. Consider whether your comments leave enough time for others to speak, and whether you may cause others to feel attacked or isolated. Be aware of power dynamics such as race, gender, and class that have historically encouraged some to speak up and discouraged others from speaking, and please compensate for these power dynamics when participating in shared spaces.

Respect the facilities staff who work for the law school. They help make the conference run. Please acknowledge their work and assist them by being respectful of the space.

Please refrain from recording RebLaw speakers and attendees during the conference.

Please refrain from photographing attendees during the conference. Non-flash photography of speakers is permitted.

Please help us maintain clear walkways in all conference spaces and avoid blocking exits.

Workshop monitors may close the doors of a session once it is at capacity for safety and access reasons. Please respect our community safety and accessibility needs by not entering a session once it is full.

**You can read the full RebLaw Code of Conduct on our website ([reblaw.yale.edu](http://reblaw.yale.edu)).**

# KEYNOTE

# SPEAKERS



## Josie Duffy Rice

Opening Keynote

**Josie Duffy Rice** is a journalist, writer, law school graduate, and podcast host whose work is primarily focused on prosecutors, prisons, and other criminal justice issues.

She is the host of the podcasts *The Thirty Year Project*, *Corruption Uncovered*, and *Justice in America*. She also hosted, co-produced, and co-wrote the Peabody-nominated podcast *UnReformed: The Story of the Alabama Industrial School for Negro Children*. She was formerly the President of *The Appeal*, a news publication that publishes original journalism about the criminal justice system.



## Rhiannon Hamam

Closing Keynote

**Rhiannon Hamam** was born and raised in Dallas, Texas, and is a graduate of Southern Methodist University and the University of Texas School of Law. While at Texas Law, Rhiannon was a co-founder of GRITS, the student-run “Getting Radical in the South” conference. After graduating from law school, Rhiannon worked as a public defender with the Starr County Regional Public Defender based in Rio Grande City, Texas, on the border with Mexico. Later, she moved to Austin and worked as appointed criminal defense counsel in private practice, as a mitigation specialist for death-sentenced individuals in state habeas proceedings, and again as a public defender at the Travis County Public Defender’s Office.

Currently, Rhiannon is the Supervising Attorney in the Mithoff Pro Bono Program at Texas Law. She additionally participates in community organizing efforts to fight for Palestinian liberation. Rhiannon is a co-host of “5-4,” a podcast about how much the Supreme Court sucks.

# PANELS

## OPENING PANEL

### Building a Left Legal Movement

This panel, exploring ReLaw 2025's overall conference theme, will examine the relationship between lawyers and social movements, long-term movement strategy for the present moment, and what role law students can play. This panel brings together lawyers and legal scholars whose experiences with local organizing and creating social change span several fields, including immigration law, criminal justice, and worker empowerment.

#### Speakers

**Christine Cimini** is a Professor at the University of Washington School of Law. She currently directs the law school's Mediation Clinic and teaches Restorative Justice. Before joining UW, Professor Cimini served as a Professor of Law and Associate Dean of Research and Faculty Development at Vermont Law School from 2011-2016. Prior to joining Vermont Law School, she was an Associate Professor and Director of Clinical Programs at the University of Denver Sturm College of Law (DU) and was named the Ronald V. Yegge Clinic director in 2010. Professor Cimini's current research explores lawyers' impact on social change efforts. Her most recent article, [available here](#), applies the frameworks of "elite capture" and "deference politics" to the access-to-justice crisis.



**Kica Matos** is the president of the National Immigration Law Center (NILC) and the Immigrant Justice Fund (IJF). She is also a Distinguished Practitioner at Yale University's Brady Johnson Program in Grand Strategy. Kica joined NILC and IJF as executive vice president of programs and strategy in January 2023. She has extensive experience as an advocate, community organizer, and lawyer. Kica has also headed up the U.S. Reconciliation and Human Rights Program at Atlantic Philanthropies. Before joining Atlantic Philanthropies, she was deputy mayor in New Haven, overseeing community programs and launching new initiatives, including prisoner re-entry and youth and immigrant integration.

**Sejal Singh** (she/her) is a labor lawyer at James and Hoffman, where she represents labor unions and workers; the Board Chair of People's Parity Project Action; and a co-founder of the People's Parity Project. As an attorney and as an organizer, Sejal works to challenge the the billionaire class by building the labor movement and progressive legal power. Prior to her current role, Sejal was an attorney in the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of the Solicitor, where her worked focused on wage-and-hour enforcement and leveraging federal dollars to raise wages and build worker power. Her writing about unrigging the legal system has been widely published, including in New York Magazine, Slate, and the Nation.





# PANELS

## PANEL BLOCK #1

### Lawyering for the Solidarity Economy

The solidarity economy is an “ecosystem of practice” in land stewardship, housing, and work that aims to embody its five principles of: 1) solidarity, cooperation, and mutualism; 2) equity in all dimensions; 3) participatory democracy; 4) sustainability; and 5) pluralism. It recognizes the mass exploitation that occurs under capitalism and imagines a future that prioritizes people and the planet over profits. This panel will bring together lawyers and activists for a discussion on the role of transactional lawyers in supporting the solidarity economy and operationalizing values like collective ownership, democratic governance, and sustainability.

#### Speakers

**Moh Mookim** (they/them) is a land justice and wealth redistribution attorney at the Sustainable Economies Law Center. They are committed to abolition, landback, and anti-capitalist solidarity economies. Their work at the Law Center aims to liberate land from the speculative market by supporting collectives led by Black, Indigenous, and/or poor people. Moh also leads the Law Center's wealth redistribution work, helping donors opt out of extractive financial systems and commit to grassroots social movements. They have a B.A. and J.D. from Stanford University.



**CAM Morris** (self-named) (they/them) is a Black (African) radical non-binary, neuroexpansive agitator and community caregiver. CAM is a board member and tenant steward (acquired property to give back to the community) for Baldwin House Community Cooperative. They are studying prison abolition, disability justice, reproductive justice/birth work, The Black Radical Tradition, Black Ecology, Black Trans and Queer Liberation, Anarkata (pronounced: An-R-Kada, Yoruba term), Afropessimism, and democracy. They are kin to those struggling for power and freedom, sending invitations to curious people.

**Jacqueline Radebaugh** is a partner and shareholder at Jason Wiener, p.c., a legal and business consulting practice that works with mission-driven companies and non-profit organizations and is committed to building a regenerative and sustainable economy. With more than 15 years in the legal sector, Jacqueline has practiced law in Brazil, France, and in the United States. From representing under-represented and under-served groups, to partnering with funders and investors, Jacqueline collaborates with business developers and co-op incubators, and instigates conversations about shared equity ownership models, to support community development strategies that seek lasting, transformational benefits to local communities.





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## PANEL BLOCK #1

### Transnational Labor and Migration

The Transnational Labor and Migration Panel will bring together scholars and practitioners working at the intersection of labor rights and migration to examine how economic structures, legal frameworks, and political forces shape the experiences of migrant workers. Against the backdrop of an increasingly volatile administration and shifting political climate, we will explore challenges faced by migrant laborers and discuss strategies to advance support.

#### *Speakers*



**Sahiba Gill** (she/her) is Deputy Legal Director at Global Labor Justice, a strategy hub supporting transnational labor organizing. At GLJ, Sahiba provides legal support for labor organizing campaigns, representing unions of low-wage workers in the global South against governments and corporations in international complaints and negotiations. Her focus is on strategies to build worker power in the global economy and challenge carceral borders and racial capitalism.

**Chaumtoli Huq** is a leading expert on employment and labor law, migration and human rights with a focus on social movements in the US and South Asia. She is a Professor of Law at the CUNY School of Law and the founder/Editor of an innovative law and media non-profit, Law@theMargins. Her scholarship explores interrelated issues under the broad theme of Transnational Labor Law and Social Movements which includes how law and social movements interact to create emancipatory visions of global labor and human rights laws and builds worker power. Huq has devoted her professional career focusing on issues impacting workers in the US and South Asia.



**Julia Solórzano** is CDM's Director of Litigation. Prior to joining CDM, Julia was a Senior Staff Attorney at the Southern Poverty Law Center's Immigrant Justice Project, where she litigated cases regarding large-scale workplace immigration raids in Tennessee and Mississippi and the unionization rights of farmworkers in North Carolina. Julia received her B.A. from Princeton University and her J.D. from Yale Law School. After law school, Julia clerked for U.S. District Judge Keith P. Ellison of the Southern District of Texas and completed a Skadden Fellowship project focused on the health and safety rights of poultry processing workers.

# PANELS

## PANEL BLOCK #2

### Anticolonial Movement Building

The Anticolonial Movement Lawyering Panel will bring together experienced lawyers who have dedicated their careers to working alongside social movements and marginalized communities to dismantle systems of oppression and resist colonial power structures. This panel will examine the legacy of colonialism, modern-day resistance movements, and the importance of building solidarity across social movements. Panelists will explore the role of lawyers in decolonization efforts and the opportunities to support activists, grassroots organizers, and communities in their ongoing struggles for liberation.

#### *Speakers*

**Nadia Ben-Youssef** (she/her) is the granddaughter of artists, refugees, and revolutionaries. A human rights lawyer by training, Nadia currently serves as the Advocacy Director at the Center for Constitutional Rights. Her work often centers at the intersection of art and advocacy, and she curates exhibits and artistic programming that document key human rights concerns, celebrate social movements, and allow creatives the space to chart the future. Central to Nadia's lifework is a commitment to the liberation of Palestine, and she is a proud co-founder of the Adalah Justice Project. Together with her family, Nadia is currently documenting the life and vision of her grandfather Salah Ben Youssef, a Third World revolutionary and freedom fighter of Tunisia's independence movement.



**Radhika Sainath** is a senior staff attorney at Palestine Legal. She has advised hundreds of students, professors and activists on matters relating to free speech, censorship, anti-Palestinian discrimination, and academic freedom. She has litigated several cases involving the rights of Students for Justice in Palestine to organize on college campuses and filed what is believed to be the first complaint with the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights alleging a hostile anti-Palestinian environment in violation of Title VI. Prior to joining Palestine Legal, Radhika worked at Hadsell Stormer, one of Southern California's most prestigious civil rights firms. She is a former union organizer with UNITE (now UNITE HERE).

**Meena Jagannath** is a movement lawyer with an extensive background in activism and international human rights. She presently serves as Director of Global Programs at Movement Law Lab, where she coordinates the Global Network of Movement Lawyers, inspired by the idea that global crises require global solutions. She led the Network in multiple significant projects, including a multi-jurisdictional effort to achieve equitable access to COVID-19 healthcare products at the global level, as well as efforts to combat rising authoritarianism and genocide. She deeply believes in multidisciplinary and is passionate about forging bonds of solidarity across borders, languages, cultures and species.





# PANELS

## PANEL BLOCK #2

### Carceral Health Care

The Carceral Health Care Panel will bring together organizers, academics, and legal practitioners working at the intersection of health and incarceration. The panel will consider how the inherent violence of the carceral state impacts the health of incarcerated people with a particular emphasis on interactions with disability, madness, and race. We will discuss abolition as both a historical practice and a future imperative for the health of all people, while asking what actions we can take to strengthen the abolition movement and provide immediate assistance to individuals facing health harms while incarcerated. At the request of a panelist, we ask that all attendees wear a face mask during this panel. Masks will be provided.

#### *Speakers*

**Liat Ben Moshe** is an interdisciplinary scholar-activist working at the intersection of disability/madness, incarceration/decarceration and abolition. She is the author of *Decarcerating Disability: Deinstitutionalization and Prison Abolition* (2020) and co-editor (with Allison Carey and Chris Chapman) of *Disability Incarcerated: Imprisonment and Disability in the United States and Canada* (2014). Dr. Ben-Moshe is an Associate Professor of Criminology, Law and Justice at the University of Illinois at Chicago.



**Jose Hamza Saldana** is the Executive Director of Release Aging People in Prison (RAPP), a grassroots community organizing and advocacy organization that seeks to end mass incarceration through the release of aging people in prison and promote racial justice as a means of dismantling the racist criminal legal system, and addressing the crisis of incarcerated people in NYS. He was released from prison in 2018 after 38 years of incarceration. During the decades of his incarceration, he obtained a college degree.

He also co-founded several therapeutic programs that have helped him, and many others learn how to take full responsibility for the harm inflicted on human beings and to develop insight into the lasting impact of this harm on families and communities.

**Stefen R. Short** is Special Counsel for Disability Justice Projects at the National Center for Law and Economic Justice. He was previously Chief Counsel at Worth Rises, Supervising Attorney and Acting Deputy Director of the Prisoners' Rights Project of The Legal Aid Society, and a Staff Attorney with Disability Rights New York. Stefen has litigated and advocated for incarcerated people on matters including access to medical and mental health care, access to education, diversion from solitary confinement, free exercise and expression, and protection from harm. He is an adjunct professor of law at Pace Law School.





# MODERATORS

## Panel Moderators

### BUILDING A LEFT LEGAL MOVEMENT



**Dana Greene** is a Visiting Associate Professor of Law, Associate Research Scholar in Law, and Membership Director at the Justice Collaboratory at Yale Law School. A scholar who specializes in restorative and community justice, penal history, and social change movements, Greene first joined The Justice Collaboratory as a Research Consultant in 2021. She is responsible for fostering a justice-minded scholarly community and developing new initiatives and programs in support of the Collaboratory's members. Greene has more than two decades of research, education, organizing, and justice policy experience. She has taught in a wide range of educational settings, which include Bedford Hills Correctional Facility, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, and Rikers Island.

### LAWYERING FOR THE SOLIDARITY ECONOMY

**Sophia Joffe Hampton** (she/they) is in her final year of a dual degree with Yale School of the Environment (MESc) and Vermont Law School (JD). Her thesis research explores how private property, as a system of legal and social relations, shapes agricultural practices and land stewardship in the Northeast. In this work, she is inspired by community groups that have organized to move land off the speculative market and into collective ecological care. Sophia is also a student intern at Yale Law School's Community Economic Development Clinic, learning how transactional lawyering can support more livable and equitable places. After graduating, Sophia hopes to continue working with communities in their efforts to decommodify land, food, and housing.



### TRANSNATIONAL LABOR AND MIGRATION



**Michael K.T. Tan** is a Visiting Clinical Lecturer in Law, Clinical Lecturer in Law, Associate Research Scholar in Law, and Executive Director of The Movement Project at Yale Law School. The Movement Project is an initiative to reform migration laws and frameworks to manage climate and demographic change, advance the interests of working people, and honor humanitarian goals. Tan previously served as Senior Advisor to the Co-Presidents of Community Change, a nationwide organization that empowers low-income people, particularly low-income people of color, to lead movements for social change. From 2008 to 2022, Tan held a range of roles at the Immigrants' Rights Project of the American Civil Liberties Union, where he began as a recipient of Yale Law School's Arthur Liman Fellowship and later worked as a Skadden Fellow. Most recently, he served as the Project's Deputy Director.

# MODERATORS

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### ANTICOLONIAL MOVEMENT LAWYERING

**Laith Aqel** (he/ هو ) is a Clinical Lecturer and the Cover-Lowenstein Fellow at Yale School's Schell Center for International Human Rights. His work confronts state repression under national security pretext, exposes the abuse of anti-terrorism laws, and defends movement organizers under attack. He has supported Palestinian resistance to displacement and dispossession and fought against U.S. racist immigration systems, military detention, and complicity in genocide and crimes against humanity. Previously, Laith was a Bernstein fellow at Adalah based in Haifa. At Yale, his focus lies at the intersection of human rights, liberation, and material decolonization.



### CARCERAL HEALTH CARE



**Johanna Elumn** is an Assistant Professor at the Yale School of Medicine in General Internal Medicine, Director of the NYKS Justice lab, core faculty of the SEICHE Center for Health and Justice, and the evaluation lead of the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion in Internal Medicine at the Yale School of Medicine. She is a social worker and researcher who brings her personal, clinical, and research experience to studying the intersection of incarceration, sleep, and health disparities using community-engaged research (CEnR) approaches and mixed methods. Her current projects focus on the sleep health of people impacted by incarceration and related health outcomes.

In addition, she has expertise in leading interdisciplinary teams and training community members and people with a history of incarceration to work as part of research teams. Prior to transitioning to research, she spent ten years leading the social work unit and community outreach efforts at a community-based public defender office.



# WORKSHOPS

## Leftist Joy in Organizing

In a world that feels increasingly hostile, it can be difficult to find opportunities for optimism and renewal. The work of organizing can be particularly difficult as efforts toward radical change face opposition and surveillance. Join Arielle V. King, an environmental justice advocate, writer, and strategist, for an interactive workshop on joyful organizing and movement building. Let's build community and find ways to bring joy and energy to our work.

### FACILITATED BY ARIELLE V. KING

**Arielle V. King** is an educator, writer, and strategist working at the nexus of climate, law, and culture. Most recently, Arielle was the interim Racial Justice Center Assistant Director at the New York Civil Liberties Union, following roles as the Director of Programming at Black Girl Environmentalist and the first-ever Environmental Justice Staff Attorney at the Environmental Law Institute. As a lecturer, Arielle shares her expertise on environmental justice, media, sustainable fashion, and social justice issues at institutions across the United States. As a consultant, she produces events and helps organizations develop strategic programming to expand their impact.



Arielle has spent over half her life advocating for social and environmental issues at academic institutions, with community organizations, on stages across the US, and through the media. She holds a BA in Environmental and Sustainability studies with a concentration in Political Ecology.





# WORKSHOPS

## Reflections on our Resilience: How to Move Forward in the Movement for Palestinian Liberation

Join Sabiya Ahamed, staff attorney at Palestine Legal, and Theia Chatelle, conflict and investigative journalist, to reflect on our takeaways from the past year and a half of repression of the Palestine movement on university campuses. We'll talk about university surveillance, digital security, and more as we move forward in the struggle for Palestinian liberation.

### FACILITATED BY SABIYA AMAHED & THEIA CHATELLE



**Sabiya Ahamed** is a Staff Attorney at Palestine Legal. Sabiya has dedicated her lawyering to advancing the rights of those who have been pushed to the margins and silenced. Before joining Palestine Legal, Sabiya represented low-income tenants in Manhattan housing court as a staff attorney at Housing Conservation Coordinators (HCC).

Prior to HCC, Sabiya was an associate and fellow at the DC Affordable Law Firm, where she represented low-income DC residents in a variety of matters. Sabiya graduated Georgetown Law with a certificate in Refugees and Humanitarian Emergencies. She also holds an LL.M. degree from Georgetown Law in Advocacy. Sabiya holds a B.A. in Middle East Studies and Political Science from Brown University.

**Theia Chatelle** is an experienced conflict correspondent based in Ramallah and New Haven and is currently pursuing an MA in American Studies at Yale University.



# WORKSHOPS

## Movement Journalism

Accountable journalism that holds truth to power has never been more important. It's also becoming harder to find and create. While corporate news outlets capitulate to power, movement media organizations are working to shine a light on injustice and create journalism in service of liberation, all despite a growing number of threats to the press. Join Negin Owliaei, editor-in-chief of Truthout, for an interactive workshop on the function of journalism in the movement ecosystem and the role legal practitioners can play in making and supporting movement media.

### FACILITATED BY NAGIN OWLIAEI

**Negin Owliaei** is the editor-in-chief of Truthout, an independent news outlet that works to spark action by revealing injustice and providing a platform for transformative ideas through in-depth investigative reporting and critical analysis. An award-winning multimedia journalist, Negin reports on international news, labor and economics, and U.S. foreign policy. Before joining Truthout she was the senior producer of Al Jazeera's flagship daily news podcast, The Take, and the managing editor of Inequality.org. She lives in Washington, DC.





# WORKSHOPS

## How to Sue the Police

We can approach movement-based police misconduct and accountability from multiple angles, including litigation, legislative advocacy, media work, and more. Join attorneys from the National Police Accountability Project (NPAP), a project of the National Lawyers Guild (NLG) for a skills workshop on all these approaches. Staff Attorney Keisha James and Legal Fellow Devontae Torriente will overview accountability nuts and bolts, brainstorm responses to hypothetical misconduct cases, and discuss connecting legal strategies with on-the-ground movements.

### FACILITATED BY KEISHA JAMES & DEVONTAE TORRIENTE



**Keisha James** is a Staff Attorney for the National Police Accountability Project. Prior to joining NPAP, Keisha was an Associate at Shearman & Sterling LLP where she worked on litigation and investigation matters. She has represented plaintiffs in civil litigation matters, including a voting rights case in Arkansas and litigation related to the release of police misconduct reports in New York. Keisha received her law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law and her BA in Political Science and International Studies from Northwestern University.

**Devontae Torriente** is a legal fellow at NPAP. He received his law degree from the University of Pennsylvania and his bachelor's degree, cum laude, from American University in Washington, D.C. At Penn Law, Devontae was a recipient of the full-tuition Toll Public Interest Scholarship and participated in the Legislative Clinic and Advocacy for Racial and Civil Justice Clinic. He also served as an associate editor for both *The Regulatory Review* and the *Journal of Law and Social Change*. His original research on police oversight in Philadelphia was published as the winning submission of the University of Pennsylvania Law Review's Dorothy E. Roberts Public Interest Essay Competition.





# WORKSHOPS

## In Living Color: The Realities of Sex Work, Mutual Aid as Front-Line Prevention

This fun, informative and interactive workshop will examine the complexities of sex work, and the role of mutual aid as anti-trafficking, harm reduction, criminal justice involvement prevention, recidivism & violence prevention. Participants will engage in discussions around the intersection of medical and legal language, and the broader impacts on the sex worker community. Through this session, we will foster a deeper understanding of the realities of sex work while exploring how community led initiatives are first line prevention.

### FACILITATED BY JAE & JENNA TORRES



**Jae** (she/her) is a Public Health & Criminal Justice Researcher and Advocate with over 10 years of experience in research, advocacy, and public speaking. In 2018, she founded Liaison Consulting Services, LLC, a research and consulting company focused on hidden and criminalized populations. Her work now centers on art as edutainment and community healing, following years of consulting, published research, and policy work.

**Jenna Torres** is a Community Advocate, Published Author, Spoken Word Artist, Entrepreneur, and above all a proud mother to four beautiful children. She believes people have agency to make the best decisions possible in order to survive. She defends them and works with communities to build realistic solutions to real life problems like violence, poverty, and discrimination by using literary art to highlight key issues in her community. Her passion is in reproductive justice, comprehensive sexual education, social justice, human rights and sex worker advocacy. Her vision is to create spaces where education and healing are centered for BIPOC individuals while gathering resources to support the collective wellness and co-create art that reflect the community and their lived realities.



# MEET THE **REBLAW TEAM**

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## **2025 Co-Directors**

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