Rebellious lawyers, community liberators, comrades near and far:

Welcome to RebLaw 25. This year, we are calling our community together to seek hope, solidarity, and love. We are so excited to welcome you to this year’s conference, where we will learn from organizers, lawyers, scholars, and, most importantly, from individuals who have been directly impacted by systemic injustices. Every year of RebLaw is an opportunity to build: to listen to each other’s thoughts and experiences, to share organizing strategies, and to imagine legal systems that liberate rather than oppress.

Rebellious lawyers and our communities have had many reasons to feel defeated this year. We have seen more rampant violence against folks of color by the state; more life-threatening devaluing of the needs of trans and gender-nonconforming folks; more transparently racist and dehumanizing immigration policies inflicted on noncitizens; more devastatingly union-busting Supreme Court decisions; more entrenchment of the far right at all levels of the judiciary; and so many other threats to our safety and wellbeing. It may feel acute in its ugliness these days, and yet none of it is new. These are the products of the systemic injustices that RebLaw was organized to fight from its very beginning.

No single approach or vision defines RebLaw. Each year, this conference reflects what is happening in our world and the visions of the law students, practitioners, and activists who form our community. But there are things we hold fundamental.

We believe in an approach to law and lawyering that in its goals and in its everyday practice enacts radical equality, not one that entrenches hierarchy and dominance. We believe in an approach to law and lawyering that draws its strength from the voices of activists, organizers, and community members, not one that imposes its own vision of progress from above. We believe in an approach to law and lawyering that is, in Gerald Lopez’s words, “anchored in the world it tries to change.”

We believe in Rebellious Lawyering.

Twenty-five years after the first Rebellious Lawyering conference, we find ourselves continuing the fight for justice. These past twenty-five years have been difficult, and we have every reason to think that the next twenty-five years will be hard ones too. But we know too that we will keep on fighting. We will keep articulating new visions for what justice demands even as we keep falling short in our own time. We will not be perfect, and we will claim this with humility. But everywhere there is oppression, there will be someone there to call it out. That, if nothing else, is what Rebellious Lawyering demands: that we keep on striving, together, practicing equality in pursuit of equality.

With love and solidarity,
Your 2019 RebLaw Conference Organizers

Faith Barksdale
Jesse Williams
John Gonzalez
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Sam Davis
Zoe Tucker
Friday, Feb. 15

Registration, check-in, and t-shirt sales will be on Fri 12-7 PM & Sat 8 AM-3 PM in Room 122.

[W] = Workshop, space may be limited

**Session 1**  
2:00-3:15 PM

- From Dirty Wars to War on Immigrants
- Puerto Rico No Se Olvida
- Democratizing the Law: Muslim Ban Movement
- Trauma Informed Lawyering [W]

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Break 3:15-3:30 PM

**Opening Keynote**  
3:30-4:00 PM

Ana María Archila  
Auditorium

**Refreshments**  
4:00-4:45 PM

Dining Hall

**Session 2**  
4:45-6:15 PM

- Lawyering in the Black Radical Tradition
- Achieving Reproductive Justice [W]
- Money and Finance in a Just Society
- Municipal Organizing for Enviro. Justice
- After the Gavel Strikes

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Break 6:15-6:30 PM

**A Conversation on Criminal Justice**  
6:30-7:30 PM

Auditorium

**Evening Activities**  
Starting at 9:00 PM

- Movie Screening – Justice on Trial: The Case of Mumia Abu-Jamal
- RebLaw Party at Gryphon’s Pub

Auditorium  
204 York Street
Saturday, Feb. 16

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Light Breakfast
8:00-9:00 AM

Coffee, Tea, and Pastries in the Dining Hall

Keynote
9:00-10:00 AM
Anita Earls (in conversation with Aziz Rana)
Auditorium

Break
10:00-10:30 AM

Session 3
10:30-12:00 PM
Organizing for Workplace Democracy [W]
Room 128

Only You Can Prevent Ableism [W]
Room 120

Palestinian Exception to Free Speech
Room 129

Jackson: Municipal Movement Leadership
Room 127

Due Process vs. Disciplinary Infraction Process
Auditorium

Session 4 & Lunch
12:00-1:30 PM
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Room 129

Decolonizing Human Rights
Room 127

Queer Perspectives on Criminal Justice
Room 128

Digital Self-Defense Workshop [W]
Room 120

Ending the Criminalization of Homelessness
Auditorium

Break
1:30-2:00 PM

Session 5
2:00-3:30 PM
Organizing for Gun Violence Prevention
Room 127

Disability Healthcare Activism
Room 120

Model Minority or Righteous Rebels?
Room 128

What is Law & Political Economy?
Room 129

Power to the People: Participatory Defense
Auditorium

Break
3:30-3:45 PM

Session 6
3:45-5:15 PM
Lawyering in Solidarity with Sex Workers
Room 127

Voting Rights in the South
Auditorium

Come Scheme with Us [W]
Room 120

Closing Keynote
5:30-6:30 PM
Chokwe Antar Lumumba
Auditorium
Ana María Archila is the Co-Executive Director at the Center for Popular Democracy. She immigrated to the U.S. from Colombia at the age of 17 and has become a leading national voice for immigrant justice, and the urgency of building people power in order to transform our country into one where we can all live with dignity.

Ana María has helped build CPD into one of the largest community organizing networks in the country, with 50 organizations in more than 30 states and Puerto Rico. At CPD, Ana María oversees campaigns to advance justice for immigrant communities, helping lead the resistance to Trump’s anti-immigrant agenda, and supporting Puerto Rican communities in the wake of Hurricane Maria.

Most recently, Ana María made national headlines as one of two women survivors of sexual violence who confronted US Senator Jeff Flake in an elevator as he was getting ready to support the nomination of Brett Kavanaugh to the Supreme Court.

Anita Earls, elected to serve an eight-year term as an Associate Justice of the North Carolina Supreme Court in November 2018, previously was a civil rights attorney with 30 years’ experience litigating voting rights and other civil rights cases in partnership with community-based organizations. She was the founder and Executive Director of the Southern Coalition for Social Justice, a non-profit legal advocacy organization, where she also litigated voting rights and other civil rights cases, a position she left in January 2018. Anita also has served on the North Carolina State Board of Elections and the North Carolina Equal Access to Justice Commission.

In 1998, Anita was appointed by President Clinton to the position of Deputy Assistant Attorney General in the Civil Rights Division of the U.S. Department of Justice, with responsibility for the voting, educational opportunities, disability rights, and federal coordination and compliance sections. From 2000 to 2003, she directed the Voting Rights Project at the Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. Returning to North Carolina in 2003, she joined Julius Chambers at the UNC Center for Civil Rights as Director of Advocacy.
For the first ten years of her career, Anita was in private practice in Charlotte, litigating voting rights, police misconduct, school desegregation, and employment discrimination cases with what was then the Ferguson, Stein, Watt, Wallas, Adkins & Gresham law firm.

Anita has taught as an adjunct professor at the University of Maryland and the University of North Carolina law schools, and in the African and African-American Studies Department at Duke University. In 2011 Anita received the national NAACP’s Civil Rights Champion Award. In 2017 she received a “Defenders of Justice” award from the North Carolina Justice Center and was recognized as a “We Are Emily” honoree by Emily’s List. A mother of two, and now a grandmother, Anita lives in Durham with her husband Charles Walton.

The Honorable Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Esq. is the mayor of Jackson, Mississippi, and the son of two life-long community activists—the late Mayor Chokwe Lumumba and Nubia Lumumba. Throughout his career, he has maintained a consistent presence in community projects and displayed a commitment to justice. Lumumba began his community work early on—serving as co-director of the Malcolm X Grassroots Day Camp and acting as an assistant coach for the Jackson Panthers. He received his BA in 2005 from Tuskegee University where he served as president of the Pi Sigma Alpha Political Science Honor Society and the Tuskegee Political Science Association.

Lumumba earned his JD and a Certificate in Sports & Entertainment law from the Thurgood Marshall School of Law at Texas Southern University in 2008. After law school, he returned to Jackson, Mississippi and began his work as a junior associate at Lumumba, Freelon, & Associates.

Within a year, he was promoted to managing attorney and took on responsibilities pertaining to personnel and daily operations in addition to a challenging case load litigating criminal and civil cases, and representing sports and entertainment clients. His dedication to justice and commitment to community is further demonstrated by the numerous pro bono cases he undertook for clientele who struggled to afford legal services. He is a member of the Mississippi Bar Association and the Magnolia Bar Association. In 2013, he launched—Lumumba & Associates—a firm “Dedicated to Community. Invested in Justice.”

Lumumba’s deep-seated commitment to his community expands beyond his career. As a founding member of the Mississippi Human Rights Collective, he co-organized the “Stand Up to Take It Down” rally at the State capitol to support the removal of the confederate insignia from the Mississippi State flag. He is the media representative of the Coalition for Economic Justice and is a member of the Malcolm X Grassroots Movement. His talent for organizing has been a vital component to previous city elections. He has served as the media chairperson for both the Jackson Ward 2 People’s Assembly and the late Mayor Lumumba’s Ward 2 City Councilman campaign. Lumumba also acted as a campaign coordinator for his father’s successful bid for Mayor in 2013 and was instrumental in co-crafting The People’s Platform.

In 2017, Attorney Lumumba defeated nine other candidates in the Democratic primary for mayor with a total of 55% of the vote. He went on to win the city’s general election by 93% of votes on June 6, 2017. As the mayor, one of the first challenges he negotiated was the state takeover of the Jackson Public School system. Chokwe Antar is married to Ebony Lumumba, and the couple has two daughters, Alake’ Maryama & Nubia Ngozi.
SANTERIA:
A Personal Journey of Chronic Illness & Healthcare

Photography & Fine Art Exhibit
by Bianca Anglero

Room 111
This panel will delve into the history of the sanctuary movement in the US and the recent sanctuary movement in response to mass deportations and the current administration’s hostile policies towards immigrants and people of color. This session highlights the collective work of lawyers, organizers, and community members in the sanctuary movement. Panelists will discuss the history of the National Lawyers Guild National Immigration Project work to protect people of faith and churches who were providing sanctuary to those fleeing US-supported dictatorships in Latin America. The panel will also provide an overview of the current landscape of sanctuary work in support of immigrants and people of color.

Panelists:

Alok Bhatt is a first-generation South Asian American, presently living in New Haven, CT. After law school, Alok joined a group of activists assembled to resist the federal Secure Communities program. This small circle grew into what became the Connecticut Immigrant Rights Alliance (CIRA), a statewide coalition working to undermine ICE operations. As CIRA’s Community Defense Coordinator, Alok organizes actions, events, policy campaigns, and community education.

Avidéh Moussavian is the Legislative Director at the National Immigration Law Center. Avidéh’s advocacy at NILC focuses on reducing the vulnerability of low-income immigrants to deportation on account of their race, class, or gender. She has previously worked on immigration reform advocacy and state and local enforcement issues at the New York Immigration Coalition and directly represented immigrant victims of gender-based violence at Sanctuary for Families in New York City, including those in detention.

Paromita Shah has served as Associate Director of the National Immigration Project of the NLG since 2005, specializing in strategies to combat immigration detention, enforcement and criminalization. She provides legal and advocacy support to grassroots groups, organizers, and community stakeholders, and trains legal advocates and lawyers on removal defense. She has created an abundance of resources for communities impacted by heightened immigration enforcement, such as Deportation 101.

Azadeh Shahshahani is the Legal & Advocacy Director with Project South and a past president of the National Lawyers Guild. Azadeh has worked for many years in the South to protect the human rights of immigrants and Muslim, Middle Eastern, and South Asian communities. She is the author or editor of several human rights reports, including a 2017 report titled “Imprisoned Justice: Inside Two Georgia Immigrant Detention Centers” and is the recipient of numerous awards for her human rights work.
Last year we held a panel to discuss what was next for Puerto Rico after Hurricane Maria worsened an already dire situation for the island’s residents. This year we hold a panel to ask what has changed in the last year. Join Natasha Lycia Ora Bannan and Ariadna Godreau-Aubert as they pick up where last year’s discussion left off concerning Puerto Rico’s troubling political relationship with the United States; its effect on Puerto Ricans’ ability to recover from the economic, environmental, and social crises on the island; the political changes of the last year; and what community-based organizing has achieved so far to improve the island’s situation.

Natasha Lycia Ora Bannan is an associate counsel at LatinoJustice PRLDEF and president of the National Lawyers Guild.

Ariadna Godreau-Aubert is the executive director of Ayuda Legal Puerto Rico, Inc and an adjunct professor at the Universidad de Puerto Rico.

Valeria Pelet del Toro is a 3rd-year student at Yale Law School from Puerto Rico, who recently published a note in the Yale Law Journal on Puerto Rican lawyers and community organizers, “Beyond the Critique of Rights: The Puerto Rico Legal Project and Civil Rights Litigation in America’s Colony.”

Last year’s discussion made clear that Puerto Ricans cannot continue to wait for traditional forms of legal and political advocacy to bring about justice; this year’s panel will dive deeper into the kinds of innovative lawyering and advocacy that our panelists and many other Puerto Rican activists are pursuing in order to fix the wrongs that put Puerto Rico in the crisis that it has been in since well before Maria struck the island.

This panel is sponsored by the Latinx Law Students Association at YLS.

Democratizing the Law: The Muslim Ban Movement
Room 128

This panel will explore the on-the-ground organizing and movement building that transformed the Muslim Ban from a legal and political issue into a community crisis. As activists and intellectual leaders, the panelists will offer their perspectives on why and how the Muslim Ban captured the attention of the American public, emphasizing the importance of democratizing access to and understanding of dire legal issues. The panel will examine the successes and failures of the movement against the Muslim Ban to isolate lessons for future efforts to progressively mobilize around legal threats.

Khaled Beydoun is an Associate Professor of Law at the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law. A critical race theorist and public intellectual, Beydoun is a leading progressive scholar on Islamophobia, national security, and civil liberties. His research on the legal construction of Arab and Muslim American identity ties together threads of civil rights, national security, and Islamophobia.

Linda Sarsour is an activist and co-founder of MPower Change, a grassroots organization focused on combatting issues affecting Muslims. She has helped lead some of the most influential civil rights movements in recent memory, including the Women’s March and Muslims for Ferguson. Time Magazine named Sarsour and fellow 2017 Women’s March co-chairs in 2017’s “100 Most Influential People.”

Nekessa Opoti is the Communications Strategist for the UndocuBlack Network, a multigenerational network of currently and formerly undocumented Black people that fosters community, facilitates access to resources, and contributes to transforming the realities of Black undocumented individuals.
Trauma Informed Lawyering [W]
Room 120

Our work often brings us face to face with oppression, suffering, and violence. Join this experiential workshop to gain a broad introduction to trauma, how it can affect rebellious lawyers, and how we can take care of ourselves. We’ll use a mix of lecture, conversation, and practical exercises to delve in, and build the beginnings of a trauma stewardship community for rebellious law students across the country.

Hope Metcalf is Executive Director of the Orville H. Schell, Jr. Center for International Human Rights and co-teaches the Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic. As Executive Director of the Schell Center, she works with students and faculty to coordinate human rights events at the Law School, including the annual Bernstein Symposium, as well as the weekly Human Rights Workshop.

Leanne Gale (She/Her/Hers) is a second-year law student at Yale Law School, where she serves as an Editor-in-Chief of the Yale Journal of Law and Feminism and a grateful member of the Allard K. Lowenstein International Human Rights Clinic. She is also in the process of organizing the first-ever Yale Law Human Rights Trip to Palestine and Israel, taking place next month. Leanne recently got hooked on the “Healing Justice” podcast, hosted by Kate Werning, and encourages all rebellious lawyers interested in trauma stewardship and collective care to give it a listen.

— SESSION TWO —

Lawyering in the Black Radical Tradition: Racial Capitalism and the Left
Room 127

In this critical moment of oppositional politics and socialist organizing, capitalist class struggle is offered as the primary framework for understanding inequality in American society. The dominant theory of political revolution is centered on the uprising of a multiracial, working-class around issues of economic disparity. However, in this view, racialism is viewed as merely derivative of class struggle rather than central to capitalist production itself. But this is not the only revolutionary tradition that exists. The black radical tradition proceeds from the recognition that racialism is not simply a psychological manipulation of working-class whites or set of ideas around experience, but a material force that organizes society’s economies of justice, commerce, and power. What would lawyering on the Left look like if it took Black Radicalism as seriously as it takes Western Marxism? How does an understanding of racial capitalism re-shape and re-frame legal priorities?

Marbre Stahly-Butts is the Executive Director of Law for Black Lives, a Black femme-led national network of nearly 5,000 radical lawyers and legal workers committed to building a responsive legal infrastructure for movement organizations and cultivating a community of legal advocates trained in movement lawyering. She currently serves on the Leadership Team of the Movement For Black Lives Policy Table and helped develop the Vision for Black Lives Policy Platform. Her previous work has focused on organizing and working with families affected by aggressive policing and criminal justice policies in New York City in order to develop meaningful bottom up policy reforms. She is a graduate of Yale Law School.

Derecka Purnell is a staff attorney at the Advancement Project where she supports local and national movements that dismantle state violence, divest from punitive criminal measures, and invest in community control of safety. Her previous work has supported educational and criminalization efforts, including: building school to college pipeline programs for youth of color in a city’s least resourced zip codes; conducting research that led to a local ban-the-box ordinance; revitalizing a state’s school funding formula to ensure more equitable and adequate funding system; waging a successful campaign against a ballot initiative that would have eliminated statewide affirmative action; and organizing with lawyers to build Law for Black Lives. In August 2014, she was a part of the Ferguson Uprising. She is a graduate of Harvard Law School.
Achieving Reproductive Justice: An Interactive Workshop [W]
Auditorium

This workshop will train participants on reproductive justice. Following an overview of RJ’s origins, influences, and goals, participants will work in small and large discussion sections to unpack a variety of scenarios involving RJ issues. Participants will learn to consider legal and policy RJ considerations through an anti-oppression lens.

Facilitator Kwajelyn Jackson currently serves as Executive Director at Feminist Women’s Health Center (FWHC) in Atlanta, GA, leading the entire organization’s operations, abortion clinic, civic engagement, education and outreach teams. Since 2013 she has led the expansion of FWHC’s statewide and national impact, and significantly deepened community partnerships. Under Kwajelyn’s leadership the community education and outreach work has had impactful successes including preventing new abortion restrictions in the legislature for 4 sessions, the launch of the Errin J. Vuley Fellows program and solidifying ties to key funding partners.

Prior to joining FWHC, Kwajelyn spent three years as the Program Manager for WonderRoot Community Arts Center and eight years as a Credit Risk Manager with Wachovia Bank’s Community Development Finance Group. A third-generation graduate of Spelman College, Kwajelyn and her brother both continue a family legacy of anti-oppression and reproductive justice activism. She received a BA Degree in economics from Spelman College and an MS Degree in urban policy studies from the Andrew Young School of Public Policy at Georgia State University.

A respected voice on reproductive justice movement building, Kwajelyn is often sought after on the national level. She sits on the board of directors for All-Options, Abortion Care Network, Soul Food Cypher, and ProGeorgia, and is on the steering committees of the Black Mamas Matter Alliance and the Mife Coalition.

Sponsored in part by the Yale Law School Alliance for Reproductive Justice (LSARJ).

What is the Role of Money and Finance in a Just Society?
Room 120

We know that the financialization of the economy has played a significant role in exacerbating inequality, subjecting workers to precarity, and destroying household wealth. But what role should monetary policy, financial regulation, and the financial system itself play in the free society of equals that progressives strive for? Progressive lawyers are more accustomed to viewing Wall Street and the Fed as obstacles than as sites for organizing and wielding democratic power. But in this panel, we highlight the work of researchers and activists who put money at the center of a positive vision for the left.

Our panelists will teach us about a set of campaigns and policy ideas that could transform the financial system into a force for equality and a mechanism for prioritizing urgent collective investments in universal health care, infrastructure, and a Green New Deal. Key topics will include stakeholder corporate governance, a public option for bank accounts, Modern Monetary Theory, and the forgotten history of a national investing agency.

Robert Hockett is Edward Cornell Professor of Law at Cornell Law School. He writes and teaches in the fields of organizational, financial, and monetary law and economics. His guiding concern in these fields is with the legal and institutional prerequisites to a just, prosperous, and sustainable economic order.

Lenore Palladino is Senior Economist and Policy Counsel at the Roosevelt Institute, where she brings expertise to Roosevelt’s work on inequality and finance. Her research and writing focus on financial reform, financial taxation, labor rights, and fiscal crises.

Raúl Carrillo is the Staff Attorney for the New Economy Project in NYC, where he staffs the NYC financial justice hotline and provides legal and strategic support to community groups. He is involved in various scholastic efforts to promote a progressive vision of law and macroeconomics, including the Modern Money Network.
Across the United States, numerous rural communities—especially black and brown communities—are denied access to basic infrastructure. Meanwhile, the threat of climate change demands an immediate transition to a fossil free economy. The impacts of climate change are already here, with the brunt of those impacts falling on historically and presently marginalized communities. Yet proposed solutions, including cap and trade paradigms and the Clean Power Plan, have failed to center those communities' voices. This panel will examine how lawyers, nonprofits, and local governments can support, coopt, and/or undermine the work of frontline communities working for a Just Transition to a regenerative future, including ensuring equitable infrastructure investment, supporting communities on the frontline of environmental contamination and degradation, and fostering grassroots power.

Amy Laura Cahn, J.D., is a Senior Attorney for the Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) in Massachusetts and the Interim Director of the Healthy Communities & Environmental Justice Program. Prior to joining CLF, Amy Laura spent six years advocating on environmental, land, and food justice at the Public Interest Law Center in Philadelphia.

Danielle Purifoy, J.D., Ph.D is a Carolina Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of Geography at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. Her current research focuses on the roots of environmental inequality and development in historic black towns in the U.S. South. She is the current managing editor for Scalawag, a magazine devoted to Southern politics and culture, and is a board member of the NC Environmental Justice Network.

Omega and Brenda Wilson are the co-founders of the West End Revitalization Association (WERA) of Mebane, NC. WERA’s mission is to support access to “basic public health amenities” (safe drinking water, sewer lines, housing, streets, sidewalks, and storm-water management) for people of color and marginalized communities in Orange and Alamance Counties in NC. For nearly 30 years, WERA has used the federal administrative process to support first-time infrastructure installation.

This panel highlights the experiences of formerly incarcerated advocates, and how they have used the law to resist and transform the systems under which they were incarcerated. The panel features individuals who have engaged and continue to engage in multiple types of advocacy and activism within the criminal justice system including jailhouse lawyering, mentoring, storytelling, and public defense.

This panel was organized by David Mains who was incarcerated for 10 years in Texas prisons, and who is now the Chairman and President of Texas CURE, one of the oldest inmate rights organizations, a pre-law student at Stephen F. Austin State University, and paralegal consultant. He led actions to improve conditions within Texas prisons, and was a prolific jailhouse lawyer. The panel was co-organized by Faith Barksdale, a co-director of RebLaw 25.

Serena Nunn, an Atlanta public defender. Ms. Nunn was incarcerated in the 1990s, and her sentence was commuted by President Clinton. She successfully overcame a criminal conviction bar to join the Georgia State Bar.

Naji Mujahid, Esq., a former Philly P.D. who now runs his own defense practice, the Law Office of Naji Mujahid, LLC.

Hassan Hamin Assad (aka, Montel Vontavious Porter). Mr. Assad served a 9.5-year sentence beginning at age 16. While incarcerated he worked as a jailhouse lawyer and took up wrestling. He is now a professional wrestler, and staunch advocate of reentry reform.

Dr. Adam Key (moderator), an assistant professor at the University of Arkansas at Monticello. He is a career debate coach and in 2016 began a debate program at the Walls Unit in Huntsville, Texas.

Sponsored in part by the Women of Color Collective (WoCC).
– SESSION THREE –

Organizing for Workplace Democracy: Lessons from the Campaign Workers Guild [W]
Room 128

This workshop delves deeply into the union organizing process (and relevant labor law), teaching skills transferable to any organizing campaign or advocacy effort. Through demonstration and practice, participants will learn a skill fundamental to all organizing—whether conducted by political campaigns, labor unions, or legal advocates—how to use their personal story to make an effective “ask.”

The Campaign Workers Guild (CWG) is a new national, independent labor union, building worker power in an industry where workers have long been abused, overworked, and undervalued. Our millennial-led team has pioneered distributed labor organizing, harnessing tools we use in our professional work as political organizers.

Charles Cox is a public policy graduate student at the University of Minnesota, political organizer, and Army National Guard officer. In early 2018, he led the organizing and bargaining efforts for workers with Erin Murphy for Minnesota, the first gubernatorial campaign to unionize. Charles was elected as a union steward and remains an active CWG member.

Payton McGarry is a graduate student in Conflict Management at UNC Greensboro. After becoming a plaintiff in the case against NC HB2 and an active community organizer, Payton began working in electoral politics. Most recently, he was a lead organizer and bargaining team member within North Carolina’s statewide coordinated campaign.

D. Rajah Sandor is a veteran campaign worker, most recently managing Lindsey Williams’ successful Pennsylvania Senate race. Rajah joined CWG and was elected to its Executive Council to advocate for the sustainability of campaign work as a career, especially for field organizers.

Ihaab Syed is a UCLA 3L and CWG’s Secretary. She became politically active in her Mississippi hometown well before she gained the right to vote. She is pursuing a career in organizing and voting rights litigation.

Only You Can Prevent Ableism: Disability in the Legal Profession [W]
Room 120

Summary: Think there are no disabled people in your life? Think again.

Almost 13% of Americans have some type of disability, including 35% of individuals 65 and older. Most of them don’t use wheelchairs, walkers, canes, or service dogs. You don’t notice them even when they’re sitting next to you in your classroom, your office, or your local Starbucks. 20-40% of American law students and fully-fledged lawyers have a diagnosed mental illness. Lawyers with other kinds of disabilities are low in number, but you’ll find them everywhere, from non-profits to top commercial law firms to the federal bench.

Furthermore, no matter what kind of law you end up practicing, you’ll end up working with disabled clients. You’ll meet them as a public defender or a prisoners’ rights attorney suing corrections officers for misconduct. You’ll meet them as a Trusts and Estates lawyer helping draft their wills. You’ll meet them as a landlord-tenant lawyer or a trans rights attorney. This session will discuss how to interact with disabled clients, coworkers, and opponents respectfully, treating them as you would any other person in your workplace while still taking into account their specific needs, their rights, and your legal obligations. We’ll discuss disability rights laws, ethical obligations, best practices, and real-life examples.

Sara Liss is a multiply disabled lawyer and disability rights advocate. She earned her J.D. in 2014 from the UCLA School of Law and her B.A. with General Honors in 2014 from the University of Chicago, where she was Phi Beta Kappa. She spends most of her free time worshipping her feline overlords.
In 2015, Palestine Legal and the Center for Constitutional Rights published a report titled the Palestinian Exception to Freedom of Speech, which documented for the first time the widespread and growing suppression of Palestinian human rights advocacy in the United States.

Since then, over 25 states have passed anti-BDS laws. The US State Department has redefined anti-Semitism such that student speech supporting Palestinian rights can be classified as anti-Semitic and grounds for a Title VI investigation. Canary Mission, the McCarthyite blacklisting website, has expanded its list of pro-Palestinian alleged supporters of terrorism to include thousands of student, faculty, and other activists. In November, a CNN commentator was fired for expressing support for a free Palestine. Professors have had their jobs threatened for honoring the academic boycott of Israel and one even lost his job for expressing support for Palestinians on Twitter. The National Students for Justice in Palestine conference, hosted at UCLA, faced tremendous pressure to cancel the conference, including from the Los Angeles City Council. All of these efforts to silence pro-Palestine speech are taking place on the backdrop of a Presidential administration that has shown nothing but a complete denial of indigenous peoples’ rights both here and abroad.

Join Zainab Ramahi (Berkeley Law 2019) and Osama Alkhawaja (UChicago Law 2020), two former Palestine Legal interns, as they discuss these ongoing suppression tactics and engage workshop participants in a creative discussion about innovative and practical ways for lawyers to support the movement for Palestinian rights.

Movement-Mayor-Municipal Leadership: The Jackson People’s Syllabus

When people’s dignity and truths of place matter as the sacred core upon which community led political leadership, policy work and radical cultural shift hinge upon, what does such emergence look like? An intergenerational team of Jacksonians across the range of grassroots organizing, mayoral leadership and the academic world will conduct a workshop on their Jackson, Mississippi. Workshop participants include Akil Bakari, Mayor Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Arekia Bennett, Willie Jamaal Wright, and Noel Didla.

Akil is presently the MS state co-coordinator of the Malcolm X Grassroots Movement. In November of 2008, NAPO/MXGM launched successful electoral campaigns of the late Chokwe Lumumba for Jackson City Council, and four years later Mayor of the City of Jackson, as well as the election of current Jackson Mayor, Antar Lumumba. Bakari is the co-coordinator of the Jackson People’s Assembly.

The Honorable Chokwe Antar Lumumba, Esq. is the son of two lifelong community activists—the late Mayor Chokwe Lumumba and Nubia Lumumba. In 2017, Attorney Lumumba defeated nine other candidates in the Democratic primary for mayor with a total of 55% of the vote. He went on to win the city’s general election by 93% of votes on June 6, 2017. As the mayor, one of the first challenges he negotiated was the state takeover of the Jackson Public School system. Chokwe Antar is married to Ebony Lumumba, and the couple has two daughters, Alake’ Maryama & Nubia Ngozi.

Willie Jamaal Wright is an Assistant Professor of Geography and African American Studies at Florida State University where his research and teaching interests include urban geography Black geographies, and the afterlives of Black political movements in the United States. Dr. Wright is a recipient of the Ford Foundation pre-doctoral Fellowship and the Urban Geography Journal’s Workshop/Seminar Award. He has published in The Southeastern Geographer, The Black Scholar, Antipode, and City & Society.

Arekia is a lifelong Jacksonian and community organizer. Arekia co-chaired Youth For Antar and currently co-chairs Mayor & The Millennials RoundTable. Arekia is one of the founders of The Young Women’s Initiative. She is a member of the People’s Assembly TaskForce.

Noel is an immigrant single mom from South India making Jackson, Mississippi home.
Content Warning: this session will feature images simulating the violence of solitary confinement including abusive treatment and psychiatric crises.

Organized and led by Five Mualimm-ak, this panel exposes the arbitrary and capricious use of disciplinary infractions (“tickets” or “shots”) to send people to solitary confinement, and to keep them there. This session is highly interactive. Beginning with a 15-minute showing of “The Hole,” depicting the abuses suffered by people in solitary confinement, the panel will then feature a conversation with activists seeking to end solitary confinement as well as survivors of solitary.

The session will then move into a direct action. Attendees will receive fliers that they will be able to mail into their representatives to urge them to stop the use of isolated confinement.

Panelists:

Five Mualimm-ak is an artist, activist, human rights defender, and co-founder and Director of Incarcerated Nation. Mr. Mualimm-ak spent five years in solitary confinement, and uses his experience to fight tirelessly to end the human rights abuse of solitary.

Victor Pate is a campaign organizer for the New York Campaign for Alternatives to Isolated Confinement (CAIC). Mr. Pate is formerly incarcerated, and has been an outstanding organizer for criminal justice reform campaigns. As an organizer for CAIC, Mr. Pate helped the organization pass the HALT Bill (3080-B S.4784-A) passed in the New York State Assembly during the 2018 legislative session.

Naquasia Pollard is an activist and founder of Pure Legacee, a nonprofit for young adults directly impacted by the criminal justice system, or who have parents who are incarcerated.

James Jeter was incarcerated in Connecticut, and is now taking a leading role in the Connecticut CAIC.

Romeo Gonzalez joins the panel from the Institute of Transformative Mentoring at The New School.

A Note from your RebLaw Directors:

There is no break between Sessions 3 and 4. Immediately after getting out of Session 3, please make your way to the Dining Hall to select a packed lunch and take it to the Session 4 location of your choice! We will eat lunch during Session 4.

All lunch options are vegetarian. There are also a limited number of vegan and gluten-free bag lunches available. If you do not require a gluten-free or vegan lunch, please save them for those who do. Thanks!
While human rights offers the possibility for emancipation and justice, it remains rooted in an epistemic and ontological coloniality that is unable to conceive of the non-human black body. The violent birth and Eurocentric origins of human rights serve to reinforce its sovereign characteristics, thereby limiting our conception of what constitutes the human in human rights. At the same time, human rights can be used to agitate for the disruption of sovereign power, and can be employed by the margins as tactics to claim certain protections. This friction between human rights as sovereignty, disruption and tactics, flows directly from the violent colonial substructure that continues to shape human rights discourse. Consequently, in order to draw on human rights as a source of emancipation, human rights itself must be emancipated—it must be decolonized.

Panel Members:

Anjli Parrin is a Kenyan Legal Fellow at the Columbia Law School Human Rights Clinic, and investigates war crimes and mass graves in the Central African Republic. Anjli previously worked for the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, and is a graduate of Columbia Law School and Columbia Journalism School.

Alimatou Demba is a sophomore in Columbia College pursuing a degree in Comparative Literature and Society. Her intellectual focus is in the emerged and emerging political traditions of oppressed peoples, namely the Black Radical Tradition and Womanism. She is a student organizer and writer and formerly organized with the group Liberation Coalition.

A. Kayum Ahmed leads the Open Society Foundation’s global work on access to medicines and teaches socio-economic rights at Columbia Law School. He has a PhD from Columbia and law degrees from the universities of Oxford, Leiden and Cape Town. Previously, Kayum served as CEO of the South African Human Rights Commission from 2010-2015.

This session brings together advocates, practitioners, and directly impacted individuals to discuss the ways in which LGBTQ individuals are uniquely impacted by systems of mass criminalization. Speakers including Douglas Rogers of Black and Pink, Chrys Desir of FreeState Justice, and Lynly Egyes of the Transgender Law Center will discuss how policing, the criminal legal, and prison systems (fail to) address issues of sexuality and gender. Participants will also be invited to explore different strategies—from direct legal services and community organizing to impact litigation and policy advocacy—for addressing these issues and for centering the voices of marginalized and directly impacted communities.
Are you concerned about privacy? Yale Privacy Lab will be your guide to cybersecurity on campus and beyond, demonstrating tricks from Snowden’s toolkit. As lawyers, law students, and activists, we have a duty to keep information confidential. This workshop will help you improve your operational security, providing you with the baseline knowledge and tools you need to protect data and communicate via safer, more privacy-respecting methods.

We'll cover best-practices for daily tasks like Web searches and the handling of passwords. You'll learn how to use secure, Free and Open-Source Software on desktop and mobile devices. These include:

- Tor, the anonymity network - We'll learn how to browse the Web, share files, and send messages anonymously via the Dark Web.
- PGP/GPG e-mail - We'll discuss confidentiality, verification, and public/private key encryption.
- E2EE mobile & desktop chat - We'll try a handful of audio, video, and text chat apps that safeguard data with end-to-end encryption.

Please bring your laptops and mobile devices.

Facilitator: Sean O’Brien is a Lecturer in Law at Yale Law School with expertise in cybersecurity, privacy, and mobile device forensics. He is Director of Business Development at Purism SPC, a company dedicated to digital privacy and security, and a mentor for the Mozilla Open Leaders program. Sean founded Yale Privacy Lab in 2017.

Co-Facilitator: Laurin B. Weissinger is the Cybersecurity Fellow at the Center for Global Legal Challenges; and Resident Fellow, the Information Society Project at Yale Law School.

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In this session, we will have a dialogue with people with lived experience and those who have worked directly with people who have been criminalized for being homeless. People experiencing homelessness are routinely dehumanized by cities’ aggressive practices of creating and enforcing laws that punish them for surviving. Together we will work towards solutions to end the criminalization of homelessness. We hope for people to understand how laws that prohibit sleeping outside and other quality of life ordinances aim to criminalize people experiencing homelessness and poverty. This panel will also address how the criminalization of homelessness has a disparate impact on people of color and people who have severe illness and disability.

The panel will cover three broad topics: first, what exactly is meant by the “criminalization of homelessness” and what forms does it take? Second, what strategies are being employed by rebellious lawyers across the nation to challenge the criminalization of homelessness? And third, what strategies are being employed by activists and community organizers across the nation to challenge the criminalization of homelessness? For each of these topics, we will look at both the local context—what is happening in Yale’s own backyard? — as well as the national context.

This session will be moderated by Gabriela Sevilla, a Howard Law Student and Homeless Rights Activist. Panelists will include, Brett Davidson, Co-Founder & Co-Director of the Connecticut Bail Fund. As well as Kelvin Lassiter is the Community Programs Manager for Save Us Now, Inc, a 501c3 non-profit organization based in Washington, DC that serves people experiencing homelessness and those who are housing insecure. The panel will also include members of Housing Not Jails, which is a member-based collective of New Haven residents with direct experience of homelessness.
Disability Healthcare Activism: Visual, Political, and Legal Modes of Protest
Room 120

Healthcare in the United States systematically fails disabled people. It fails to meet the needs of people with lifelong chronic illnesses, who aren't healing any time soon. It forces institutionalization and incarceration on disabled communities, by providing inadequate supports and services, and denying access to supports and services within the community. It fails to incorporate the perspective and voices of disabled people into its design.

This session centers the voices of people within the disability umbrella, such as people with chronic illnesses and people with mental health conditions, who have been personally affected by/advocated around the healthcare system and intersecting issues. It consists of two components. First, it includes the art exhibit, "Santeria: A Personal Journey of Chronic Illness and Healthcare." The exhibit is on display and accessible throughout the course of the conference in room 111. Second, it includes a panel consisting of activists, attorneys, and the exhibit's artist, who will discuss their mode of disability advocacy and how it intersects with the healthcare system and with their personal experiences. Panelists include:

Dustin Gibson is a community builder that develops he[art]work to expand the collective consciousness of marginalized communities and address the nexus between race, class, and disability. He works across classrooms, neighborhoods, kid jails, and adult prisons, and travels across the United States to build collective power within multiply-marginalized communities and construct alternatives to systems of policing and imprisonment.
Under the Trump administration, there have been increased deportations of Southeast Asians since 2017. In 2018, courts started to hear the affirmative action case brought by Asian Americans against Harvard. How should we make sense of the diverse "Asian American" or AAPI identities in this age? How can progressive Asian Americans and immigrants build solidarity? And how do we as aspiring "rebellious" Asian attorneys understand the role of direct services, impact litigation and policy advocacy, versus community organizing and civil disobedience?

In this panel, panelists will tackle these questions by exploring the different but related challenges faced by sub-groups under the "Asian" umbrella - Southeast Asians, South Asians, East Asians, Pacific Islanders, and more. Panelists will also discuss how to utilize the "law" and push legal and political boundaries in the AAPI fight against white supremacy. Panelists and audience members will brainstorm together to envision a progressive AAPI vision through analyzing challenges and strategies. Panelists include:

Katrina Dizon Mariategue (she/her/hers) is the Director of National Policy of the Southeast Asia Resource Action Center (SEARAC). She leads and coordinates SEARAC's national advocacy efforts promoting social justice and equity among Southeast Asian American communities. Prior to this role, she served as SEARAC's Immigration Policy Manager and worked in the labor movement for six years at AFL-CIO.

Bethany Li (she/her/hers) is the Director of the Asian Outreach Unit at the Greater Boston Legal Services. Recently named a National Asian Pacific American Bar Association "Best Under 40" Awardee, Bethany has extensive experience developing projects using a community lawyering model, litigating cases, and supervising law students and attorneys in a variety of areas, including zoning and land use, housing, employment, immigration, education, and veterans disability and discharges.

Amol Sinha (he/him/his) has been the Executive Director of the ACLU-NJ since 2017. Prior to joining the ACLU-NJ, Amol was a policy advocate at the Innocence Project. From 2010-2015, Amol was the director of the Suffolk County Chapter of the New York Civil Liberties Union. Amol is the president of the South Asian Bar Association of New York and co-chair of the public interest committee of the South Asian Bar Association of North America.

Megan Yan (moderator, she/her/hers) is a second-year student at Yale Law School. Originally from Rockville, MD, she graduated from the University of Pennsylvania where she studied political science and finance. She is the co-chair of Yale Law's Asian Pacific American Law Students Association.

Sponsored by the Asian Pacific American Law Students Association.
A growing movement of legal scholars have set their sights on the forms of legal reason that have enabled neoliberal inequality. Under the banner of "Law and Political Economy," they start from the premise that the economy is not a natural institution, but one guided by value judgements structured in law. Join leading LPE scholars Amy Kapczynski, Samuel Moyn, and Karen Tani in this introduction to the Law and Political Economy project.

Moderator: Kate Redburn
Panelists: Amy Kapczynski, Samuel Moyn, and Karen Tani

Power to the People: Holistic Revolution to End Mass Incarceration through Participatory Defense

The U.S. has the dubious distinction of having the highest incarceration rates globally. Participatory defense serves as a way for directly affected communities to challenge the effects of mass incarceration.

Participatory defense is a community-organizing model that aims to empower people facing charges, their families and their communities. Our role is to help families navigate the criminal justice system, understand the course of legal proceedings, and strategize how to make an impact by becoming an active participant in their loved one’s defense. Together we create social biography packets, which show the character of and support for the person facing charges. Rather than identifying the person as someone who committed a crime, these packets humanize and creates a fuller picture of the person’s life story.

The impact of family and community participation on cases is undeniable. In just one year, San Diego has saved 215 years, while participatory defense hubs nationwide have saved an incredible 4,218 years off of people’s sentences. Most importantly, we bear witness to incredible transformations as families become actively engaged in shifting power into their own hands.

Mitchelle Woodson, Esq.: Mitchelle Woodson is the Staff Attorney for Think Dignity, a homeless advocacy agency in San Diego, CA. As the Staff Attorney, Mitchelle spearheads the Homeless Youth Legal and Advocacy Project (HYLAP) directly representing homeless and at-risk youth in their criminal defense matters. Additionally, Mitchelle assists in managing Think Dignity’s various legal clinics and Know Your Rights campaign, aiming to empower the community with knowledge. Mitchelle is also a founding member of the participatory defense hub in San Diego - FREE-SD, a member of San Diego’s Coalition for Police Accountability and Transparency, and a founding member of a community bail fund.

Anne Rios, Esq.: Anne Rios is the Staff Attorney for Al Otro Lado, a bi-national, direct legal services organization serving indigent deportees, migrants, and refugees in Tijuana, Mexico. Anne also hosts know-your-rights training and legal orientation workshops in migrant shelters in Tijuana, Mexico, and provides direct legal representation to detained asylum seekers in Southern California. Al Otro Lado is co-counsel in the class-action lawsuit, Gonzalez v. Core Civic, which alleges that the private prison subcontractor routinely violates labor trafficking law by forcing detained immigrants to work inside its detention centers at little to no compensation.

Paul (Khalid) Alexander: Professor Alexander comes from a long line of Americans who despite the odds have always worked for social justice and a better world. He pursued an M.A. in comparative literature at San Diego State University and became a Fulbright scholar in Damascus, Syria. He is also the president and founder of Pillars of the Community a nonprofit community organization that works with those directly impacted by the criminal justice system for meaningful systemic reform. He founded the “Reclaiming Our Stories” collective in 2015 which published a book of narrative essays written by individuals from impacted communities. Above all else, he is a proud resident of Southeast San Diego where he is raising 3 kids with his wife Raquel.
Panelists:

suprihmbé is a writer, thotscholar, and arthoe. she has been a sex worker for nearly a decade and has worked as a stripper, adult content creator, and a webcam model, as well as dabbled in escorting. Her book libra season is available on Amazon. You can find her on Twitter @thotscholar.

Ceyenne Doroshow is a compassionate powerhouse performer, activist, organizer, community-based researcher, and public figure in the trans and sex worker rights’ movements. As the Founder and Executive Director of G.L.I.T.S., she works to provide holistic care to LGBTQ sex workers while serving on the following boards: SWOP-USA, Caribbean Equality Project, SOAR Institute, NYTAG, Lysistrata Mutual Care Collective, and SWOP Behind Bars.

Madeline Marlowe is a sex worker, activist, filmmaker, and community organizer. She is a founding member of the Las Vegas Sex Workers Collective and a member of the Adult Performer Advocacy Committee. She is on twitter and instagram @MaitresseM.

Kaya Lin is a sex worker, performance artist, sex educator and activist within the intersecting Kink/Queer/POC/Poly communities. She is a member of the Adult Performer Advocacy Committee and Survivors Against SESTA, and was featured in the Buzzfeed Documentary “Whores Day,” describing the impact of FOSTA-SESTA. She is on twitter @kayalinxxx and instagram @misskayalin.

Moderator:

Lorelei Lee is a sex worker, writer, activist, and organizer. Her writing has appeared or is forthcoming in Salon, The Rumpus, WIRED, Denver Quarterly, the Los Angeles Review of Books, Buzzfeed, 1111, $pread Magazine, The Establishment, and elsewhere. She is on twitter and instagram @missloreleilee.

Special Thanks to Kayla Wingert, Marisa O’Gara, and the National Lawyers Guild Cornell student chapter for making this panel possible.

Content warning: This panel is likely to address or discuss any or all of the following: pornography and pornographic content; sex work stigma; sexual assault; abuse; police violence; sexual and gender-based violence; misogynoir, trans misogyny and trans stigma; racism and racial slurs; queer stigma; body hatred and fat-shaming; classism; mental health crises and self-harm; death and dying; pregnancy, childbirth, stigmatized parenting, and abortion; mental illness and ableism. Please prioritize your mental and emotional health, and feel free to leave the room at any time if you need to, and to return as you feel able. We will not feel slighted or disturbed if you do this, but grateful that you are caring for yourself.

Recording and photography: please do not record or photograph this panel or any of its participants without their express permission. If you are given permission to take a photo or video, please understand the limits of that permission - agreeing to a single photo is not the same as a consent waiver for all photos.

Land acknowledgment: we would like to acknowledge the Paugusett and Quinnipiac People on whose occupied land we gather for this conference.
This panel will focus on the ways community organizing and movement lawyering can both protect and expand voting rights in Southern states. Our discussion will focus on how organizers in the African American, Latinx, and LGBTQ communities are responding to voter suppression tactics and how that work can and should inform a positive vision for expanding voting rights going forward. The panel will also discuss the importance of grassroots organizing in advocating for change and how it should or already does inform policy work and litigation seeking to expand and protect voting rights.

Cliff Albright is the co-founder of Black Voters Matter. Cliff is also a writer, nonprofit management consultant, and radio talk show host. He has written/advised on several reports on philanthropy, and he recently helped develop a strategy for funders seeking to support power building efforts in the South.

Kira Romero-Craft is the Managing Attorney for the LatinoJustice southeast office, where she focuses on immigrants’ rights, voting rights, economic justice and criminal justice reform. Prior to joining LatinoJustice, she was the program director for the children’s legal program at Americans for Immigrant Justice.

Annie Melton is a third-year law student at Brooklyn Law School whose work focuses on voting rights, LGBTQ rights, and the intersections between the two. She worked on voting rights litigation as a law clerk at the Texas Civil Rights Project and a fellow at Demos.

As the Gender Inclusion Organizer for Equality Foundation of Georgia, Chanel Haley leads efforts that ensure nondiscrimination legislation and policies in the broad areas of employment, housing, public accommodations, safe schools, access to health care, education and voter registration access is inclusive of transgender and gender variant individuals and communities.

This panel is sponsored by Latinx Law Students Association at Yale Law School, Black Law Students Association at YLS, OutLaws at YLS, Yale Law Civil Rights Project, YLS Dems, Yale Law Women, Women of Color Collective at YLS.

Come Scheme with Us: Build the Federalist Society of the Left [W]
Room 120

The Federalist Society, working in conjunction with right-wing social movements, has succeeded in changing legal thinking, legal education, and the pipeline of legal elites. There is nothing like it on the left (ACS ain't cutting it). With left legal academics coalescing around the "Law and Political Economy" framework and left social movements growing in influence, now is the time to build it.

This session will be a space for those ready to do so. Law students who have done preliminary work on this project will discuss the emerging LPE movement, the student groups they have built, the preliminary framework for cross-campus collaboration they have developed, and share some resources they have begun to create. But this will not be a presentation; it will be a practical discussion about how we can build together.
First, we would like to acknowledge Quinnipiac and Paugussett People on whose traditional, unceded territory we gather for this conference.

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Finally, we thank our many volunteers and hosts, without whom this conference would not have been possible.
Do I need my nametag throughout the event?
Yes. Please be sure to keep your name tag with you during the Conference. You will need your name tag to gain access to the Law School, attend RebLaw panels and workshops, enjoy meals and beverages at RebLaw events, and use Yale’s shuttle services.

How do I get internet access?
Select YaleGuest from your network options, and open your browser. You should be directed to a blue login page. Click on "guest login" and follow the Instructions.

Which meals will be served during the conference?
There will be light refreshments served at the Happy Hour on Friday afternoon (4-4:45 PM), and bag lunch will be provided on Saturday afternoon. Coffee will also be available throughout the conference in the student lounge. Breakfast and dinner are not included; feel free to ask us at the Registration Room (in Room 122) if you would like advice or suggestions about where to go.

What type of food will be served at RebLaw? Will there be vegetarian, vegan, or gluten free options?
All food options at RebLaw will be vegetarian. There will be a limited number of vegan and gluten-free bag lunches available. If you do not require a gluten-free or vegan lunch, please save them for those who do.

Who should I contact for accessibility assistance throughout the conference?
At any point throughout the conference, should you need assistance with anything accessibility-related, please call or text (203) 903-2535 or come by the Registration Room (Room 122).

Where are the restrooms?
There are no restrooms on the main floor of the law school. To get to the restrooms on the 2nd floor, walk up the main stairs one flight, and the restrooms will be directly in front of you. Or, take the elevator located in the middle of the main hallway, by the central stairway. To get to the downstairs restrooms, walk toward the dining hall and follow the signs for “Restrooms.” Or, take the elevator located between the entrance to the dining hall and the main hallway.

Other questions?
Please come by the Registration Room, Room 122, and we will help you!
-- TRAVEL & PARKING --

Parking?

Free parking is available starting at 3 PM on Friday and all-day Saturday.

- Lot 78: located at Ashmun Street and York Square Place, located behind Payne Whitney Gym. You can access the parking lot from Ashmun Street. (Enter “Lot 78, New Haven, CT” into Google Maps.)
- Lot 78w: located at Lake Place (Enter “Lot 78W, New Haven, CT” into Google Maps.)

Transportation?

RebLaw has working with Yale University to provide free shuttle services for all registrants.

- Download DoubleMap from the app store. Or on a computer, you can access all transportation lines at http://yaleshuttle.doublemap.com/map/
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- Any rides after 1 AM require door to door service. Self-book by calling a dispatcher at 203-432-6330.

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Friday: Board/Exit at Union Station. Exit/Board at College St./Wall St. (Red Line) all day until 7 PM

Friday: Board/Exit at Union Station. Exit/Board at York St./Wall St. (Blue line) starting after 6 PM

Friday/Saturday: Board/Exit at Union Station. Exit/Board at College St./Wall St.

Saturday (8 AM-6 PM): Board/Exit at Union Station. Exit/Board at College St./Wall St. (Weekend Blue Line)
## ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

### Identity Caucuses

Identity caucuses will take place after the closing keynote of each day. Identity caucuses are informal spaces for folks of shared identities (and “allies”) to discuss their life experiences in the context of RebLaw and what RebLaw is about.

If you would like to propose and facilitate a caucus not yet planned, find a RebLaw director or sign up in the registration room (room 122).

- **Friday, 7:45-8:45 p.m.**
  - Room 120: Queer People of Color
  - Room 121: Muslim Women of Color
  - Room 127: Allies
  - Room 129: First-Generation Professionals

- **Saturday, 6:30-7:30 p.m.**
  - Room 120: Disabilities
  - Room 121: Sex Workers
  - Room 127: People of Color
  - Room 129: Black Femmes

### A Conversation on Criminal Justice

Join us for a conversation on the potentials and perils of “progressive prosecution” and its place in radically changing the criminal legal system.

**Johanna Fernández**, PhD, is a history professor at Baruch College, CUNY. She is also the producer and director of *Justice on Trial: The Case of Mumia Abu-Jamal*.

**Naji Mujahid Fenwick, Esq.** is a 2016 graduate of the University of the District of Columbia – David A. Clarke School of Law. After graduation, he worked for the Defender Association of Philadelphia as an Assistant Public Defender for 2 years. He is currently in private practice where he continues fight injustice.

**Bob Boyle** is a civil rights and criminal defense attorney. He has been active in the defense of U.S. political prisoners for over thirty years. In 1990, he won freedom for former Black Panther leader Dhoruba Bin Wahad and more recently won freedom for Black Panther leader Eddie Conway. Bob joined Mumia Abu-Jamal’s legal team in the spring of 2015.

**Vida Johnson** is a professor of law at Georgetown University Law Center who writes on progressive prosecution. Prior to joining the faculty at Georgetown, Vida was a supervising attorney at the Public Defender Service for the District of Columbia for eight years.

**Alec Karakatsanis** is a civil rights lawyer, social justice advocate, and the founder and executive director of Civil Rights Corps, a Washington D.C. impact litigation nonprofit. He has a forthcoming article about prosecutors and “criminal justice reform” in *The Yale Law Journal*. 
Friday Evening Activities

- **Friday Party at Gryphon’s Pub**, 204 York Street, New Haven
  Remember to bring your *RebLaw nametag* so that you don’t have to pay a cover. We will be in the ballroom upstairs (there will be karaoke).
  Gryphon’s is a cash bar and has an ATM.
- **Friday movie screening** of Justice on Trial: The Case of Mumia Abu-Jamal: moved to 127.

*Additional Panel*  
Saturday, 3:45-5:15 p.m. – Room 129

**Mumia Abu-Jamal and the State of Rebel Lawyering**

This session begins with a FOX news video condemning President Obama’s nomination of attorney Debo Adegbile to the top Civil Rights position in the Department of Justice. Adegbile’s nomination was defeated in congress when the Fraternal Order of Police (FOP) launched a vicious campaign that smeared Adegbile with the crime for which his client (Abu-Jamal) was convicted. This session gives an update of the case and shows how the state has, for the last 37 years, brandished Mumia’s Black Panther affiliation and the term “cop killer” to manipulate white fear, legitimize its regressive agenda, and crank up the apparatus of mass incarceration.

**Johanna Fernández**, PhD  
History Professor, Baruch College, CUNY  
Producer & Director, *Justice on Trial: The Case of Mumia Abu-Jamal*

**Nyle Fort**, PhD Candidate & Minister  
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Founder, Educators for Mumia Abu-Jamal