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Courts Agree: N.C. Laws Violate Free Speech

The free speech rights of North Carolina motorists and of doctors who provide abortion services remain protected after the ACLU of North Carolina won two separate cases in federal court earlier this year, resulting in decisions that struck down key provisions of laws passed by the N.C. General Assembly in 2011.

Demeaning Ultrasound Law Struck Down

In January, a federal judge in Greensboro struck down a requirement that abortion providers must show a woman an ultrasound and describe the images in detail at least four hours before performing an abortion, even if the woman objects. The U.S. District Court for the



From left, ACLU-NC Legal Director Chris Brook, Julie Rikelman of the Center for Reproductive Rights, and ACLU Staff Attorney Andrew Beck after arguments outside U.S. District Court in Greensboro Aug. 21, 2013.

Middle District of North Carolina ruled that this provision of the law violated doctors' free speech rights in response to a challenge brought by the ACLU, the Center for Reproductive Rights, and Planned Parenthood Federation of America.

"If these unconstitutional measures had gone into effect, doctors would have been prevented from using their best medical judgment to provide patients with care based on their specific individual needs," said ACLU-NC Executive Director Jennifer Rudinger. The law would have required abortion providers to perform an ultra-

sound and place the image in the woman's line of sight. The provider would then be required to describe the embryo or fetus in detail, even if the woman asked the doctor not to do so.

The measure made no exceptions for women under any circumstances, including cases of rape, incest, or those who receive a tragic diagnosis during pregnancy. The state has appealed the ruling.

Appeals Court Rules One-Sided License Plate Scheme Unconstitutional

In February, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit ruled in a unanimous opinion that a 2011 North Carolina law that would have allowed the production of a "Choose Life" license plate, but not an alternative plate with a message supporting reproductive freedom, is unconstitutional.

"Issuing a 'Choose Life' specialty license plate while refusing to issue a pro-choice specialty license plate constitutes blatant viewpoint discrimination

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Banning Books in 2014?

Not On Our Watch!

Those of us who value the First Amendment and are committed to the free exchange of ideas have been deeply disturbed this year to see not one, but four separate North Carolina school districts face attempts to ban books from public school classrooms, and in some cases, libraries.

In the decade that I have served as Executive Director of the ACLU of North Carolina, I cannot remember another year that witnessed so many challenges to great works of literature being taught in our high schools. "The Handmaid's Tale" in Guilford County, "Invisible Man" in Randolph County, "The Color Purple" in Brunswick County, and "The House of the Spirits" in Watauga County (page 3) all came under attack, often by individuals who had never read the entire book in question or did not even have children in the public school system.

In all four cases, the ACLU-NC worked with parents, students, and community members, both publicly and behind the scenes, to ensure that these attacks on the freedom to read were not successful, and in all four cases, I am happy to say, the attempted book bans failed. ACLU-NC members, staff, and supporters attended board meetings, sent letters, organized media events and letter writing campaigns, and did everything we could to let officials know that these and future attempts to ban books in North Carolina would meet strong resistance. As a proactive step, we even filed public records requests with several school districts to see if they were considering other book bans.

Work like this is only possible with the support of you, our dedicated members. We need your help to protect the freedom to read in North Carolina, as well as to advance LGBT (page 4) and privacy rights (page 5) and to combat the onslaught of attacks on voting and other constitutional rights across our state. Please take a stand against such attacks today by going to page 11 or acluofnc.org to make a generous tax-deductible contribution to help us defend civil liberties in North Carolina.

Thank you for your support of our work! ■



Jennifer Rudinger

Jennifer Rudinger
Executive Director

LEGAL NEWS

ACLU-NC, Students Rally To Defend Freedom to Read



Watauga High School sophomore Max Schlenker speaks at a rally organized by Watauga County community members and the ACLU-NC to urge the county school board to reject calls to remove “The House of the Spirits” from classrooms. “We need to be encouraged to explore the world from the safety of a classroom, where only judgment is left at the door,” he said.

Hours before the Watauga County Board of Education voted February 27 on whether to keep “The House of the Spirits,” Isabel Allende’s classic novel based on hardships experienced by those who lived through Chile’s military coup, in the honors sophomore English curriculum, representatives from the ACLU-NC joined parents, students, and faculty members for a rally at Appalachian State University to oppose censorship and defend the freedom to read. The event was widely covered by the media and included statements from ACLU-NC Legal Director Chris Brook as well as Allende herself via video. “We’re proud to join students and parents from Watauga County in urging their local officials to do the right thing and not go down the slippery slope of banning books that promote critical thinking and classroom dialogue,” Brook said. Later that night, the board voted 3-2 to keep the novel in the curriculum. ■

ACLU-NC Wins Appeal of One-Sided License Plate Law

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squarely at odds with the First Amendment,” ruled the three-judge panel.

“The government cannot create an avenue of expression for one side of a contentious political issue while denying an equal opportunity to citizens with the opposite view,” said ACLU-NC Legal Director Chris Brook, who argued the case in the Fourth Circuit. “We would have made the exact same argument if the situation were reversed and the state planned on issuing a pro-choice plate while not offering one expressing the opposite point of view.”

The ACLU-NC filed the origi-

nal lawsuit in 2011 on behalf of North Carolinians seeking a specialty license plate that supports a woman’s right to reproductive freedom. The lawsuit argued the state’s plan violated the First Amendment by creating an avenue for private speech but opening it to only one side of a contentious debate.

In 2011, the North Carolina General Assembly passed House Bill 289, which authorized the issuance of a “Choose Life” license plate. However, the legislature repeatedly refused to authorize a plate that supported the countervailing position in favor of reproductive freedom. Six amendments were proposed in

the legislature to authorize an additional new plate that stated either, “Trust Women. Respect Choice.” or simply “Respect Choice.” The legislature rejected all six amendments.

U.S. District Judge James C. Fox ruled in December 2012 that the one-sided license plate scheme was unconstitutional, writing that “the State’s offering of a Choose Life license plate in the absence of a pro-choice plate constitutes viewpoint discrimination in violation of the First Amendment.”

The state now has until May to decide whether to appeal the Fourth Circuit’s ruling to the U.S. Supreme Court. ■

It's Time to End the Government's War on Marijuana

Report: Marijuana Arrests are Wasteful, Racially Biased

The ACLU has launched a new campaign and website calling for an end to the government's wasteful and racially biased war on marijuana. According to a report released by the ACLU and available at theuncovery.org, North Carolina spent nearly \$55 million enforcing marijuana possession laws in 2010, while statewide, African Americans were arrested for marijuana possession at 3.38 times the rate of white people, despite comparable marijuana usage rates. The report, *Marijuana in Black and White: Billions of Dollars Wasted on Racially Biased Arrests*, is the first ever to examine state and county marijuana arrest rates nationally by race.

Statewide, North Carolina law enforcement made 20,983 marijuana arrests in 2010 – the 10th most in the nation – and marijuana possession arrests accounted for 53.6 percent of all drug arrests in North Carolina in that same year. Fifty percent of the people arrested for marijuana posses-

sion in North Carolina were African American, even though statewide African Americans comprise only 22 percent of the population.

"As more states consider new approaches to marijuana policy, it's time for North Carolinians to start having our own conversation about how to best change failed marijuana laws," said Mike Meno, ACLU-NC Communications Director. "The aggressive enforcement of marijuana laws has wasted millions of tax dollars, disproportionately targeted people of color, damaged community relations with police, and harmed the lives of countless individuals arrested for possessing even tiny amounts of marijuana, all while having virtually no impact on marijuana's use or availability."

In 2012, voters in Colorado and Washington became the first in the nation to approve laws that would tax and regulate the sale and use of marijuana for adults. In addition to calling for an end to the federal gov-

Every 0.42 hours someone in North Carolina is arrested for having marijuana; a black person is 3.38 times more likely to be arrested than a white person.

North Carolina spent \$54,934,668 enforcing marijuana laws in 2010.

**To learn more and take action:
theuncovery.org.**

ernment's broader "war on drugs," the ACLU is calling for states to legalize marijuana by licensing and regulating marijuana production, distribution, and possession for adults 21 or older; taxing marijuana sales; and removing state law criminal and civil penalties for such activities, which would eliminate the unfair racially- and community-targeted selective enforcement of marijuana laws. ■

Appeals Court Will Hear Marriage Equality Case in May

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fourth Circuit, the federal appeals court that has jurisdiction over North Carolina and four other states, is scheduled to hear arguments in May in a lawsuit seeking the freedom to marry in Virginia.

The court has allowed the case, *Bostic v. Rainey*, to be considered alongside a separate class action challenge filed by the ACLU and ACLU of Virginia on behalf of an estimated 14,000 couples. In February, a district

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court in Virginia ruled that same-sex couples in that state will be allowed to marry and all same-sex couples legally married elsewhere will have their marriages recognized, but the ruling has been put on hold while it is appealed to the Fourth Circuit. The ACLU and

ACLU-NC's legal challenge to North Carolina's ban on marriage equality is still pending in federal court in Greensboro and could be impacted by a decision from the Fourth Circuit. The ACLU-NC also plans to file a friend-of-the-court brief in the Virginia case on behalf of its North Carolina clients.

The ACLU is also pursuing marriage cases in Indiana, Florida, Pennsylvania, Missouri, Oregon, and Wisconsin. ■

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

ACLU, Public Agree: Police Want to Use Drones? Make Them Get a Warrant.

As lawmakers debate how to regulate drones, or unmanned aerial vehicles, in North Carolina, a new poll shows that North Carolina voters overwhelmingly support enacting measures to protect privacy against unwarranted surveillance.

Seventy-two percent of North Carolina voters believe that law enforcement and other government agencies should be required to obtain a warrant from a judge before using a drone to conduct surveillance on a private citizen, according to the March survey conducted by Public Policy Polling. Only 13% of those polled said they did not support the warrant requirement.

The survey was released as a state legislative committee held several hearings to study and recommend ways to regulate drone use in North Carolina. A provision in the state budget has prohibited the use of drones by government agencies without special permission until July 2015. Several law enforcement agencies in the state have expressed interest in drones, and a recent report from the state's Chief Information Officer laid out a vision for a future in which state agencies use drones to track suspects, locate missing people, detect disease and insect infestation in crops, assess storm damage and inspect bridges, among other pur-



While the drone industry sets its sights on North Carolina, the ACLU-NC is lobbying to ensure privacy protections are included in any new drone laws.

poses. In fact, the CEO for a company that produces drone systems told the North Carolina committee that he has been in talks with officials in Greensboro and Winston-Salem about setting up a headquarters in the Triad.

Congress has ordered the Federal Aviation Administration to change airspace rules to make it much easier for police nationwide to use domestic drones, but the law does not include badly needed privacy protections.

"It's clear that North Carolinians value their right to privacy and strongly oppose giving the government the power to conduct surveillance on private citizens without a warrant," said Sarah Preston, Policy Director for the ACLU-NC. "As lawmakers move to establish rules for drones in North Carolina, they should respect the will of the

people and make sure that any new drone laws include strong privacy protections that would require the government to obtain a warrant before conducting surveillance on private citizens."

The ACLU-NC strongly supports H.B. 312, the "Preserving Privacy Act of 2013," a bipartisan bill introduced last year that would prohibit individuals and government agencies, including law enforcement, from using a drone to gather evidence or other data on individuals without first obtaining a warrant that shows probable cause to suspect criminal activity. The bill includes an exception that allows the use of a drone to conduct searches if law enforcement possesses reasonable suspicion that immediate action is necessary to prevent certain types of imminent harm. ■

Celebrating the Bill of Rights

The 45th Annual Frank Porter Graham Awards Ceremony on February 15 was a tremendous success! More than 260 people attended the event to support the ACLU-NC's mission and help us honor Lewis Pitts, former state Sen. Ellie Kinnaird, Robert Hurley, and Connie Vetter for their contributions to the cause of civil liberties. Acclaimed civil rights attorney and advocate Bryan Stevenson delivered a riveting keynote address about the need to reform our criminal justice system.



Left: Bryan Stevenson of the Equal Justice Initiative delivers the keynote address at the 2014 Frank Porter Graham Awards Ceremony.

Right: Keynote speaker Bryan Stevenson (second from left) with ACLU-NC staff following his address at the 2014 Frank Porter Graham Awards.



"It is essential that we stay hopeful. Because it is our hopefulness about what we can make North Carolina become ... that will allow us to do the things that are essential to protecting civil rights and civil liberties."

- Bryan Stevenson at the 2014 Frank Porter Graham Awards Ceremony



Connie Vetter (left), is presented the 2014 Sharon Thompson Award for her work advancing LGBT rights by ACLU-NC Legal Director Chris Brook.



Robert Hurley (left), is presented the 2014 Paul Green Award for his work against the death penalty by ACLU-NC Staff Attorney Raul Pinto.



Former state Sen. Ellie Kinnaird (right) is presented the 2014 ACLU-NC Award for her commitment to civil liberties by ACLU-NC Policy Director Sarah Preston.



Lewis Pitts (right) is presented the 2014 Frank Porter Graham Award for his contributions to civil liberties by ACLU-NC President Holning Lau.

Board of Directors ELECTION

WHO CAN VOTE:

Under the bylaws of the ACLU-NC, only current dues-paying members of the ACLU-NC can vote in Board elections.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING:

The candidates are listed in alphabetical order. We have 8 candidates running to fill 7 open seats on our Board of Directors. Each ACLU member may vote for up to 7 candidates. See pages 8-10 for candidate statements. A member cannot vote for the same candidate twice. Voting for more than 7 candidates will disqualify your ballot. For **individual memberships**, vote for a maximum of seven candidates. For **joint memberships** (two members with the same mailing address), each member may vote for a maximum of 7 candidates, with one member voting for up to 7 candidates under the column marked "Individual" and the second member voting for a maximum of 7 candidates under the column marked "Joint." After marking

your ballot, clip it and enclose it in an envelope. Sign and print your name (both names for joint memberships) on the outside flap of the envelope, and include your return address so we can verify your membership status.

ADDRESS THE ENVELOPE TO:

ACLU-NC Board Elections
P.O. Box 28004
Raleigh, NC 27611-8004

VOTING DEADLINE:

In order for your ballot to be counted, we must receive it at the address shown above by **Tuesday, May 20, 2014**, or you may cast your vote in person at the ACLU-NC's Annual Membership Meeting on Wednesday, May 21, 2014, from 7 to 8 p.m. at the LGBT Center of Raleigh, 324 S. Harrington Street, Raleigh, NC 27603. See back page for details.

ACLU-NC BOARD OF DIRECTORS BALLOT

Please vote by marking one square next to each candidate you support. Each member may vote for up to seven (7) candidates on this ballot. Two members at the same address who share a joint membership should use both squares.

Individual Joint

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Don Davis

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Stephen Feldman

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Tish Gay

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Angela Gilmore

Individual Joint

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Irene Godinez

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Beth Klein

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Please clip and send along with your name(s) and return address to:

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Don Davis

As an openly gay man with a partner I hope to marry, and as an attorney, I am intimately familiar with the central role the courts play in securing Americans' civil rights and civil liberties. My respect for the ACLU's crucial and consequential work over the last century is boundless. Having served on the Board of Directors of Equality NC, including as a Board officer, I have also played a part in establishing the strategic direction of a social justice organization. Service in the direction of equal rights for LGBT people has brought me a great deal of

fulfillment and purpose; however, because my passions reach beyond LGBT rights into areas such as immigrants' rights and protection of fundamental civil liberties such as voting rights, I now seek service on the ACLU-NC Board of Directors. Just as I took initiative in my past Board service, I endeavor to work hard in unison with a Board full of bright and passionate advocates striving to ensure the integrity of our Bill of Rights. Thank you for offering me the opportunity to labor for the cause of civil liberty. ■



Stephen
Feldman

I am grateful to have served as a member of the ACLU-NC Board for the past three years. I would be equally humbled to serve on the Board for another term.

I am a private practice lawyer in Raleigh. I concentrate in a wide range of complex litigation in both state and federal courts. As a Board member, I would apply the skills and experience I have gained from private practice to benefit the ACLU of North Carolina. The ACLU, by its nature, is a frequent litigant; selecting litigation objectives, strategies, and tactics is a critical mission of the Board.

The significance of the ACLU in safeguarding the civil liberties of North Carolinians cannot be overstated. Over the past three years, the ACLU-NC has obtained favorable rulings to curb

government prayer that violates the Establishment Clause; has challenged North Carolina's new voting restrictions that stand to disenfranchise North Carolina citizens; and has overturned the State's efforts to limit reproductive rights.

These accomplishments are the result of exceptional work by the very talented and very dedicated ACLU-NC staff. The Board is responsible for (a) ensuring that our staff is empowered to continue its exceptional efforts, while (b) also providing oversight to ensure that we, as an organization, are working toward agreed-upon objectives. I am dedicated to fulfilling these responsibilities. In sum, I would be honored to have the chance to continue on the Board, and I am grateful for your consideration of my candidacy. ■



Tish Gay

My interest in civil liberties began when I was a teenager. I was fascinated by the Wilmington Ten case happening in this state. My respect and admiration for the work of the ACLU's protection of civil rights has been a constant thread throughout my life. My areas of special interest are women's rights, specifically a woman's right to choose, and immigrants' rights. I worked for Planned Parenthood Public Affairs of NC and NC Coalition for Choice in the late 80's and early 90's. Those experiences led me to work at the ACLU-NC state affiliate. I realized we have to continuously protect our rights or there would be no Planned Parenthood and fewer choices for women. I worked at the state affiliate from 1991 to 1994

and found the work varied, intriguing, always a challenge. I served on the Board of the Wake County Chapter of the ACLU for seven years and found that work to be rewarding as well. For the past three years, I have served on the Board of Directors for the ACLU-NC and as Secretary for the ACLU-NC Legal Foundation's Board.

The work of the ACLU-NC now faces the most critical level ever in this State, and violations of civil rights seem boundless. If re-elected, I will work to the best of my ability (and enjoy every moment of it!) as I do whatever is necessary to help the ACLU-NC defend and protect the rights of the people of NC. My background is in education and art, and I graduated from Meredith College in Raleigh. ■

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Angela
Gilmore

I am both excited and anxious to be a candidate for the ACLU-NC's Board of Directors. I am excited because it would be an honor to be a part of an organization that cares about causes and issues that are important to me. I am anxious because the work of the ACLU-NC matters. Being a member of this Board would be more than just an entry on my resume. Rather, it would be my commitment to the organization and to the citizens of North Carolina to work hard on issues that have a real effect on the lives of real people. The work of the ACLU-NC makes people's lives better.

I am currently a professor at North Carolina

Central University School of Law. Every day, I have the opportunity to talk with students and colleagues about issues that affect our civil liberties. I also have the opportunity to explore with them ways to protect those civil liberties. As a member of the ACLU-NC's Board of Directors, I would have the opportunity to work on those issues in a hands-on, tangible way. This is a critical time in our state's history, and without the continued hard work of this organization and others similar to it, I fear that North Carolina will be on the wrong side of history on too many issues.

Thank you for considering my candidacy. ■



Irene
Godinez

One of the highest honors for me has been to serve on the Board of the ACLU-NC, where I currently serve as Treasurer. If I weren't on the Board, I'm certain that I would be supporting the work of this fine organization in some other capacity, but I hope that you'll consider re-electing me.

I first became acquainted with the work of the ACLU-NC during a troubling period for Latino families living in Johnston County who were subjected to racial and ethnic profiling by their local Sheriff's office. I volunteered to interpret for the staff as they visited families who had experienced racial profiling. The thoughtfulness, commitment, and professionalism of the staff left a lasting impression on me. It wasn't long before I became a card-carrying member of the ACLU.

Often in my professional life, I have relied on the knowledge and expertise of the staff to guide my work. Even as I have switched the scope of the issues that I advocate for in my daily work, one thing has remained constant—the ACLU-NC continues to be a strong partner in the protection and defense of civil liberties on issues that I am deeply passionate about, like immigrants' rights and reproductive rights.

As one of the non-attorneys on the Board, I feel that I have been able to bring a unique perspective grounded in my experiences as a community organizer and to advocate on pressing issues. I would appreciate your vote and would be honored to serve another term. ■



Beth
Klein

I would be truly honored if given the opportunity to serve on the Board of the ACLU-NC and am grateful to be considered.

For more than a decade, I have been a proud supporter of the ACLU, and I feel as though the organization is currently in a position to greatly impact the citizens of North Carolina over the next few years. I was first drawn to the ACLU due to the work that it does for the LGBTQ community. While a student at Elon Law, I served as Vice President of OutLaw, an organization that worked to educate the students and community about issues facing the LGBTQ community.

Leading up to the vote on Amendment One, we paired with the ACLU group at Elon Law in

order to educate the community about the true impact of the Amendment.

Throughout my career, I have been driven by a desire to advocate for others, particularly those who are unable to fully exercise their freedoms. I currently work as an attorney at Rossabi Black Slaughter, PA in Greensboro, where I practice civil litigation. My decision to attend law school was fueled largely by my prior work experiences, first as a Case Manager for individuals transitioning from periods of federal incarceration and then as a Protective Services Social Worker assisting disabled and incapacitated adults who had become wards of the state. During my time at Elon Law, I also served as a Case Manager with the Innocence Project. ■

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**Donna
Mansfield**

There are numerous issues that the ACLU-NC works to alleviate that are very personal to me. My life has been shaped from witnessing the abuses that my mother endured at the hands of my father. At a very young age, I had learned of the inequality within our justice system. I learned that her abuse had continued for many years due to the inaction of law enforcement to protect her on several occasions and the fact that she did not have proper documentation to live in this country. Time and time again, I witnessed inequality, injustice, and blatant disregard for human rights, and I tired of seeing that most of the people that endured these acts looked just like me. These experiences, along with many others

that I witnessed, have given me a fierce resolve to defend and protect everyone.

After my service in the U.S. Army, I settled in Fayetteville and immersed myself in volunteerism in our community. After serving on several boards ranging from hospital organizations to fundraising for our local free health clinic, I joined the board of our local Partnership for Children and later went on to serve two terms as board president. I am a graduate of the Leadership NC program and currently serve as PTA president at our local middle school. I am very experienced in fundraising, working with diverse communities, and advocacy. I thank you in advance for your consideration and look forward to advancing the goals of the ACLU-NC. ■



**Manju
Rajendran**

With deep appreciation for the ACLU of North Carolina's principles and strategy, I would be honored to serve on the ACLU-NC Board. I am a facilitator, organizer, artist, writer, and cook. Since age 12, I have been doing social, economic, and environmental justice work with organizations from local to international. I work at Vimala's Curryblossom Cafe, my family's food justice restaurant in Chapel Hill, NC.

I am a participant in Duke Energy Action Group, a national committee member of the War Resisters League, and a volunteer grantwriter and strategist with Rogers Eubanks Neighbor-

hood Association. I have shared my skills in organizations and projects including: All Of Us North Carolina, Left Turn Magazine, OrganizeNorthCarolina.Org, Women and Girls Collective Action Network, Bread Uprising Bakery Coop, Heirs to a Fighting Tradition, Highlander Research and Education Center, South Carolina Equality Coalition, Ubuntu, The League of Young Voters, Not Your Soldier, Southerners On New Ground, NC Peace and Justice Network, Durham Food Coop, India's National Fishworkers Forum, Youth Voice Radio, NC Lambda Youth Network, and the Center for Peace Education. ■

CHAPTER UPDATES

Charlotte Chapter

The Charlotte chapter of the ACLU joined Common Cause NC to show the Bill Moyers documentary "State of Conflict: North Carolina" on April 6 at the chapter's general meeting.

Each of the chapter's civil liberties teams works to form coalitions with other civil liberties groups to achieve their team's objectives. Teams participate with these other groups to protect voting rights, assure the protection of religious liberty and other forms of the freedom of thought and expression, to

carry out a "Homeless Prevention Project" to inform persons at risk of eviction of their legal rights, to advance LGBT rights, to protect immigrants' rights, and a team to monitor the work of the Citizens Review Board of the Charlotte Police Department to see that they fulfill the requirements of their charter. Our strategy of coalition building connects the chapter to a wide range of groups as we seek to protect the civil liberties of at-risk populations in Charlotte and Mecklenburg County.

Visit www.aclu-charlotte.org for more info.

Western N.C. Chapter

Annual Meeting June 22 in Asheville

WHAT: The ACLU's WNC chapter will hold its annual membership meeting featuring an awards presentation, updates on events and plans for the WNC chapter in the coming year, and election of new members to the WNC Chapter board. All ACLU members in Western North Carolina are eligible to be candidates for board membership and to vote on that occasion.

WHO: The **2014 Evan Mahaney Champion of Civil Liberties Award** will be presented to the Asheville-based **Campaign for Southern Equality** for that organization's work to extend marriage equality to all people in the South, and to the **Hon. Drew Reisinger**, Buncombe County Register of Deeds, for his support of county residents seeking the freedom to marry.

WHEN: Sunday, June 22, 2014 at 3 p.m.

WHERE: Rooftop garden at Battery Park Apartments, 1 Battle Square, Asheville 28801

Visit www.acluwnnc.wordpress.com for more info.

Duke Law Chapter

The Duke Law ACLU has been busy this school year, spreading the word about some of the most important civil liberties issues of the day. One of the highlights included a panel discussion called "Hands Off My Uterus: The Attack On Women's Reproductive Rights" that drew attention to repeated attacks against Planned Parenthood. The Duke Law ACLU also hosted Erin Murphy, who argued *McCutcheon v. FEC* before the Supreme Court on behalf of the plaintiff, and Tara Malloy, the principal author of an opposing amicus brief, for a debate on the future of campaign finance law. The chapter sponsored a talk on net neutrality and a February discussion with Medea Benjamin, co-founder of Code Pink, called "Drones Overhead: What Do Domestic Drones Mean for the Future of Privacy?" ■

Visit acluofnc.org to find your local chapter and sign up for email updates.

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Annual Statewide Membership Meeting
May 21. LGBT Center of Raleigh.

Meet some of the families & ACLU lawyers
challenging N.C.'s ban on marriage equality
and get updates on our work.



When: Wednesday, May 21, 2014 7 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Where: LGBT Center of Raleigh, 324 South Harrington Street, Raleigh 27603

The event is free and open to the public.

Visit acluofnc.org for more details.

