2016 In Review

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The Association of LGBTQ Journalists
ABOUT NLGJA

NLGJA – The Association of LGBTQ Journalists is the premier network of LGBTQ media professionals and those who support the highest journalistic standards in the coverage of LGBTQ issues.

NLGJA provides its members with skill-building, educational programming and professional development opportunities. As the association of LGBTQ media professionals, we offer members the space to engage with other professionals for both career advancement and the chance to expand their personal networks. Through our commitment to fair and accurate LGBTQ coverage, NLGJA creates tools for journalists by journalists on how to cover the community and issues.

NLGJA’s Goals

• Enhance the professionalism, skills and career opportunities for LGBTQ journalists while equipping the LGBTQ community with tools and strategies for media access and accountability
• Strengthen the identity, respect and status of LGBTQ journalists in the newsroom and throughout the practice of journalism
• Advocate for the highest journalistic and ethical standards in the coverage of LGBTQ issues while holding news organizations accountable for their coverage
• Collaborate with other professional journalist associations and promote the principles of inclusion and diversity within our ranks
• Provide mentoring and leadership to future journalists and support LGBTQ and ally student journalists in order to develop the next generation of professional journalists committed to fair and accurate coverage
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*For more information about NLGJA, visit [www.nlgja.org](http://www.nlgja.org)*
With a polarizing presidential election and so many news stories covering the LGBTQ community, 2016 was a particularly eventful year for the association and our members. Our strong network of reporters, photojournalists, editors, producers, columnists, bloggers, news managers, media executives, communications professionals, students, networking partners and organizational allies has allowed NLGJA to disseminate crucial information quickly to support fair and accurate coverage. I believe that NLGJA and our members have made progress in continuing our collective mission of advancing fair and accurate coverage of LGBTQ issues and people.

The dedication, talents and the countless hours of our many volunteer leaders have helped NLGJA extend our reach and impact in both existing and new channels. I’d like to recognize the national officers and board of directors, chapter leaders and volunteers for their hard work throughout the year. Their on-the-ground work in their individual chapters, as well as at the national level, have reflected well on our organization and mission.

Additionally, I want to highlight the NLGJA Stylebook for LGBTQ Terminology committee and the NLGJA Rapid Response Task Force for their efforts this year providing media with critical, up-to-date resources and guidance. Serving as the chairs of the Committee and Task Force, Sarah Blazucki and Ken Miguel respectively led a group of talented members in helping NLGJA stay ahead of the story time after time. The Stylebook and Rapid Response Task Force remain two of NLGJA’s most effective signature programs.

The success of NLGJA’s largest event, the 2016 National Convention & LGBT Media Summit, was made possible due to the tireless efforts of its co-chairs Jen Christensen and Ken Miguel. Their hard work for this year’s convention began before we launched our 25th Anniversary Convention in San Francisco last September, and their resolute dedication exemplifies NLGJA’s year-long efforts to provide the best professional development opportunities for our members.

There are far more people who have made NLGJA’s year a success who often go without the proper recognition. Please join me in expressing our deepest thanks to our sponsors, donors, exhibitors, advertisers and presenters. Their contributions make NLGJA’s year-round work possible. For a full list of sponsors, please see page 26. NLGJA’s success is also due to our dedicated members. Beyond our members’ commitment of joining and renewing their membership, their dedication is best characterized by their efforts in expanding NLGJA’s reach and impact.

In all, I’d like to thank each and every one of our members, directors, chapter leaders, volunteers and staff for a wonderful year of advancing fair and accurate coverage of LGBTQ issues and people, and I look forward to continuing our progress in the year ahead.
Board of Directors and National Office Staff

Nationally, NLGJA is led by a board of directors that reflects the association’s geographic and professional diversity. Headquartered in Washington, DC, NLGJA’s professional staff handles the day-to-day operations of the association.

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* NLGJA thanks those National Board of Directors Members whose terms expired in September 2016 *

Matthew Berger, Bil Browning, Tyler Chance, Fiona Dawson, Trey Graham, Susan Green

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**Introduction**

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Membership Overview

Membership Categories

### Basic
- People who derive income from the gathering, editing or presentation of news or editorial content for print, broadcast or online.

### Associate
- People who are former full or part-time journalists or who hold media related jobs such as public relations, public or corporate information, directors of media organizations or who worked as a journalist in the past or who are journalism educators.

### Retired
- People whom no longer work full-time but whom, when working, qualified for Basic membership.

### LGBTQ Media
- People who derive income from the gathering, editing or presentation of news or editorial content for broadcast, online or print LGBTQ Media.

### Student
- People just entering the field, engaged/enrolled in high school an educational institution of higher learning or under the age of 25 planning to pursue a career in journalism.

### International
- People living outside of the US. Includes the right to vote, but excludes the right to run for office.

### Ally
- People who are supporters of NLGJA’s mission but are NOT former journalists; part-time journalists; holding media-related jobs; nor qualified to be a member in any other category.

### Lifetime
- People who are classified as one of the other membership categories, but have devoted their extended interest and financial commitment to NLGJA and its mission.

NLGJA's strength lies in membership. More than 20 local and regional chapters expand the reach of NLGJA's mission and keep members connected through local coordinated events.

#### Chapter events in 2016 included:

- **Philadelphia Chapter:** An LGBTQ Media reception at the Democratic National Convention was hosted by the Philadelphia Chapter.
- **Georgia Chapter:** After a day of programming members of the chapter came together to discuss future events at Emory University Robert W. Woodruff Library.
- **South Florida Chapter:** The chapter hosted a Diversity Mixer in October with the local Society of Professional Journalists chapter.
- **Northern California Chapter:** LGBT Pride Month 2016 Kickoff Celebration was hosted by members of the Northern California Chapter and CBS ANGLE.
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Don’t see a chapter in your area? It only takes one person to get started! Contact the National Office today at (202) 588-9888 to see how you can start a chapter in your area!

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2016 Membership Numbers

- Ally
- International
- LGBTQ Media
- Student
- Retired
- Associate
- Basic

2014: 546
2015: 641
2016: 675
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The Rapid Response Task Force took on several news incidents over the past year.

As the Pentagon decided to lift its ban on transgender military personnel in June, NLGJA issued an open letter to reporters covering the elimination of the ban and offered tips on what is and is not appropriate in reporting and proper terminology.

The Task Force was also on hand to address the mass-shooting at Pulse nightclub in Orlando. The Task Force pulled together a release that offered journalists tips on how to cover the shooting, and address the subsequent questions that developed out of the story. For instance, the release urged journalists to not assume a victim’s sexual orientation or gender identity, and to use inclusive terminology. The response also encouraged journalists to refer to the LGBT Stylebook in writing and reporting their stories.

The Task Force closely followed The Daily Beast’s story, “The Other Olympic Sport in Rio: Swiping,” about the use of dating apps at the Summer Olympics in Rio de Janeiro. The Task Force worked quickly to release a statement applauding The Daily Beast’s decision to pull the story after they received widespread backlash for outing and endangering LGBTQ athletes. In part it said, “the reporting was unethical, extremely careless of individual privacy and potentially dangerous to the athletes,” and included statistics on violence against the LGBTQ community.

The Task Force and NLGJA Board of Directors voted to join the American Society of News Editors in an open letter to Donald Trump, asking him to respect and continue the tradition of the press’s role in the White House after a long campaign of being at odds with each other. Other organizations that also joined in the letter included the Society of Professional Journalists, Online News Association, National Association of Black Journalists, National Association of Hispanic Journalists, Native American Journalists Association and Asian American Journalists Association among many others.
The LGBTQ Stylebook remains one of the most unique resources NLGJA maintains to help journalists work towards more fair and accurate coverage of LGBTQ issues. The Stylebook welcomed several additions this year, appropriately added in the wake of the U.S. Supreme Court’s decision to legalize marriage for same-sex couples across the United States.

**Bridal**  
*Term used by the wedding industry. Overemphasizes engaged couples that include one or more female partners. When appropriate, use “wedding” or “brides and grooms” instead.*

**Engaged Couple**  
*Preferred term for a same-sex couple before marriage. Also appropriate for different-sex couples.*

**Bride, Groom**  
*Acceptable terms for one member of a same-sex or different-sex couple who is recently or about to be married. Plural as brides and grooms. Ask which term the subject(s) prefers, if possible.*

**Gender Confirmation Surgery (GCS)**  
*The surgical process by which transgender people change their physical, sexual characteristics to reflect their gender identity. Gender confirming surgery can also be known as “sexual reassignment surgery (SRS)” and can be a part of gender transition, but is not necessary. Not all transgender people choose to or can afford to have such surgery. Avoid overemphasizing the role of surgery in the transition process. Avoid the outdated term “sex change.”*

**Wedding**  
*Preferred term for a marriage ceremony for same-sex individuals and to modify activities related to a marriage ceremony.*
Social Media Highlights

Ina Fried
@inafried
Humbled to be recognized by my journalist colleagues and beyond thrilled to share the honor w @Locs_n_Laughs

Jon Barrett @jonbarrett
Congratulations @inafried & @Locs_n_Laughs! @NLGJA announces 2016 Inductees to LGBTQ Journalists Hall of Fame nlja.org/blog/2016/07/m...­

NLGJA
@nlgja
Our hearts go out to all the victims and those affected by the mass shooting in Orlando.

Open Letter: Covering the Mass Shooting in Orlando and th... In response to the mass shooting that occurred in the early-morning hours on June 12 in Orlando, Florida, many newsrooms might have questions about how to cover the LGBT community. nlgja.org

Lucas Grindle @LucasGrindle
shared your photo.

From a few weeks back. Thanks again, NLGJA - The Association of LGBTQ Journalists.

Javi Morgado @javimorgado
- 1 Apr 2016
Many reasons to be grateful on this Friday! @GloBenitez @Locs_n_Laughs @TommyDidario @nlgja you top my list today.

The Advocate
@TheAdvocateMag
Your work is needed now more than ever @NLGJA. #DayinLGBT

NLGJA
@nlgja
Our #DayinLGBT is spent promoting fair and accurate coverage of LGBTIQ issues and people

Javi Morgado
@javimorgado
- 1 Apr 2016
Many reasons to be grateful on this Friday! @GloBenitez @Locs_n_Laughs @TommyDidario @nlgja you top my list today.

Mitchell Gold & Bob Williams
@mgwbob
- 20 Apr 2016
@JaviMorgado @GloBenitez make the world a better place.

The Advocate
@TheAdvocateMag
HARRIPFAULKNER
@HARRIPFAULKNER
- 31 Mar 2016
On Dribbble heading to support NGLJA at theizzling nlgja2016 #Headlines16 #Headlines Benefit NLGBT

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The 2016 LGBT Media Journalists Convening, sponsored by the Evelyn & Walter Haas, Jr. Fund, was held March 18-20 in Baltimore, MD. NLGJA hosted the event with an opening reception sponsored by the city of Baltimore. Members of the LGBTQ media were invited to attend an all-expense paid weekend in one of America’s oldest cities to improve their journalism skills while learning about issues of importance to the LGBTQ community. Approximately 45 attendees and a dozen presenters spent the weekend attending a full day of seminars and mingling with their fellow attendees, other mainstream journalists, and fans. Presenters at this year’s event included journalists like Charles Blow, noted HIV/AIDS activist Kenyon Farrow and community leader Danielle Moodie-Mills, among others. Actor and director John Waters spoke to the gathering at the opening night reception at the American Visionary Arts Museum.

As always, attendees were free to blog, tweet or post about the weekend’s events and we used our Facebook page for the convening to update attendees and followers all year. Many attendees and several folks who couldn’t be in the room used the page to follow along with the day’s events.
Established in 2005 as part of NLGJA's 15th anniversary celebration, the LGBTQ Journalists Hall of Fame was launched to make sure that the stories of trailblazing LGBTQ journalists are told and preserved — not just for us, but for all journalists and for our readers, listeners and viewers.

Ina Fried is one of the nation's top tech journalists, currently writing for Recode, while frequently covering and commenting on technology news on CNBC, National Public Radio and a host of other broadcast, online and print media. Her current beat focuses on, as she puts it, “wireless issues and devices, including tablets, smartphones and even some phones of average intelligence.” Before her current role, she spent a decade at CNET. Her reporting has spanned several continents, two genders and covering some of the top stories in her field, including the Hewlett-Packard-Compaq merger, Bill Gates’ transition from software pioneer to philanthropist and interviewing Steve Jobs while covering the iPhone location tracking controversy. She has served on the NLGJA board of directors, including her leadership role as Vice President of Print. As a recipient of numerous journalism awards, in 2014 Fried also was named to The Advocate’s list of the nation’s top 50 Most Influential LGBT People in Media.

LZ Granderson today is considered the nation’s most visible openly gay sports journalist and has been out his entire professional career while working exclusively within mainstream media. He is currently an ESPN senior writer for The Undefeated and regular contributor to “SportsNation,” “Around the Horn” and “Outside the Lines,” while also a tennis analyst and reporter at Wimbledon and the U.S. Open. He is a regular ABC News contributor to “Good Morning America,” “This Week” and “Nightline,” in addition to co-hosting ABC News’ first digital show “Strait Talk” and this year co-anchored ABC News digital coverage of the Republican National Convention and the Democratic National Convention. Prior to joining ABC, his unique observations on the intersections of athletics, race, identity, culture, LGBTQ issues and politics made him a popular CNN columnist and contributor to “Erin Burnett OutFront,” “Newsroom with Don Lemon” and “Anderson Cooper 360.” Prior to ESPN, Granderson was a reporter for such publications as The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, The South Bend Tribune and The Grand Rapids Press. Outside of newsrooms, he has previously served as an adjunct professor at Northwestern University and a Resident Fellow at the University of Chicago’s Institute of Politics. Granderson was honored by GLAAD and NLGJA for his outstanding journalism in years past; in 2012, Granderson was named NLGJA’s Journalist of the Year.

A full list of NLGJA Hall of Fame Members can be viewed online at www.nlgja.org.
Awards and Scholarships

NLGJA's Excellence in Journalism Awards were established in 1993 to foster, recognize and reward excellence in journalism on issues related to the LGBTQ community. In 2016 the Awards were expanded to include 30 categories.

Journalist of the Year Award
Dominic Holden, BuzzFeed News

Sarah Pettit Memorial Award for the LGBTQ Journalist of the Year
Lucas Grindley, Here Media

Excellence in Book Writing
Mark Segal for “And Then I Danced: Traveling the Road to LGBT Equality,” Akashic Books

Excellence in Feature Writing Award
Berlin Sylvestre for “Damascus to Denver: Exodus From Syria,” OUT FRONT Magazine

Excellence in Feature Writing Award (Non-daily)
Michael Lindenberger for “The Vanishing Terrain of Gay America,” The New Republic

Excellence in News Writing Award
Andy Birkey for “Dozens of Christian Schools Win Title IX Waivers to Ban LGBT Students,” The Column

Excellence in News Writing Award (Non-daily)
Gretchen Rachel Hammond for “LGBT Immigrants Still Face Hurdles,” Windy City Times

Excellence in Photojournalism Award
Preston Gannaway for “Soccer on the Streets,” ESPN

Excellence in Profile Writing Award
The Advocate Staff for “40 Under 40: Intersectional Voices,” The Advocate

Excellence in Sports Writing Award
Erik Hall for “Uncle’s Death Motivates Gay College Athlete to Create Change,” OutSports.com

Excellence in Student Journalism Award
Nicole Wiesenthal for “Collection,” South Florida Gay News

Excellence in Travel Writing Award
Manny Velasquez-Paredes for “The Great Family Escape: The Lake George Adventure,” Connexions Magazine

Excellence in Blogging
Mark S. King for “My Fabulous Disease,” My Fabulous Disease
Excellence in a Digital Edition Award

Excellence in Digital Video Award
Samantha Stark for “How a Love Story Triumphed in Court,” NYTimes.com

Excellence in Multimedia Award
German Lopez and Joe Posner for “Trans Lives,” Vox.com

Excellence in Social Media Award
The Advocate Staff for “Day in LGBT America,” The Advocate

Excellence in Column Writing
Miz Cracker for “Columns of Miz Cracker,” Slate

Excellence in Opinion/Editorial Writing Award
Neal Broverman for “I Met My Best Friend on Grindr,” The Advocate

Excellence in Documentary Award
Simon Kilmurry, Chris Hastings, Carmen L. Vicencio and PJ Raval for “America ReFramed: Before You Know It,” World Channel

Excellence in Local Television Award
Darren Perron for “Powerful Transformation,” WCAX-TV

Excellence in Network Television Award

Excellence in Podcasts Award
Ken Schneck for “This Show is So Gay,” This Show is So Gay

Excellence in Radio Award
David Weinberg for “Grace of the Sea,” KCRW 89.9FM

Excellence in Bisexual Coverage Award
Colin Murphy for “Vincent Price’s Daughter Confirms Father’s Bisexuality,” #Boom Magazine

Excellence in Health or Fitness Coverage:
Mary Emily O’Hara for “The Transgender Healthcare Revolution is Here With Two New Startups,” The Daily Dot

Excellence in HIV/AIDS Coverage Award
Heather Boerner for “Ongoing HIV Prevention/Treatment Coverage,” The Daily Beast/TheBody.com

Excellence in Transgender Coverage Award
Dylan Edwards for “Voices: How I Told My Grandma I’m Transgender,” Fusion

The Al Neuharth Award for Innovation in Investigative Journalism
Jim Burress for “Fulton County Doesn't Spend, Loses HIV Prevention Money,” 90.1 WABE

Leroy F. Aarons Scholarship
The scholarship provides up to $5,000 in tuition assistance to an LGBTQ student who plans to pursue a career in journalism and is committed to furthering NLGJA’s mission of fair and accurate coverage of the LGBTQ community.

2016-2017 Recipient: Megan Rossman

Kay Longcope Scholarship
The scholarship provides up to $3,000 tuition assistance to an LGBTQ student of color who plans a career in journalism and is committed to furthering NLGJA’s mission of fair and accurate coverage of the LGBTQ community.

2016-2017 Recipient: Francisco Vara-Orta
In 2016 NLGJA hosted 12 students as part of the Connect: Student Journalism Project. The NLGJA student program provides real-world experience to undergraduate and graduate students who are considering a career in journalism. During the week-long program selected students worked with mentors from organizations including NPR, the Associated Press and The New York Times to report, edit, photograph, design and produce the news of NLGJA’s National Convention and host city, while helping to ensure fair and accurate coverage of LGBTQ issues at the event. This week-long program provides an opportunity for budding journalists to produce portfolio-quality journalism, network with media professionals and receive feedback on their resumes and career plans.

This year’s mentors included:
- Caroline Que, Northwestern University
- Frances Fernandes, Boston College
- Megan Rossman, Temple University
- David McAlpine and Faith Cheltenham.

CONNECT Student Participants
- Princess-India Alexander, Northwestern University
- Daniele de Groot, Boston College
- Louis Finley, Temple University
- Senait Gebregiorgis, University of Illinois
- Charlie Kadado, Wayne State University
- Kent McDonald, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
- John-Michael Murphy, Davidson College
- Joon Park, Boston College
- Nick Seymour, University of Georgia
- Siali Siaosi, University of Central Oklahoma
- Jesse Sparks, Northwestern University
- Cai Thomas, Boston College

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In 2016, as part of a new initiative funded by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Partnering and Communicating Together to Act Against AIDS program, NLGJA developed and presented journalism training and resources to enhance strategies and skills in covering HIV & AIDS. New Ways is a series of in-person and web-based trainings, fellowships and specially designed online resources to improve access to information on HIV & AIDS. These resources are designed to equip journalists covering issues and trends related to HIV & AIDS in new ways while reiterating the time-tested basics of talking, testing and treatment. With the resources provided by NLGJA New Ways, journalists in turn can better serve their viewers, readers and listeners with important information.

New Ways Atlanta
NLGJA’s New Ways series was kicked off on March 5 with a day-long training seminar in Atlanta, GA. Thirty-five people were in attendance.

Jim Burress of WABE and NLGJA President Jen Christensen of CNN moderated the afternoon’s curated informative conversations. NLGJA Georgia Chapter President Holly Crenshaw of Emory’s Robert W. Woodruff Library identified key speakers and arranged for the donated use of the library’s elegant Jones Room for the seminar.

Jen Christensen was instrumental in arranging the workshop. Attendees were fortunate to learn from Dr. Jesse Peel, Randy Gue of Emory University Rose Library, retired Atlanta Journal-Constitution reporter Charles Seabrook, David Purcell of the CDC, Imara Canady of the AIDS Healthcare Foundation, former Atlanta Journal-Constitution reporter April Hunt, Craig Schneider of The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Rose Scott of WABE, Kristina Torres of The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Ben Tinker of CNN, Suzanne Van Atten of The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, Darian Aaron of The Georgia Voice, Author/Columnist/Blogger Michael Alvear and Dyana Bagby of Springs Publishing.

New Ways Los Angeles
New Ways Los Angeles was held on June 23 at the Los Angeles LGBT Center. Twenty-three people attended. The offered workshops included "Putting What You Know About HIV to the Test", "How Criminal Statutes Drive the HIV Epidemic", "Intersections of an Epidemic", "What If There Was a Pill That Prevented HIV... Oh Yeah, There Is, So What Does it Mean?", "Health Reporting that Follows the Data and the Money" and "Doing It - Learning More About the CDC Campaign".

Diane Anderson-Minshall of Retrograde Communications, The Advocate and Plus Magazine moderated each of the workshops. Panelists included Chandi Moore of Children’s Hospital of LA, Michael Valle of CA Health and Human Services, Michelle Levander of Center for Health Journalism, Mario J. Perez of LA Department of Public Health, Cleo Manago of Black Men’s Xchange, Trevell Anderson of LA Times, Victor Martinez of Bienestar, activist Alex Garner, Grissel Granados of Children’s Hospital LA, Gerald Garth of Black AIDS Institute, freelancer Karen Ocam, Carlos Cuauhtemoc of AIDS Project LA, Ayako Miyashita of The Williams Institute, Bamby Salcedo of TransLatin@ and Brandon Burciaga of LA LGBT Center.
New Ways DC

New Ways DC was held August 6 during the National Association of Black Journalists and National Association of Hispanic Journalists joint convention in Washington. The workshop focused on HIV & AIDS, the African-American & Latino communities and "Telling the Stories Going Untold." Thirty-three people attended.

The panels were moderated by NLGJA Treasurer Sharif Durhams of The Washington Post. Panelists included Oriol Gutierrez of POZ Magazine, Venton Jones of National Black Justice Coalition, Cleo Manago of Black Men's Xchange National and Djibril Diallo of UNAIDS.

New Ways Miami

This two-part session on September 8 focused on "Reporting on HIV & AIDS Today: Latinos at the Crux of the Epidemic" and "HIV Criminalization and the Epidemic." Seventeen people attended.

Special Programs

**NLGJA Mentorship Program**

The NLGJA Mentorship Program pairs members making the next step in their career with some of our seasoned, veteran members who have done it all before. The program aims to create lasting relationships between members within their field. These mutually beneficial partnerships provide important resources to help the next generation of leaders in journalism to succeed.

**The Michael Triplett Series**

The series is named in honor of Michael Triplett, longtime NLGJA member and former NLGJA President, who died in 2013. The most recent installment was held at NLGJA’s 2016 National Convention and LGBT Media Summit. This installment asked, "to what extent should religious liberty be used as a justification for denying employment, housing, or services to LGBTQ people?" A number of states are debating and passing so-called Religious Liberty bills. This legislation, proponents say, is designed to protect people from having to engage in actions that go against their religious beliefs, such as baking a cake for a same-sex wedding or renting an apartment to a same-sex couple. Some of these bills are also regulating which restrooms transgender people may use. Critics of these laws say they dramatically change the long-standing notions of religious freedom and free exercise in the public space, granting a right to discriminate rather than protecting an individual's right to exercise their religion in the private sphere. Panelists for the session included Jason DeRose, Rev. Juan del Hierro, Dr. Jay Michaelson, Ross Murray and Steve Rothaus.
NLGJA held its annual National Convention and Media Summit on Sept. 8-11 at the Ritz Carlton in South Beach Miami. NLGJA President Jen Christensen and NLGJA Vice President of Broadcast Ken Miguel served as convention co-chairs. Jason Parsley of South Florida Gay News served as LGBT Media Summit Chair. Over 325 journalists, news executives, communications professionals and educators joined together to hone their craft and expand their networks with colleagues and friends, both new and veteran.

Many media outlets and professionals joined NLGJA as exhibitors at the Career & Community Expo. Attendees were able to sign up to have their resume and portfolio critiqued by professionals, in addition to networking with the many corporate and media representatives that attended the Expo.

During the convention, NLGJA welcomed three new Lifetime Members, Eric Walter, Bethany Howe and Lisa van Arsdale. The 2016 National Convention & LGBT Media Summit would not have been possible without its many sponsors. Without their continued financial support, NLGJA would be unable to offer the terrific and diverse programming year after year. NLGJA also would like to thank Reed McDowell for organizing the 2016 Convention Auction.

### 2016 National Convention and LGBT Media Summit Plenary Sessions:

- **The Michael Triplett Series: Religious Liberty**
  Panelists included: Jason DeRose, Rev. Juan del Hierro, Dr. Jay Michaelson, Ross Murray and Steve Roehaus.

- **Putting the 'Move' in Movement: Life After Marriage**
  Moderated by Cathy Renna. Panelists included: Khafre Abif, Dominic Holden, Jason Lindsay, Arianna Lint, Nadine Smith

- **The 2016 Elections on the Air: Unlike Any Other**
  Moderated by John Yang. Panelists included: Will Alford, James Blue III, Sally Kohn, Jimmy Williams

- **Tragedy in Orlando: Making Sense of the Senseless**
  Moderated by Jeff Truesdell. Panelists included: David Begnaud, Billy Manes, Yvette Miley, Erik Sandoval, Matt Thompson

- **Why Celebs Still Need Us**
  Moderated by Benoit Denizet-Lewis. Panelists included: Tre'vell Anderson, Trish Bendix, Steve Holzer, Senta Scarorough, Todd Polkes
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NLGJA’s 21st Annual **Headlines & Headliners** event was held on March 31 at the Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams Signature Store in New York City. Nearly 300 members and non-members attended the event, which was organized by **Javier Morgado**. ABC News correspondent **Gio Benitez** and ESPN Senior Writer & ABC News Contributor **LZ Granderson** co-hosted this year’s NLGJA New York Benefit. An online silent auction accompanied the event. The **Leroy Aarons** and **Kay Longcope Scholarships** were presented to Megan Rossman and Francisco Vara-Orta, respectively. The evening included a performance by **Alessandra Baldacchino** of Broadway's "Fun Home".

**Special Guests included:**

- **Frank DiLella**, NY1
- **Vladimir Duthiers**, CBS News
- **Harris Faulkner**, FOX News
- **Melissa Francis**, FOX Business
- **Willie Geist**, NBC News
- **Kendis Gibson**, ABC News
- **Savannah Guthrie**, NBC News
- **Kimberly Guilfoyle**, FOX News
- **Tamron Hall**, NBC News
- **Poppy Harlow**, CNN
- **Simon Hobbs**, CNBC
- **Randi Kaye**, CNN
- **Don Lemon**, CNN
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- **Miguel Marquez**, CNN
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- **Richard Quest**, CNN
- **Amy Robach**, ABC News
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- **Christine Romans**, CNN
- **Jeff Rossen**, NBC News
- **Mara Schiavocampo**, ABC News
- **Rosanna Scotto**, FOX 5 New York
- **Brian Stelter**, CNN
- **Lori Stokes**, WABC
- **Kris Van Cleave**, CBS News
NLGJA’s 2016 L.A. Exclusive event was held on June 23 at the L.A. LGBT Center’s The Village at Ed Gould Plaza. The event was chaired by Zamná Ávila and Richard Martinez, NLGJA Los Angeles Chapter Co-Presidents. NLGJA Vice President of Broadcast Ken Miguel served as host. The Lisa Ben Award for Achievement in Features Coverage was presented to Diane Anderson-Minshall.

Anderson-Minshall, in thanking NLGJA for the award, noted how thrilled she was to get an award named for someone who was such a personal inspiration and also looked back on some examples of her body of work - including a feature reflecting on the UpStairs Lounge arson attack in New Orleans, which had previously been the worst mass killing of LGBTQ people in U.S. history - and the importance of LGBTQ journalists telling the stories of the LGBTQ community.
NLGJA’s 2016 Dateline:DC event was held on November 17 at the Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams Signature Store in Washington, DC. The event was attended by over 120 members and non-members. Matthew Berger and Sarah Blazucki served as event co-chairs. Angie Goff of NBC4 Washington served as the evening’s host. New York Times Columnist Frank Bruni received the Randy Shilts Award for LGBT Coverage and addressed the audience regarding the 2016 presidential election and his perspective of how LGBTQ coverage has changed through the years. Bruni received the award for his continued coverage of the LGBTQ community through his work at The New York Times. An online silent auction was launched following the event to compliment the evening.

Special guests included:

- Jack Abernethy, Fox News Channel
- Matt Ackland, Fox5
- Maureen Bunyan, ABC7
- Chuck Bell, NBC4
- Mike Carter-Conneen, ABC7
- David Culver, NBC4

- Suzanne Malveaux, CNN
- Jummy Olabanji, ABC7
- Steven Petrow, Washington Post
- Wendy Rieger, NBC4
- Adam Tuss, NBC4
- Neda Ulaby, NPR
- Kris Van Cleave, CBS News
- Jim Vance, NBC4

Randy Shilts Award recipient Frank Bruni

Thanks, @NLGJA, very much.

NLGJA is proud to announce @FrankBruni of @nytimes as recipient of the 2016 Randy Shilts Award for LGBT Coverage
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