



The Association of
LGBTQ Journalists

2016 In Review



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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From the Desk of the Executive Director

Adam K. Pawlus



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.

NLGJA Executive Committee



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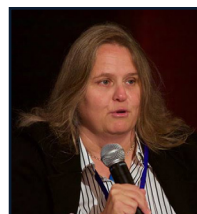
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** NLGJA thanks those National Board of Directors Members whose terms expired in September 2016 **

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

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.

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.

LGBTQ Media

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

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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how you can start a chapter in your area!*

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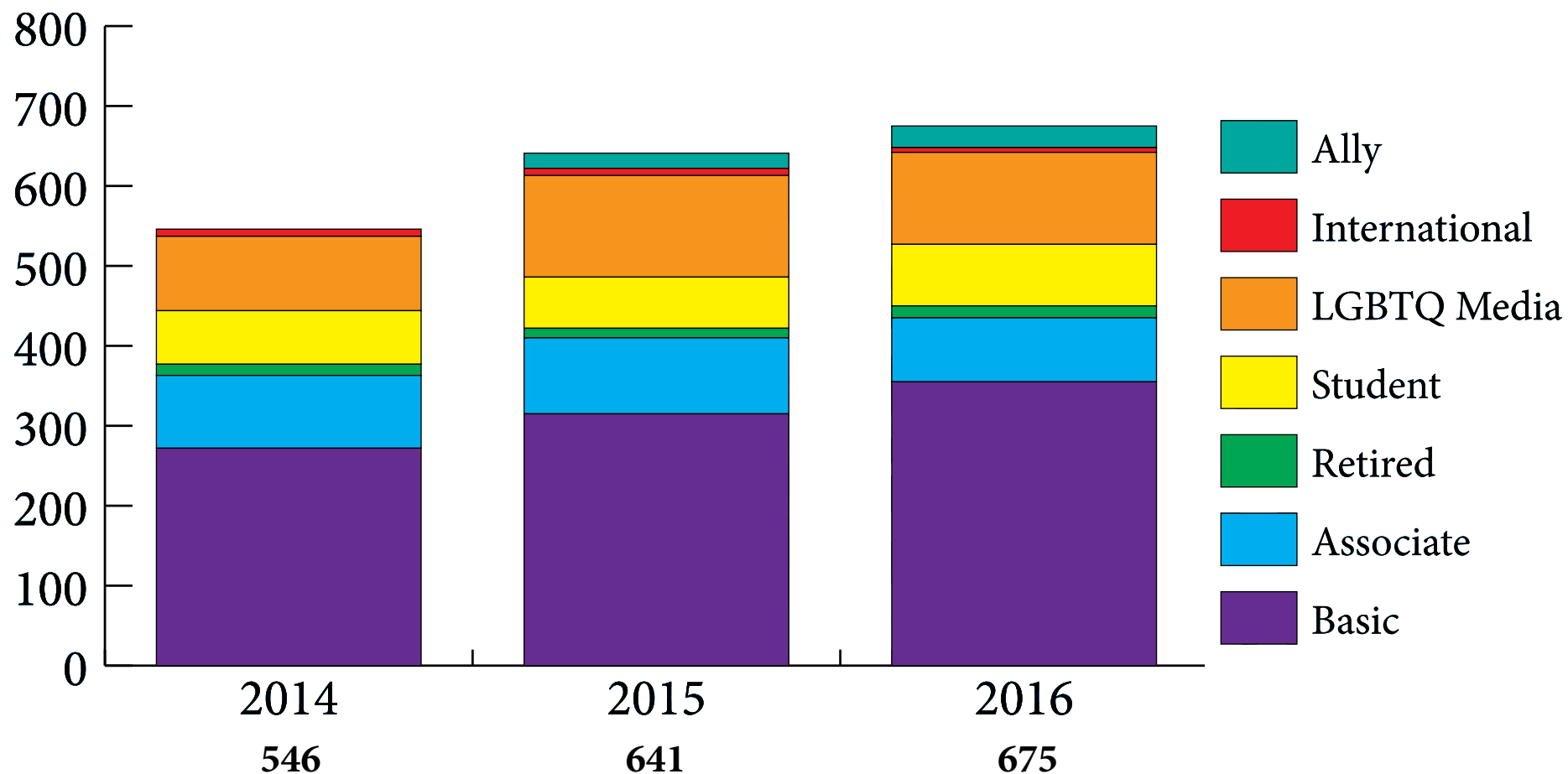
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2016 Membership Numbers



NLGJA Lifetime Members

Kenn Altine, 2002	Geoff Dankert, 1996	Simon Hobbs, 2015	Marshall McPeck, 1995	Randy Slovacek, 2015
Karen Bailis, 1995	Jason DeRose, 2001	Bethany Howe, 2015	Jim Michalowski, 2003	Chuck Small, 1990
David Barre, 1999	Scott Dill, 1997	Kathleen Howley, 2003	Ken Miguel, 2003	Samantha Snyder, 2008
Gio Benitez, 2016	Randy Dotinga, 2000	Mike Huckman, 1994	Akilah Monifa, 2000	Curtis Sparrer, 2012
Robert Bennett, 2013	Sharif J. Durhams, 2000	April Hunt, 1996	Daniel Morales, 2003	David Steinberg, 1998
Matthew Berger, 2002	Dawn Ennis, 2014	Leonard P. Iaquinta, 1996	Javier Morgado, 2003	Douglas Stewart, 1995
Sarah Blazucki, 2007	Chad Findlay, 2005	Derrick Jones, 2013	Thomas Musbach, 1995	Rick Stuckey, 2005
Rod Blum, 2007	Calvin Fleming, 2007	Wesley Juhl, 2013	Donald Parsons, 1999	Hassan Luis Sudler, 2001
Sherry Boschert, 1995	Alan Flippen, 1996	Christina Kahrl, 2011	Court Passant, 1996	Stacy Sullivan, 1998
Ray Bradford, 2000	Ina Fried, 2000	Jason Knight, 2007	Steven Petrow, 1994	Curtis Tate, 2004
Gary Bramnick, 2004	Steve Friess, 1996	Eden Lane, 2008	Robin Phillips, 1999	Michael Tune, 2009
David Brousseau, 2001	Mathew Friedman, 1995	Don Lemon, 2011	David Poller, 1996	Kris Van Cleave, 2015
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Michael Caprio, 2005	Trey Graham, 1995	Mykel MacCarthy, 2000	Steve Rosen, 1991	Robert V. Witeck, 1995
Sam Champion, 2015	LZ Granderson, 2003	John Marble, 2007	Steve Rothaus, 1991	Judy Wolf, 1996
Jen Christensen, 1996	Jonathan Greenberger, 2015	Christopher Martin, 2000	Senta Scarborough, 2002	Matt Wurster, 1996
Holly Crenshaw, 1998	Oriol Gutierrez, 2002	Ian McCann, 2001	Gregory Schmidt, 1997	
Tim Curran, 1995	Eric Hegedus, 1994	Reed McDowell, 2010	Mark Segal, 2004	
Luis Cruz, 2005	Belinda Hernandez, 2013	Margaret McElligott, 2002	Kim Severson, 1996	

Rapid Response Task Force

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, On-line News Association, National Association of Black Journalists, National Association of Hispanic Journalists, Native American Journalists Association and Asian American Journalists Association among many others.

LGBTQ Stylebook

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.

stylebook

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 Following

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

Jon Barrett @joncbarr
 Congratulations @inafried & @Locs_n_Laughs! @NLGJA announces 2016 Inductees to LGBTQ Journalists Hall of Fame nlgja.org/blog/2016/07/n...

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 Grindley shared your photo.
 October 3, 2016 · 🌐

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



NLGJA - The Association of LGBTQ Journalists with Lucas Grindley.
 September 8, 2016 · 🌐 · 📷

2016 Sarah Pettit Memorial LGBT Journalist of the Year Lucas Grindley



ohmygoff Mitchell gold and... Following

365 likes 6w

ohmygoff Surrounded by amazing. #nlgja2016

Idyogi Love every single person in this photol Miss you guys ❤️

ohmygoff @idyogi miss uuuuuuuu❤️👉

ruthere4me My favorite news team!!!!



ohmygoff @ruthere4me xo

4cast4u I'm so proud of the number of coworkers I see at this event every year. #nbcfamily

schultz5289 Fabulous!!

Javi Morgado @javimorgado · 1 Apr 2016

Many reasons to be grateful on this Friday! @GioBenitez @Locs_n_Laughs @tommydidario @nlgja you top my list today.

The Advocate @TheAdvocateMag Following

Your work is needed now more than ever @NLGJA. #DayInLGBT

NLGJA @nlgja
 Our #DayInLGBT is spent promoting fair and accurate coverage of LGBTQ issues and people

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3:08 PM · 13 Dec 2016

Reply to @TheAdvocateMag

HARRISFAULKNER @HARRISFAULKNER · 31 Mar 2016

On @ridetheferry heading to support @nlgja at the sizzling #nlgja2016 #Headlines16 &Headliners Benefit! #LGBT



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2016 LGBT Media Journalists Convening

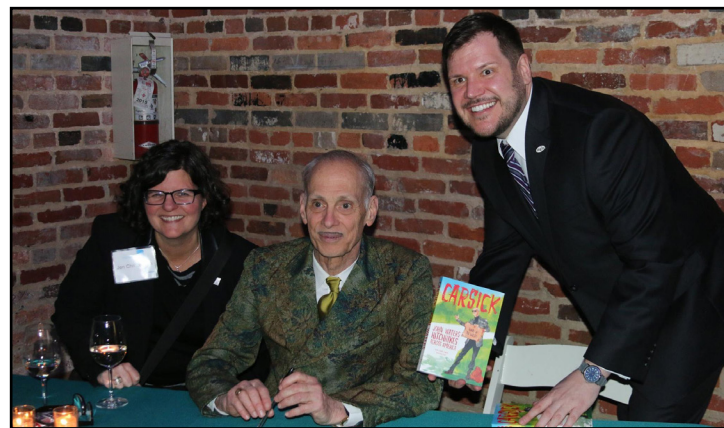
The 2016 **LGBT Media Journalists Convening**, sponsored by the Evelyn & Walter Haas, Jr. Fund, was held March 18-20 in Baltimore, MD. NLGJA hosted the event with an opening reception sponsored by the city of Baltimore. Members of the LGBTQ media were invited to attend an all-expense paid weekend in one of America's oldest cities to improve their

Participating Outlets:

Georgia Voice	Women's Health
Elixher Magazine	The Bicast
Plus Magazine	#Boom Media
AfterEllen	The Daily Dot
The Advocate	SFGN
LGBTQNation	BiMagazine
BiNet USA	San Diego Gay and Lesbian
Chicago Reader	News
Philadelphia Gay News	TransGriot
PQ Monthly	.Mic
The Gayly	Miami Herald
The Washington Post	For Harriet
Life After Dawn	Windy City Times
ThinkProgress	Bay Area Reporter
Vox	Out Front Magazine
BuzzFeed News	Dallas Voice
JoeMyGod	QNotes
The Becky Juro Show	Unicorn Booty
Autostraddle	Outlook Ohio
My Fabulous Disease	8Asians.com
Queerty	TransAdvocate
The Word	Huffington Post Gay Voices
Slate (Outward)	

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.



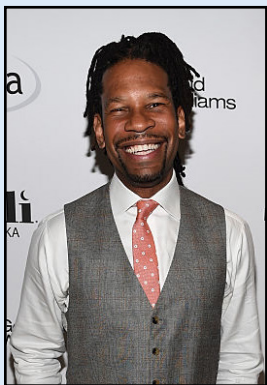
NLGJA President Jen Christensen, John Waters and
NLGJA Executive Director Adam Pawlus

NLGJA Hall of Fame

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 Undeclared 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 LGBTQ 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

Mark Calvey, Krystal Peak, Jim Gardner, Chris Rauber and Ron Leuty for “Business of Pride Special Edition,” San Francisco Business Times

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 Online Journalism Award

Shannon Keating, Lauren Morrell Tabak, Marcie Bianco, Sarah Fonseca and Lisa C. Moore for “Lesbian History Week,” BuzzFeed

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

Dax Tejera, Eric Herbst, Lindsay Garfield, Alcione Gonzalez and Douglas Forte for “America With Jorge Ramos: 101 Gay Weddings,” Fusion

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 Burrell 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

CONNECT: Student Journalism Project

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,
Frances Fernandes,
Megan Rossman,
David McAlpine and
Faith Cheltenham.



NLGJA VP of Print & Online Sarah Blazucki and
Connect: Student Project participant Joon Park

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*

New Ways: Reporting HIV & AIDS Today

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, **Tre'vell 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 Ocamb**, **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: Reporting HIV & AIDS Today

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.



Diane Anderson-Minshall, Maria Mejia and Stephen Fallon

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.

Both panels were moderated by **Diane Anderson-Minshall** of Retrograde Communications, The Advocate and Plus Magazine. Featured panelists included **Jacob Anderson-Minshall** of Retrograde Communications and Plus Magazine, **Trang Nguyen Wisard** of CDC, **Kamaria Laffrey** of emPOWERed, **Stephen Fallon** of Latinos Salud, **Christopher Bates** of Florida Department of Health, author **Maria Mejia** and longtime AIDS activist and author **Sean Strubb**.



Jacob Anderson-Minshall, Sean Strubb and Kamaria Laffrey

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.



NLGJA Mentor Bob Witeck

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**.



*Dr. Jay Michaelson, Rev. Juan del Hierro, Jason DeRose,
Ross Murray and Steve Rothaus*

National Convention & LGBT Media Summit

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 Rothaus**.

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 Scarborough**, **Todd Polkes**

National Convention & LGBT Media Summit



Headlines & Headliners

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".



Bryan Norcross, Boyd Bailey, Don Lemon and Harris Faulkner

Special Guests included: *Frank DiLella, NY1*
Vladimir Duthiers, CBS News
Jason Bellini, Wall Street Journal
Kate Bolduan, CNN
Contessa Brewer, CBS News
Alisyn Camerota, CNN
Jason Carroll, CNN
Michelle Charlesworth, WABC
Jamie Colby, FOX News
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Lori Stokes, WABC
Kris Van Cleave, CBS News

L.A. Exclusive

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.



Lisa Ben Award recipient Diane Anderson-Minshall, NLGJA President Jen Christensen, NLGJA Executive Director Adam Pawlus, NLGJA VP of Broadcast Ken Miguel

Dateline:DC

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



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