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 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 LGBTQ people 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 news industry
- 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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Change and growth were the themes for NLGJA: The Association of LGBTQ Journalists in 2018. Over the course of the last year, NLGJA deepened its roots by focusing on infrastructure and strengthening existing programs, taking the organization’s reach and impact to the next level.

With the support of longtime members and new members alike, NLGJA was able to create several new awards and scholarships to recognize the amazing work already being done to advance our mission and to support future LGBTQ journalists. The NLGJA Leadership Award and the Jeanne Córdova Award were both launched this year, and the Excellence in Journalism Awards program added three new categories to its roster.

NLGJA’s scholarship program also expanded in 2018. Beginning this year, through a joint effort with the Facebook Journalism Project, NLGJA will award five $10,000 scholarships for each of the next five years. NLGJA also launched the Steve Mason Sports Media Scholarship Award to encourage LGBTQ students to consider a career in sports journalism. Lifetime member and past board of director member Robin Phillips donated a legacy gift on behalf of her father to support students in financial need. Officially launching in 2019, the Phillips-Green Family Fund will provide tuition scholarships for up to two CONNECT: Student Journalism Training Project participants annually.

With the support of the Evelyn and Walter Haas, Jr. Fund and the Arcus Foundation, NLGJA once again hosted the LGBT Media Journalists Convening. For the first time, however, the convening was held in conjunction with our annual National Convention. Approximately 50 journalists working in LGBTQ media were brought together in Palm Springs, CA to exchange ideas, develop professionally and expand their networks.

With all of the changes that NLGJA saw in 2018, one of the most noticeable was the passing of the torch from our Immediate Past President Jen Christensen to our new National Board President Sharif Durhams. There are no words to adequately express the impact that Jen has had on NLGJA over her past five years as president. Because of Jen’s leadership, NLGJA is now able to shift our focus from stabilization to expansion and growth. I would also like to thank our “First Lady of NLGJA,” Holly Crenshaw, for all of her support and patience through the past several years.

Under Jen’s leadership, and with the support of a dedicated board of directors and staff, NLGJA has seen unprecedented growth over the last five years, including a 50 percent increase in membership, a 40 percent increase in National Convention attendance, triple the number of Excellence in Journalism Award categories and quadruple the number of scholarships offered to support future LGBTQ journalists.

With the election of Sharif Durhams as the new president of our association, NLGJA is entering a new phase of leadership and of growth. To begin this phase, the board of directors has launched a new strategic plan for 2019 and the years beyond, with the ultimate goal of expanding NLGJA’s reach and impact.

In the following pages, I invite you to learn more about the exciting growth and developments that we saw in 2018. NLGJA’s success is your success. Thank you for your continued dedication to NLGJA’s mission, and I look forward to working with you in 2019.
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 Oriol Gutierrez, Christina Kahrl, Steve Rosen and Lorraine Sembra, whose terms expired in September 2018, for their service*
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Membership Overview

**Membership Categories**

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<td>People who derive income from the gathering, editing or presentation of news or editorial content for print, broadcast or online.</td>
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<td><strong>Associate</strong></td>
<td>People who are former journalists, who hold media-related jobs, including public relations, or journalism educators.</td>
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<td><strong>Retired</strong></td>
<td>People who no longer work full-time but who, when working, qualified for Basic membership.</td>
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<td><strong>Student</strong></td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td><strong>LGBTQ Media</strong></td>
<td>People who derive income from the gathering, editing or presentation of news or editorial content for broadcast, online or print LGBTQ Media.</td>
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<td><strong>International</strong></td>
<td>People living outside of the US. Includes the right to vote, but excludes the right to run for office.</td>
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<td><strong>Ally</strong></td>
<td>People who support NLGJA’s mission, but are NOT former journalists or part-time journalists, do not hold media-related jobs, or are not qualified to be a member in any other category.</td>
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<td><strong>Lifetime</strong></td>
<td>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.</td>
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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 2018 included:

- The **Pittsburgh** chapter organized several professional development events throughout the year, including panels called "Freelance Like a Pro" and "Reporting on HIV and AIDS in America Today".
- The **Boston** chapter hosted monthly trivia nights and quarterly events with partners in the local AAJA, NAHJ and NABJ chapters.
- The **Washington, DC** chapter hosted a happy hour on June 28 in honor of Capital Pride.
- The **Los Angeles** chapter facilitated a bootcamp in partnership with Google Labs and NABJ following a presentation about the CDC’s #DoingIt and Act Against AIDS campaigns.
Membership Data

*Lifetime members are included in the membership totals above

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NLGJA Lifetime Members

Randy Alfred, 1995
Kenn Altine, 2002
Karen Bailis, 1995
David Barre, 1999
Robert Bennett, 2013
Matthew Berger, 2002
Sarah Blazucki, 2007
Ron Blum, 2007
Sherry Boschert, 1995
Ray Bradford, 2000
Gary Bramnick, 2004
David Brousseau, 2001
Dave Brown, 2000
William L Canacci Jr, 1996
Michael Caprio, 2005
Sam Champion, 2015
Jen Christensen, 1996
Holly Crenshaw, 1998
Luis Cruz, 2005
Tim Curran, 1995
Cyr Geoffrey-Martin, 2018
Geoff Dankert, 1996
Jason DeRose, 2001
Scott Dill, 1997
Randy Dotinga, 2000
Barbara Dozetos, 1999
Sharif J. Durhams, 2000
Dawn Ennis, 2014
Chad Findlay, 2005
Calvin Fleming, 2007
Alan Flippen, 1996
Ina Fried, 2000
Mathew Friedman, 1995
Steve Friess, 1996
Stephen Gendel, 1994
Howard Goldberg, 1996
Trey Graham, 1995
LZ Granderson, 2003
Sue Green, 2006
Jonathan Greenberger, 2015
Oriol Gutierrez, 2002
Eric Hegedus, 1993
Belinda Hernandez, 2013
Simon Hobbs, 2015
Bethany Howe, 2015
Kathleen Howley, 2003
Mike Huckman, 1994
April Hunt, 1996
Leonard P. Iaquinta, 1996
Derrick Jones, 2013
Wesley Juhl, 2013
Christina Kahrl, 2011
Jason Knight, 2007
Laurie Kozbelt, 2010
Eden Lane, 2008
Don Lemon, 2011
Sean Lewis, 2008
Randy D. Lovely, 1999
Mykel MacCarthy, 2000
Marc Malkin, 2017
John Marble, 2007
Christopher Martin, 2000
David McAlpine, 2010
Ian McCann, 2001
Reed McDowell, 2010
Margaret McElligott, 2002
Jim Michalowski, 2003
Ken Miguel, 2003
Akilah Monifa, 2000
Daniel Morales, 2003
Alex Morash, 2018
Javier Morgado, 2003
Thomas Morgado, 2003
Bryan Norcross, 2014
Donald Parsons, 1999
Court Passant, 1996
Steven Petrow, 1994
Robin Phillips, 1999
Catherine Plato, 2009
David Plazas, 2002
David Poller, 1996
Kevin Poortinga, 2017
Richard Quest, 2014
Rick Reichmuth, 2015
Cathy Renna, 1998
Steve Rosen, 1991
Steve Rohtaus, 1991
Senta Scarborough, 2002
Gregory Schmidt, 1997
Mark Segal, 2004
Kim Severson, 1996
Randy Sovacek, 2015
Chuck Small, 1990
Sandy Smith, 2011
Samantha Snyder, 2008
Curtis Sparrer, 2012
David Steinberg, 1998
Douglas Stewart, 1995
Rick Stuckey, 2005
Hassan Luis Sudler, 2001
Stacy Sullivan, 1998
Curtis Tate, 2004
Katie Thomason,
Michael Tune, 2009
Lisa Van Arsdale, 2015
Kris Van Cleave, 2015
Meredith Vieira, 2015
Eric Walter, 2003
Zach Wichter, 2010
Robert V. Witeck, 1995
Judy Wolf, 1996
Matt Wurster, 1996
The following entries in the Stylebook on LGBTQ Terminology were added or updated in 2018:

- **asexual**: As a noun or adjective, someone who doesn’t experience sexual attraction.
- **gender fluid**: Refers to a person whose gender identity or expression is not fixed but can vary between, and extend beyond, male and female.
- **nonbinary**: Refers to a person whose gender identity and/or expression is neither male nor female. Nonbinary individuals may identify as somewhere between male and female, or reject a binary categorization of gender altogether. Use only if people refer to themselves as nonbinary, or in quotations or names of organizations. See *gender nonconforming, transgender*.
- **pansexual**: As an adjective, someone who experiences attraction without regard to sex, gender identity or gender expression.
  - **religious exemption**: Term that describes the right of individuals and others to be exempt from laws on the basis of religion, unless the government has a compelling interest to deny the exemption. Can also be politically charged.
  - **religious liberty, religious freedom**: Politically charged term used by some who believe religious beliefs should allow discrimination against LGBT and other minority communities. Avoid this and similar terms. See *religious exemption*.
- **bisexual**: As a noun, an individual attracted to more than one gender. As an adjective, of or relating to sexual and affectional attraction to more than one gender. Does not presume nonmonogamy. Avoid other spellings in print (for example “bi-sexual”). See *biphobia*.
- **gender dysphoria**: Medical diagnosis that identifies the unhappiness people experience when they feel their outward appearance of gender does not align with their mental and emotional state. This diagnosis given to transgender people is often a prerequisite to receive hormones or other transitioning treatments. Gender dysphoria replaces the outdated term “gender identity disorder.” See *transgender*.
- **lover**: Term preferred by some individuals for a person’s sexual partner. “Girlfriend,” “boyfriend” and “partner” may be acceptable alternatives. See *husband, relationships, wife*.
- **queen**: Originally a pejorative term for an effeminate gay man, but sometimes used as slang among LGBTQ people. It sometimes describes a shared interest or disposition, for example: soccer queens, opera queens. Queen is offensive when used as an epithet. See *LGBT, LGBTQ*.
Social Media Highlights

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The Rapid Response Task Force is a panel of working journalists from mainstream and LGBTQ media that answers complaints about reporting seen as unfair or inaccurate by readers, viewers, listeners and peer journalists. This year, the RRTF responded to several news incidents, many surrounding coverage of transgender people, and publicly called for the White House to reinstate CNN reporter Jim Acosta’s press credentials after they were revoked.

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 2018 National Convention and was titled, "Matthew Shepard: Twenty Years Later". This installment examined how attitudes and news coverage around anti-LGBTQ hate violence have changed in the twenty years since the murder of University of Wyoming student Matthew Shepard, and the impact that a changing political landscape has on efforts to prevent future hate violence. The panelists included Matthew Shepard’s parents, Dennis and Judy Shepard, as well as New York Anti-Violence Project Executive Director Beverly Tillery. The discussion was moderated by Target Cue managing partner Cathy Renna.

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 professional relationships between NLGJA members. These mutually beneficial partnerships provide important resources to help the next generation of leaders in journalism to succeed.
Inaugural Awards

NLGJA Leadership Award

The New York Times Assistant Managing Editor Carolyn Ryan (right) was the inaugural recipient of the NLGJA Leadership Award. The award recognizes individuals who have made a positive impact on their newsrooms by increasing diversity and improving coverage of the LGBTQ community. The recipients of the award may not necessarily be active journalists themselves, but have nonetheless used their work to improve the news industry and the journalism profession.

Ryan oversees the recruiting of journalists to The Times. Before joining The New York Times, Ryan was deputy managing editor for local news at The Boston Globe.

The NLGJA Leadership Award is made possible through the generosity and support of Randy Lovely and the Gannett Foundation.

Jeanne Córdova Award

Rebellious Magazine for Women founder and editor-in-chief Karen Hawkins (right) was the first recipient of the NLGJA Jeanne Córdova Award. The award recognizes the achievement of an LGBTQ woman for a current body of work in journalism and/or opinion, with an emphasis on, but not exclusively coverage of issues of importance to the LGBTQ community, in any medium and on any platform.

Hawkins is an award-winning reporter and editor whose journalism background includes positions with The Associated Press, the Windy City Times, the Milwaukee Journal Sentinel and the Palm Beach Post. She is also the former director of communications for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

The award is named for Córdova, who was a journalist and the editor and publisher of Lesbian Tide, which chronicled the 1970s lesbian feminist movement. The award is possible because of Córdova’s generosity, and is envisioned to be awarded annually at least through 2026.
Established in 2005 as part of NLGJA’s 15th anniversary celebration, the LGBTQ Journalists Hall of Fame was launched to make sure that their stories are told and preserved — not just for us, but for all journalists and for our readers, viewers and listeners. This year, Hilton Als and Dudley Clendinen were inducted into the Hall of Fame.

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

**Hilton Als** is a Pulitzer Prize-winning writer, critic and social commentator. His work surrounding identity and queerness has earned him the praise of the nation’s leading literary and cultural institutions. He is currently a staff writer and theatre critic at The New Yorker. His most recent book, White Girls, was a finalist for the National Book Critics Circle Award and the winner of a Lambda Literary Award in 2014. He has worked across diverse media and has collaborated on installments and exhibitions at the Metropolitan Opera, La MaMa and the VeneKlasen/Werner gallery in Berlin. Als is currently an associate professor of writing at Columbia University’s School of the Arts.

**Dudley Clendinen** was a national reporter and editor for The Atlanta Journal-Constitution, The Baltimore Sun and The New York Times, frequently known for his writings on gay life, societal inequality, addiction and illness. Clendinen explored gay life in America, from the ravage of AIDS in the last decades of the 20th century, to his lens on gay rights activism, identity and community-building. He identified the need for AIDS coverage early in the epidemic, and advocated firmly for front page placement of news stories about the disease in The New York Times. In the final years of his life, when diagnosed with Lou Gehrig’s disease, he wrote frankly about illness, death and dying before he passed away in 2012.
The NLGJA Excellence in Journalism Awards were established in 1993 to foster and recognize excellence in journalism on issues related to the LGBTQ community. Thank you to the hard work of Awards Chair April Hunt and the volunteer judges. The Al Neuharth Award for Innovation in Investigative Journalism is funded by Gannett.

Excellence in Book Writing Award
Judy Wieder for “Random Events Tend To Cluster”, Lisa Hagan Books

Excellence in Feature Writing Award
Kathryn Joyce for “She Was an Ultraconservative Texas Christian. Then Kai Was Born and Everything Changed”, Splinter

Excellence in Feature Writing Award (Non-daily)
Alex Mohajer for “A Tale of Two Marches”, HuffPost

Excellence in Photojournalism Award

Excellence in News Writing Award
Jen Colletta for “Lesbian Couple Turned Away From PA Bridal Shop”, Philadelphia Gay News

Excellence in News Writing Award (Non-daily)
David Artavia for “Sordid Lives Actor Alleges Mogul Benny Medina Tried to Rape Him”, The Advocate

Excellence in Longform Journalism Award
Laura Rena Murray for “Trans, Teen and Homeless: On the Streets of New York With America’s Most Vulnerable Population”, Rolling Stone

Excellence in Food Writing Award
Zach Stafford for “Burned Out: Hot Chicken Was the Prince Family Legacy — Then Nashville Transformed it Into an Icon, and Now Everybody Wants a Piece”, Eater.com

Excellence in Profile Writing Award
Danika Worthington for “Portraits of Pride: An Exploration of the LGBTQ Community Ahead of PrideFest”, Denver Post

Excellence in Sports Writing Award
Tim Teeman for “When Floyd Mayweather Shouts ‘Faggot’, This Is What LGBT People Hear”, The Daily Beast

Excellence in Student Journalism Award
Leah Juliett for “Youth and LGBTQ Communities Disproportionately Victimized by Revenge Porn and Cyber Crimes”, GLAAD

Excellence in Travel Writing Award
Christopher Muther for “For Real: Salt Lake City is America’s Super Gay, Super Cool Hipster Haven”, The Boston Globe

Excellence in Journalism Awards
Judy Wieder for “Random Events Tend To Cluster”, Lisa Hagan Books

Excellence in Feature Writing Award
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Excellence in Photojournalism Award

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Excellence in Blogging Award
Josh Robbins for “Fauci: From a Practical Standpoint the Risk is Zero”, ImStillJosh.com

Excellence in Digital Video Award
Roman Feeser, Alex Romano, Angelica Fusco, Nia Stevens and Luisa Garcia for “Uncharted: State of Mind”, CBS News

Excellence in Multimedia Award

Excellence in Online Journalism Award
Jessica Mason Pieklo for “Cakes for the Klan? Conservatives Craft a Trojan Horse in Supreme Court’s LGBTQ Discrimination Case”, Rewire.News

Excellence in Column Writing Award
Lucas Grindley for “LGBTs to America: ‘We Told You So’”, The Advocate

Excellence in Opinion/Editorial Writing Award
Chase Strangio for “How Transgender People Have Survived (and Thrived) Under a Year of Donald Trump”, INTO

Excellence in Documentary Award
Nick Broomfield and Marc Hoeferlin for “Whitney: Can I Be Me”, Showtime and BBC

Excellence in Local Television Award
Peggy Kusinski, Katy Smyser, Lisa Capitanini, Richard Moy, Julio Martinez and Nathan Halder for “Some Local Rules Keep Transgender Athletes From Competing In High Schools”, NBC5 Chicago

Excellence in Network Television Award
Todd Cross and Gabe Gutierrez for “One Year After Pulse Nightclub Shooting, 4 People Reflect on How Their Lives Changed”, Sunday TODAY with Willie Geist/NBC

Excellence in Podcast Award
Jacob Brogan and Benjamin Frisch for “Working”, Slate

Excellence in Radio Award
Natalie Winston, Gabriela Saldivia and David Greene for “‘They Told Me I Wasn’t A Human Being’: Gay Men Speak Of Brutal Treatment In Chechnya”, National Public Radio

Excellence in Bisexual Coverage Award
Kate Sloan and Indiana Joel for “What It’s Like to Talk to Your Doctor About Sexual Health When You’re Bisexual”, Xtra

Excellence in Health or Fitness Coverage Award
Aliyah Musaliar, Isabella Ortiz, Noel Gasca and Jenny Asarnow for “Why Was I Taught Sex Ed by a Man Who Uses the Word ‘Slut’?”, KUOW Puget Sound Public Radio

Excellence in HIV/AIDS Coverage Award
Linda Villarosa for “America’s Hidden HIV Epidemic”, The New York Times Magazine

Excellence in Queer People of Color (QPOC) Coverage Award
Margie Fishman for “A Child’s Journey to ‘Truegender’”, The News Journal/USA Today

Excellence in Religion Coverage Award
Phoebe Wang for “God + The Gays”, The Heart (Radiotopia)

Excellence in Transgender Coverage Award
Ryan Kost for “Finding Himself”, The San Francisco Chronicle

The Al Neuharth Award for Innovation in Investigative Journalism
Ken Schwencke for “Documenting Hate”, ProPublica and the Documenting Hate Coalition
The CONNECT program provides real-world experience to undergraduate and graduate students who are considering a career in journalism. During the week-long training, the selected students worked with mentors from organizations including Rebellious Magazine, Channel 6 Action News Philadelphia, The New York Times and more 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. Their stories were posted online at news.nlgiacconnect.org. This year, NLGJA staff and networking experts hosted a workshop to give CONNECT students the skills to make connections and advance their careers while at the National Convention. The program hosted 10 students this year, but over the course of the last 21 years, CONNECT has served more than 200 student participants.

Caroline Que served as Lead Project Manager. Frances Fernandes, Karen Hawkins, Jamal Jordan, David McAlpine, John-Michael Murphy, David OK, Megan Rossman and Brett Zongker served as project mentors.

CONNECT Participants

Benjamin Appel  
Columbia University

Palmer Haasch  
University of Minnesota

Kristin Lam  
San Jose State University in San Jose

Bennett Purser  
Utah State University

Brooklyn Riepma  
Boise State University

Orion Rummler  
Emory & Henry College

Trey Strange  
New York University

Jacob Sutherland  
University of California San Diego

Tamica Jean-Charles  
Florida International University

Shaw Wan  
Northwestern University

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Scholarships

Leroy F. Aarons 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.

2018-2019 Recipient
Madeline Broom

Kay Longcope 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.

2018-2019 Recipient
Kelsi Williams

Steve Mason Sports Media Scholarship
Provides up to $2,500 in tuition assistance to an LGBTQ student who plans to pursue a career in sports journalism and is committed to furthering NLGJA’s mission of fair and accurate coverage of the LGBTQ community.

2018-2019 Recipient
Julia Poe

Facebook Journalism Project Scholarship
The Facebook Journalism Project Scholarship is offered to journalism organizations serving underrepresented communities that share Facebook’s commitment, including NLGJA, National Association of Hispanic Journalists, Asian American Journalists Association and Native American Journalists Association.

The Facebook Journalism Project has provided funding for NLGJA to award five $10,000 scholarships for five years, beginning in 2018. Students do not need to identify as LGBTQ in order to receive the scholarship award.

2018-2019 Recipients
Claire Heddes
Mackenzie Moore
Harold Lopez
Dave Sebastian
Avichai Scher
In 2018, NLGJA completed our third year as part of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention-funded Partnering and Communicating Together to Act Against AIDS program.

NLGJA’s PACT program, New Ways – Reporting on HIV & AIDS Today, provides strategies and skills to enhance and increase news coverage of HIV and AIDS through trainings, online tip sheets and other tools, fellowships, newsroom presentations and other resources. The aim is to improve access to information for prevention, treatment and stigma reduction.

This included noting the CDC’s various Act Against AIDS campaigns and updating those who receive our weekly newsletter and social media alerts with information and story ideas for awareness days focused on HIV & AIDS and African Americans, Women and Girls, Native Americans, Youth, the Transgender Community, Vaccine Awareness, Asian & Pacific Islanders, Testing, Aging, Gay and Bisexual Men, Latinos and the World. Learn more about and from New Ways, including videos of trainings, at www.nlgja.org/newways.

New Ways in the Newsroom

NLGJA Board Members shared information about NLGJA, our New Ways program and various Act Against AIDS campaigns in newsrooms presentations at Reuters on March 9, CNN’s The Great Big Story on May 18 and The Daily Beast on June 11.

NLGJA partnered with the Desert AIDS Project to provide free HIV testing to National Convention attendees.
New Ways: Reporting HIV & AIDS Today

New Ways at NLGJA Events


New Ways: Palm Springs

“Fun, Fast and With Sweet Prizes!: 25 HIV and AIDS Story Ideas for Any Beat or Platform” was presented September 7 during the NLGJA National Convention in Palm Springs. The panel featured Diane Anderson-Minshall, who wears many hats including as CEO/editorial director of Retrograde Communications, a Pride Media editorial partner, where she oversees editorial and production of The Advocate, Chill, Plus and Out Traveler magazines, as well as TinyLivingChic.com, Chill.us, and HIVPlusMag.com; Jacob Anderson-Minshall, who serves in many roles including as Co-founder/Chief Creative Officer at Retrograde Communications and as deputy editor of both The Advocate and Plus; Carl Enzor, RN, Chief Administrative Officer of Eisenhower Health Centers at Palm Springs and Cathedral City, CA; and Kristina Torres, leadership communications manager for the University System of Georgia, a position she began in 2017 after a 24-year career working at newspapers and media companies in South Carolina, Minnesota and Georgia, and also serves on the NLGJA Board of Directors.

Each shared story ideas, respectively, related to HIV and the law, trans women, terminology, depictions in media, methamphetamine use, stigma and undetectability; big data, hate, disproportionately affected communities and those missed by outreach and treatment, PrEP, athletes, faith and art; aging, treatment, other physical and mental health issues, medical professional expertise and suicide; changes to federal funding, patents, coordination at the state and local level, putting together prevalence maps, spending accountability, urban v. rural program access and outreach to immigrant and limited English proficiency communities. Altogether the number of story ideas were almost quadruple what was billed.
NLGJA hosted the LGBT Media Journalists Convening, sponsored by the Evelyn and Walter Haas Jr. Fund and the Arcus Foundation, during our National Convention in Palm Springs from September 6-9. The convening ran parallel to the National Convention, allowing convening attendees to enjoy additional networking opportunities and to introduce fresh perspectives into the convention conversations. The program was marked with short seminars about a variety of topics, as well as skill-building exercises. Bethany Grace Howe served as the convening emcee. Attendees were active on social media, leading the conversation using the hashtag #LGBTMedia18.

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Headlines & Headliners drew a crowd of nearly 300 journalists, communications professionals, news executives and students to the Reuters New York Headquarters in Times Square on March 8, raising tens of thousands of dollars for NLGJA’s mission and programming. The event was co-chaired by NLGJA Lifetime Member Reed McDowell and NLGJA National Board Director Eric Hegedus. CBS News Transportation Correspondent Kris Van Cleave served as the event host. This was the first time that Headlines & Headliners was held at the Reuters New York Headquarters and Reuters Editor-in-Chief Stephen Adler welcomed attendees.

Special Guests included:

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L.A. Exclusive was held on June 1 at the Los Angeles LGBT Center's The Village at Ed Gould Plaza. NLGJA National Board Director Senta Scarborough served as chair of the event. The evening was hosted by INTO Editor-in-Chief Zach Stafford and CBS News correspondent Jamie Yuccas. NLGJA presented the Lisa Ben Award for Achievement in Features Coverage to Entertainment Weekly Editor-in-Chief Henry Goldblatt. The leadership of the L.A. Chapter was instrumental in making the event a success. They utilized their relationships with local chapters of other minority journalism associations to bring new attendees to the event, including local industry leaders. The evening was a great opportunity to kick off Pride Month and promote HIV testing ahead of the annual National HIV Testing Day, which followed the event on June 27.
Mitchell Gold + Bob Williams hosted NLGJA's annual Washington, DC benefit event, Dateline:DC, again this year. Some of Washington's best journalists gathered on November 15 for a wonderful evening of networking in support of NLGJA's mission to promote fair and accurate coverage of LGBTQ people and issues.

The journalists in attendance represented all corners of the media industry. The event has attracted more students in recent years, and the George Mason University Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists attended to the delight of the more seasoned journalists in attendance.

In addition to the event's special guests, Dennis and Judy Shepard came to show their continued support for NLGJA.

Matthew Berger and Sarah Blazucki served as the event co-chairs.

**Special guests included:**

- Steve Clemons, The Atlantic
- Jonathan Greenberger, ABC News
- Doug Kammerer, NBC4
- Jeff Pegues, CBS News
- Carolyn Ryan, The New York Times
- Steven Petrow, USA Today
- Stephen Tschida, ABC 7
- Kris Van Cleave, CBS News
- Cecilia Vega, ABC News
- John Yang, PBS Newshour

Dateline:DC co-chairs Matthew Berger and Sarah Blazucki welcome attendees to the event.
NLGJA held its annual National Convention September 6-9 at the Hotel Zoso in Palm Springs, California. NLGJA Vice President of Print & Online Jen Christensen, NLGJA Treasurer Ken Miguel and NLGJA National Board member Senta Scarborough served as convention co-chairs. The convention welcomed over 450 attendees, the largest attendance in over a decade, and ran in conjunction with the LGBT Media Journalists Convening. The attendees represented all corners of LGBTQ and mainstream media, and joined together to hone their craft and expand their networks of colleagues and friends.

The convention was the first that NLGJA has hosted in Palm Springs. In the tradition of incorporating the local community, NLGJA welcomed a performance by the Palm Springs Gay Men’s Chorus at the opening reception. Additionally, the Desert AIDS Project offered free HIV testing and counseling for attendees. One of the highlights of the agenda was a special Storytellers Project event, produced in conjunction with the USA Today Network and the Desert Sun, that featured NLGJA members and LGBTQ community members telling stories of their careers and experiences as LGBTQ people. Among the storytellers for the event were Scarborough, and NLGJA Lifetime Members Bethany Grace Howe and Randy Lovely.

The highlight for many attendees was the 2019 installment of the Michael Triplett Series, which featured activists Judy and Dennis Shepard and New York Anti Violence Project Executive Director Beverly Tillery. The Shepards made themselves available to attendees before and after the standing-room-only plenary session. The other plenary sessions featured an outstanding array of industry leaders, including CBS News national correspondent David Begnaud, CNN Worldwide Vice President of Diversity & Inclusion Ramon Escobar, Wall Street Journal managing editor Karen Pensiero, TrasGriot founder and publisher Monica Roberts and New York Times Deputy Managing Editor Carolyn Ryan.

In addition to the hallmark plenary sessions, the convention was packed with professional development opportunities, including over 30 breakout sessions. Investigative Reporters & Editors (IRE) once again hosted a Watchdog Bootcamp that was attended by over 60 people. Representatives from nearly every major media organization, including Comcast NBCUniversal, CBS News, The New York Times, Gannett and McClatchy, greeted attendees in the Expo Hall. Attendees at every stage of career, from newsroom executives to CONNECT: Student Journalism Training Project students, could be seen chatting with company representatives in the expo and networking at the convention’s many receptions.

We appreciate the members and friends who came to Palm Springs to show their commitment to fair and accurate LGBTQ coverage, and we look forward to another outstanding convention in New Orleans.
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