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Keep N.C. Open for Business—For All



If a new pair of Indiana-style bills become law, North Carolina businesses could deny service to virtually anyone under the guise of religious freedom.

Freedom of religion is one of our most fundamental rights. It's enshrined in the Constitution and reflected in laws across the nation, and the ACLU has fought for decades to defend that freedom for all. But a new type of legislation proposed in North Carolina and states across the country would allow individuals — and in some cases even government employees — to use their religious beliefs to discriminate against and harm others. These bills would open the door to challenges to virtually any law designed to protect all of us from discrimination, and they undermine our shared values of fairness and equal treatment for all. The governor of Indiana earned widespread criticism earlier this year after signing that state's

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Celebrating 50 Years of Protecting Liberty

'Anniversaries are moments where you can mark where we are, where we've come, and where we're headed.'

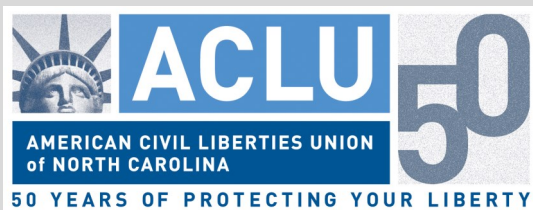
-National ACLU Executive Director
Anthony Romero

The ACLU of North Carolina celebrated the 50th anniversary of its founding in 1965 at the 2015 Frank Porter Graham Awards in Chapel Hill on February 28. Romero gave a keynote address to more than 300 attendees that highlighted the ACLU's past and current work to defend civil liberties across the nation.



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Our Work Never Ends

The North Carolina General Assembly is back in session, and that means a fresh round of legislative proposals that would either strengthen or diminish protections for civil liberties in our state.

Already this year, we've seen bills that would seek to use religious freedom as a weapon to harm and discriminate against others (page 1), allow government officials to pick and choose which laws to follow (page 5), and make it even more difficult for women in North Carolina to obtain safe and legal access to abortion care (page 4).

Many of these attacks on civil liberties, which are playing out not only in North Carolina but in states across the country, are clearly a response to the tremendous progress that the ACLU and our partners have made in advancing the cause of liberty. Fewer than six months after two ACLU lawsuits helped bring the freedom to marry to North Carolina, for example, lawmakers introduced bills that would allow government officials and individuals to deny services to the LGBT community in a blatant attempt to carve out exceptions to marriage equality.

Our opponents are fighting against the tide of history, and we refuse to let them put us back on the defensive. While we work with our partners in the faith, business, and advocacy communities to quell these attacks on LGBT equality and choice, we are also working on a proactive agenda to expand civil liberties in our state. Whether it is battling pregnancy discrimination in the workplace (page 3), working to protect your right to privacy against government surveillance (page 4), combatting racial profiling (page 4), or keeping up the pressure to ensure that North Carolina no longer automatically charges 16 and 17 year olds as adults for any offense (page 4), the ACLU of North Carolina remains on the front lines of so many proactive struggles to protect civil liberties in our state.

Our work never ends — but we could not do this without your continued support. Please keep us on the front lines of liberty by using the enclosed form to make a tax-deductible donation to the ACLU-NC Legal Foundation today.



Jennifer Rudinger

Jennifer Rudinger
Executive Director

LEGAL NEWS

Carolyna Manrique Joins ACLU-NC as Staff Attorney

Carolyna Caicedo Manrique joined the ACLU-NC in January 2015 as Staff Attorney and says she is thrilled to be here. “For me, it’s like a dream come true,” Carolyna said. “This is the reason why I decided to go to law school in the first place: to be able to join a team of people dedicated to protecting and defending the rights of all people regardless of their race, sex, gender, faith, national origin, sexual orientation, socioeconomic or immigration status.”

Carolyna received her J.D. from American University Washington College of Law in 2010 and her undergraduate degree from the University of Georgia. Before

joining the ACLU-NC, she worked as a Staff Attorney for Georgia Legal Services where she represented Latino Georgians regarding poverty law issues and civil rights. “When I was a legal services lawyer, I worked with the Hispanic community in rural Georgia where people faced what seemed to be unsurmountable challenges and were subjected to abuse and discrimination,” she said. “This experience will inform the work I do here at the ACLU-NC where I will focus on racial justice issues, immigrants’ rights, gender equity and reproductive rights, privacy, and LGBT rights.”

Carolyna is originally from Colombia. She and her family im-



migrated to Atlanta when she was a child because she needed medical care for Myasthenia (an autoimmune neuromuscular disorder), which at the time was a rare condition. Carolyna made a full recovery by the age of 15. She now lives in Raleigh with her husband and 2-year-old daughter. ■

Battling Pregnancy Discrimination in the Workplace

Jaimie Cole (*right*) was pregnant with her third child and working as a certified nursing assistant when her doctor recommended that she no longer do any heavy lifting at work. In her previous pregnancies, Cole suffered from preeclampsia, a complication that can be dangerous for both mother and baby.

But when Cole requested temporary light duty from her employer, the Brian Center for Health and Rehabilitation in Weaverville, they denied her request and instead stopped giving her shifts.

“I went home really upset,” Cole said. “All I could think about was my other kids at home. There



was a mortgage and car payments, and now I’m bringing this third baby into the world and they weren’t letting me work.”

With assistance from the ACLU, Cole has filed a complaint with the federal Equal Employment Opportunity Commission that seeks compensation for lost work, legal fees, and economic and emotional damages.

In March 2015, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that employers cannot impose a “significant burden” on pregnant workers and that a pregnant worker can show that her employer’s acts are unjustified if the employer accommodates a large percentage of non-pregnant workers, while denying the same accommodations to pregnant workers, as happened in Cole’s case.

North Carolina is one of four states that offer no additional protection to pregnant or breastfeeding employees. According to the Pew Research Center, 40 percent of households with children have mothers who are either the sole or primary source of income for the family. ■

LEGISLATIVE NEWS

2015 Session Brings New Hopes, Challenges

More than 70 bills that would affect civil liberties have been introduced in the North Carolina General Assembly so far this year, and the ACLU-NC is tracking them all, including proposals that would restrict abortion access, raise the age of juvenile jurisdiction for certain offenses, and seek to combat racial profiling by law enforcement.

Reproductive Justice

The ACLU-NC opposes HB 465, which would create arbitrary restrictions to abortion access and make it harder for women to access high quality reproductive health care in the state. It would expand the 24-hour waiting period on abortions to 72 hours, and restrict two of North Carolina's most renowned hospitals, at the University of North



ACLU-NC Policy Director Sarah Preston testifies before a legislative committee.

Carolina and Eastern Carolina University, from providing training in abortion care or providing abortions except in cases of rape, incest, or danger to the life of the mother.

Juvenile Justice

The ACLU-NC supports HB 399, the "Young Offenders Rehabilitation Act," which would change state law so that 16 and 17 year olds charged with mis-

demeanors would no longer be automatically charged as adults and housed in adult jails. North Carolina is one of only two states in the nation that still charges 16 and 17 year olds as adults for any offense.

Racial Profiling

The ACLU-NC supports HB 193, which would prohibit law enforcement officers from profiling individuals based on race, religion, sexual orientation, gender identity, disability, and other traits. The bill increases the requirements for reporting on deaths resulting from police encounters and traffic stop statistics, and it makes the creation of citizen review boards easier while giving CRBs more authority to investigate and discipline officers. ■

Protecting Privacy from Unwarranted Surveillance

The ACLU of North Carolina hosted a legislative briefing Feb. 5 at the North Carolina General Assembly on privacy and government surveillance that featured a former Republican legislator and a national expert on surveillance technology used by law enforcement. The event coincided with the release of the ACLU-NC report, "Unwarranted: The State of Surveillance in North Carolina," which documents the widespread

use of surveillance technology by law enforcement throughout the state without any legal framework to protect individual privacy rights from abuse. The ACLU-NC is actively lobbying in support of two bills, HB 786 and HB 829, that would regulate law enforcement's use of automatic license plate readers and cell phone location tracking in order to protect privacy.

Visit acluofnc.org/privacy to learn more about the ACLU-NC's campaign to protect privacy. ■



From left: Former State Senator Thom Goolsby; Nathan Freed Wessler, staff attorney with the ACLU's Speech, Privacy, and Technology Project, and ACLU-NC Policy Director Sarah Preston.

Discrimination in the Name of Religious Liberty

“It was supposed to be a happy day, but instead we were turned away because of somebody else’s religious views.”

-Carol Ann Person, pictured right with her husband, Thomas. Magistrates denied the couple a marriage license in the 1970s, citing religious objections. New legislation could legalize that same discrimination.



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so-called “Religious Freedom Restoration Act,” which gave individuals and organizations a license to discriminate against LGBT people and others, all in the name of religion. It soon became clear to the nation that the “religious freedom” law he signed was intended to authorize anti-LGBT discrimination. The outcry not only prompted a partial rewrite of the law, but it also included a chorus of national business leaders calling for affirmative LGBT non-discrimination protections.

Despite that backlash, North Carolina lawmakers that very week introduced a pair of bills, HB 348 and SB 550, that would be our state’s own “Religious Freedom Restoration Act.” The North Carolina bills are nearly identical to the Indiana law, but they are also worse in one important way: they make it easier for individuals to claim that any state or local law “burdens” their exercise of religion. This includes beliefs that do not stem from any established religion. That means that any individual religious belief can determine which state and local laws a person chooses to honor.

Gov. Pat McCrory has said the proposal “makes no sense,” and the

ACLU is working diligently with national and local allies in the faith, LGBT, and business communities to stop these proposals.

However, these are not the only proposals that would allow people to use religion to discriminate in North Carolina. The ACLU is also working to stop SB 2, which would allow sworn government officials to refuse to provide marriage services to couples based on sincerely held religious beliefs. The bill is clearly an attempt to carve out exceptions to North Carolina’s recognition of marriage for same-sex couples, but the legislation is so broad that it could be used against any couple.

Two of the many people speaking out against SB 2 are Thomas and Carol Ann Person, who went to get married in Forsyth County almost 40 years ago, but were turned away by

two magistrates who claimed that their religious beliefs prohibited them from marrying a black man and a white woman. In 1977, a federal court ordered a magistrate to perform their marriage, and the two magistrates who originally refused were ordered to pay legal fees.

“I will never forget how painful it was to be told by government officials that they would not give Thomas and me a civil marriage ceremony because of the color of our skin,” Carol said. “It was supposed to be a happy day, but instead we were turned away because of somebody else’s religious views. I hope those lawmakers in Raleigh stop Senate Bill 2 so that no other couple in North Carolina ever has to go through what we did when they want to marry the person they love.” ■

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Honoring Civil Liberties Heroes

Scenes from the ACLU-NC's
2015 Frank Porter Graham Awards



Attorney Bill Massengale displays a painting done by one of his clients on death row to demonstrate how capital defendants still retain their humanity and are more than their worst act. Massengale and his law partner, Marilyn Ozer, received the Paul Green Award for extraordinary efforts to combat the death penalty. They've defended at least 25 death row clients and saved six from execution.



Longtime civil rights activist Jim Grant walks up to the stage amid a standing ovation to receive the 2015 Frank Porter Graham Award, the ACLU-NC's highest honor.



Marilyn Ozer speaks after receiving the Paul Green Award.



Plaintiff and honoree Dana Draa hugs ACLU-NC Exec. Dir. Jennifer Rudinger.

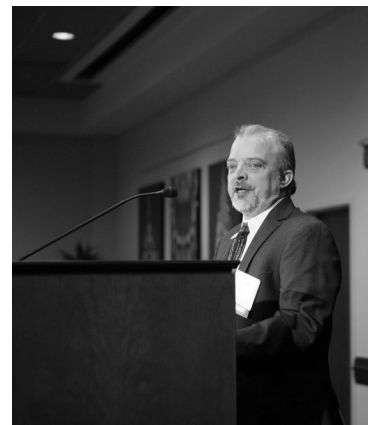


Above: Marcie Fisher-Borne speaks on behalf of the nine families who were awarded the Sharon Thompson Award for serving as plaintiffs in the two ACLU cases that helped win the freedom to marry for same-sex couples in North Carolina.



Left: Watauga High School English Teacher Mary Kent Whitaker accepts the ACLU-NC Award for her courageous efforts to defend her students' freedom to read.

Right: Josh McIntyre, treasurer of the ACLU-NC's Wake County Chapter, accepts the Norman Smith Award for extraordinary volunteer service to the ACLU-NC.



Board of Directors ELECTION

WHO CAN VOTE:

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

INSTRUCTIONS FOR VOTING:

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

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

ADDRESS THE ENVELOPE TO:

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P.O. Box 28004
Raleigh, NC 27611-8004

VOTING DEADLINE:

In order for your ballot to be counted, we must receive it at the address shown above by **Weds., June 3**, or you may cast your vote in person at the ACLU-NC's Annual Membership Meeting on Sunday, June 7, from 1:30 to 4 p.m. at Levine Museum of the New South, 200 E 7th St, Charlotte, NC 28202.

ACLU-NC BOARD OF DIRECTORS BALLOT

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

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2015 ACLU-NC BOARD CANDIDATES



**Manzoor
Cheema**

Raleigh

As a resident of the Triangle area of North Carolina for the last 16 years, I am eager to serve on the ACLU of North Carolina Board of Directors. I believe my background as a Pakistani American, a Muslim, and a social justice activist will be an asset to ACLU of North Carolina.

Some of the movements I have been engaged with include workers' rights, anti-racism movement, LGBTQ rights and environmental justice. I have also served on local non-profit boards, ranging from Triangle Interfaith Alliance, Muslim American Public Affairs Council and Wake Coun-

ty ACLU Board. I am the recipient of the 2014 International Human Rights Award. My recent work against Islamophobia was featured in the Raleigh News and Observer on Feb 21, 2015.

If given the opportunity, I am very interested to broaden the scope of ACLU's work, by networking with organizations and allies across the state. I am particularly interested to counter Islamophobia and work against hate attacks leveled at South Asian, Middle Eastern and African American community members. ■

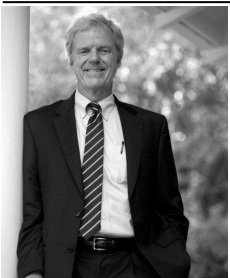


**Malik
Edwards**

Durham

I am grateful to have served as a member of the ACLU-NC Board for the past three years. I would be equally humbled to serve on the Board for another term. I was drawn to the opportunity to serve on the board by the ACLU's commitment to the pursuit of justice for all. I am a professor at North Carolina Central University School of Law. My interactions with students and the communities served by the school continually illustrate to me the need for organizations like the ACLU. I believe that the skills and experience I have gained from teaching and interacting with students have helped to make me a better Board member during my current term of service. The significance of the

ACLU in safeguarding the civil liberties of North Carolinians cannot be overstated. The Board is responsible for (a) ensuring that our staff is empowered to continue its exceptional efforts, while (b) also providing oversight to ensure that we, as an organization, are working toward agreed-upon objectives. For the past two years I have served as Affirmative Action Officer for ACLU-NC. In this role, I have seen the organization's commitment to ensuring that we have diverse perspectives on the board and staff. The opportunity to serve has been most fulfilling. I would be honored to have the chance to continue on the Board, and I am grateful for your consideration of my candidacy. ■



**Robert
"Hoppy" Elliot**

Winston-Salem

I am an attorney in the law firm of Elliot Morgan Parsonage, PLLC. I have practiced in the fields of civil rights, employment law and other litigation for 36 years.

I served on the ACLU-NC Board of Directors in the 1980s, ultimately serving as president, and I was General Counsel for several years in the 1990s. I was honored to receive the Frank Porter Graham award in 2012. I have always been a part of this organization because, in my experience, there is no organization like the ACLU. Our focus on the rights of individuals with respect to their

government is unique. The ACLU is an organization which acts, when others only preach; which advocates for those who need advocates; which is consistently committed to its mission of standing up for our civil liberties. As a civil rights lawyer, I am committed to the same end, but I am also deeply aware that through our unity with others, we are stronger to the task, and more effective in our zealous pursuit. I have been honored to serve on the present Board, and, while recognizing the immense qualifications of other candidates, would be honored to serve for a second term. ■



Jason Huber

Charlotte

I am writing to request your vote in the ACLU of NC Board of Directors elections. I am interested in serving for several reasons. First, I have a deep respect for the ACLU, its work, members, clients, cooperating attorneys, legal workers, and all others who advance the ACLU agenda. It would be a pleasure to work with and for these individuals.

Second, I have a long history of serving the ACLU and would like to continue to do so as a NC Board of Directors member. I sat on the ACLU of West Virginia Board of Directors from 1998-2006 and was cooperating counsel during that time on many matters. For my work, the membership awarded me the 2012 Sid Bell Memorial Award for Extraordinary Service to the Local Affiliate. And I

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currently enjoy serving on the Charlotte Chapter of the NC ACLU Board of Directors.

Third, I'm a relative newcomer to North Carolina so serving on the Board would introduce me to good people, doing great work from different parts of the state. And finally, I teach at

the Charlotte School of Law Civil Rights Clinic where I supervise student advocates. Much of our work dovetails nicely with the ACLU's. So serving on the Board seems to be a natural fit. But as an added bonus, it would introduce many of my students to the ACLU hopefully creating new members, advocates, and Bill of Rights champions. ■



Paula Kohut

Wilmington

I am grateful for the privilege to serve on the ACLU-NC Board and as its newly elected treasurer. I would be honored to continue my service if elected for a three-year term. I am passionate about the advancement of civil liberties in North Carolina and have a particular interest in equal rights for and eliminating bias and discrimination against LGBT persons in North Carolina.

As a transgender woman who transitioned late in life, I avoided many of the negative effects of bias and discrimination against members of the LGBT community. However, my life experiences have provided me with the opportunity to

educate friends, family, colleagues and the public about transgender people beyond the myopic stereotyping of LGBT persons, particularly in the media.

I believe my experience in serving on other non-profit boards, my legal representation of individuals, businesses and non-profits, and my commitment to civil liberties will allow me to contribute to the current and future success of the ACLU-NC. I look forward to continuing my service to the ACLU-NC if elected to another term. Thank you for considering my candidacy. ■



Dino A. Lambridis

Cary

My passion for equality and fairness started at an early age; I often joked that it was triggered by a dramatic scene in an episode of *The Lone Ranger*.

Throughout my career as an entrepreneur, senior business executive and Clinical Research professional, I have always made decisions based on the sustained impacts they will have, a sort of triple bottom line (3BL) approach. Since the early nineties and as part of many successful business ventures, I have advocated strongly for sensible animal welfare standards as it relates to factory farming practices as well as progressive, yet practical, environmental policy. Having seen the results of this hard work, as well as from many other organizations I respect and support, it contin-

ues to motivate me and keep me optimistic about our future.

My promise and commitments are to advocate for justice and ensure the defense of civil liberties for all of the people of my state and beyond. The role the ACLU plays in safeguarding our liberties is unparalleled and I would work hard to sustain this influence, and further bolster its effectiveness and resources. If given the opportunity to have a seat on the ACLU-NC board, I will use my extensive and diverse business experience, including capital/fund raising and public relations to not only ensure our organization has the strength to tackle the continued challenges ahead but to also help shape them. I would be honored to serve and I thank you in advance for your consideration. ■



Jennifer Lorenz

Pittsboro

I have served on the ACLU of NC Board previously, serving as Secretary, Vice President and from 2010 to 2011 as President. I have been a member of the ACLU for 30 years and, in that time, my enthusiasm for and engagement in the very important work of the ACLU has never waned.

I am a retired molecular biologist, so I bring a scientific mind to the board which I believe is beneficial. My particular areas of interest are

voting rights, LGBTQ rights and the death penalty, which I have worked to abolish.

I believe that it is the role of ACLU members and board members to educate the public on issues of civil liberties and I am a strong proponent of educating the public about the death penalty and why it is a blot on America's moral standing. I would like to rejoin the board and lend my expertise to the important work the ACLU-NC does. ■

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Mitchell Price

Carrboro

As a non-profit professional, I understand the vital role the Board fills for an organization. Board members serve as ambassadors, fundraisers, advisors, connectors, and team members. I hope that my marketing and fundraising experience within a non-profit will bring a beneficial perspective to the board.

In my current role as Director of Donor Engagement for Planned Parenthood South Atlantic, I serve as a senior member of the development department and have primary responsibility for creating and executing engaging donor events that build and deepen relationships with supporters, boost the Planned Parenthood

brand, and contribute to the overall fundraising efforts. Over the past 14 years, I have had the opportunity to build great relationships with many supporters and to work with them to make transformational gifts to our organization.

It would be my honor to serve on the board of the ACLU and I thank you for your consideration. I believe in the mission of the ACLU, I believe in standing up for the underrepresented, the oppressed, the underdogs, if you will, and I believe in fairness and justice and the vital role that the ACLU plays in achieving a more just society. ■



J. Wayne Riggins

Fayetteville

Martin Luther King, Jr. said, "The arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice," and I believe it is up to us to help bend that arc.

As a retired Army officer and gay man, I understand defense of liberties in a three-dimensional way. As the grandson of sharecroppers with grade school educations and parents with G.E.D.'s, I understand that public education should be an equal access priority. As a physician, I understand that healthcare is not a luxury. As the grandson of a woman who walked down a dirt road to a bus stop, I understand that building/zoning ordinances should require "greenspace" and sidewalks for folks who are least equipped to fight for them.

These experiences inform my public ser-

vice. As a citizen soldier, I know the fight for rights occurs on battlefields abroad and in precincts, on Boards, Task Forces, Commissions, Caucuses, and in the media at home; so I have served. I've served on Boards that support arts and education, on Task Forces that rewrite local zoning ordinances, as an editorialist opposing Amendment One and supporting Anti-Bullying legislation, as a Trustee for Fayetteville State University, as an Equality NC Board member, as a Delegate to the Democratic National Convention (2008, 2012), as a NCDP Executive Committee member, as 2nd Congressional district LGBT caucus chair, as local precinct chair, and as state-level campaign officer. I have a natural affinity for the ACLU's mission and I appreciate your consideration. ■



Theresa Rodgers Sharpe

Williamston

Iam honored to have been nominated to serve on the ACLU-NC Board of Directors. It is an organization that I have always admired. I am anxious and excited to serve on the Board of Directors because of my passion for helping the underserved and the unaware.

The ACLU serves as our eyes and ears to root out injustice and attacks on our civil liberties. I am ready to help in this endeavor. I worked as a Magistrate for 17 years and before that as Assistant Register of Deeds in Martin County. I was the first person of color to hold each position. This afforded me the opportunity to work directly with the public and to sense their needs.

I observed racial inequality and injustice dai-

ly in this small rural community, and helped where I could.

My family experienced a tragedy in 2002 when my nephew was killed by police who said he was reaching for a gun. Witnesses said that he was complying with the commands of the Police, when shot eight times. We could get no help at that time.

This incident and many others instilled in me the desire to further my education and I graduated in 2003 with a BA in Criminal Justice/Pre Law. I am an active member of the NAACP, for racial justice and voting rights and for equality in Criminal Justice. I support SPLC and Amnesty International. I am a Red Cross Volunteer. ■

CHAPTER UPDATES

The Western North Carolina Chapter of the ACLU-NC will hold its annual membership meeting in Asheville at 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 31. The meeting will feature a presentation by **Daryl Atkinson** of the Southern Coalition for Social Justice, who will discuss issues of race, police misconduct, mass incarceration, and campaigns to “ban the box” that asks job applicants if they have a criminal record. The location, to be determined, will be announced on www.acluofwnc.wordpress.com.



Nicole Gutierrez (pictured left) of the ACLU-NC's Charlotte chapter testified before the Charlotte City Council on March 23 in favor of creating a municipal

ID for all Queen City residents regardless of immigration or socioeconomic status. “There are many Charlotteans who do not have access to a photo ID that can be accepted as proof of their identity,” Gutierrez said. “This makes them less willing to report crime or cooperate with law enforcement and more likely to be seen as easy targets for criminals. Not having a photo ID means that you are left out of many aspects of civic society like participating in your children’s school events or having access to a bank account.”

The ACLU-NC's Wake County chapter marched in Raleigh to commemorate **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day** on Jan. 19. Pictured right: **Matt Quinn**, **Betty Lazo**, and **Bill Welch**.



For the first time in many years, **Campbell Law School** has reestablished a chapter of the ACLU-NC.

Pictured from left to right: **Michael Ferretti**, President; **Collin March**, Secretary; **Hope Robertson**, Vice President; **Kris Hawkins**, Treasurer. ■



Join Us June 7 for the ACLU-NC's Annual Membership Meeting In Charlotte

Because Freedom Can't Protect Itself: A Look Back at 50 Years of the ACLU of North Carolina

Sunday, June 7

Levine Museum of the New South

200 E. 7th Street, Charlotte, NC, 28202

1:30-2:30 p.m.

Reception & Viewing of Exhibit “ACLU of North Carolina: 50 Years of Protecting Liberty”

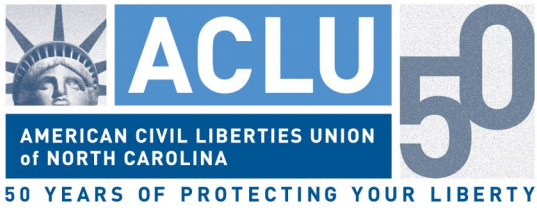
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Panel Discussion With Figures from the ACLU-NC's 50-Year History



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