

NATIONAL LAW STUDENTS WORKERS' RIGHTS CONFERENCE

2025 SPEAKER GUIDE



BUILD THE NEXT GENERATION OF WORKPLACE JUSTICE ADVOCATES

Thank you for considering speaking at the Peggy Browning Fund's Annual National Law Students Workers' Rights Conference (NLSWRC)! This year, the conference returns to our regular stomping ground just outside of Baltimore, Maryland. Between the ease of having hotel rooms just a hallway away from the conference space, an accessible location, and the consistent growth in all our programs over recent years, we anticipate this to be the biggest conference in PBF history, forecasting at least 250 participants from around the country.

Our mantra for the conference is "Inspire, Educate, Connect," and conference speakers are a valuable and critical part of that equation. This guide features everything you need to know as you decide how to contribute your time and knowledge to this year's conference. We are very excited about your participation!

ESSENTIAL DETAILS

WHEN: FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17 | 5PM - 8PM
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18 | 7:30AM - 5PM*

WHERE: MARITIME CONFERENCE CENTER
692 MARITIME BLVD LINTHICUM HEIGHTS, MD 21090

*Speakers are only required to attend their relevant events. They are also invited to attend our Friday night PBF Community Dinner.

Please send any questions, concerns, or thoughts to the PBF team at info@peggybrowningfund.org.

SPEAKING & FACILITATION OPPORTUNITIES

PLENARIES

Traditionally, we have one Plenary session on Friday night, one Saturday morning, and a final one on Saturday afternoon. Plenaries can be solo keynote presentations or panels. PBF has hosted plenary sessions on the following topics:

Organizing at Amazon with Seth Goldstein, Eric Milner, Retu Singla & Chris Smalls

Keynote address by Jennifer A. Abruzzo, General Counsel of NLRB

From Smokestacks to Library Stacks: Organizing Cultural Workers in Pittsburgh with Melinda Ciccocioppo, David Jury, Inga Schmidt & Robin J. Sowards

Keys to a Successful Organizing Campaign: National Nurses United at Mission Hospital, North Carolina

Patience, Persistence, and a Plan – USW’s Victory at Blue Bird: Chris Salm, Alex Perkins, Patrick Watkins

Fight Like Hell: The Untold History of American Labor with Kim Kelly

From Loper Bright to Jarquesy to Space X: Attacks on the Administrative State and Labor Law Enforcement

WORKSHOPS

In our 75-minute-long educational workshops, participants learn about a variety of issues affecting workers' rights. These workshops serve to both supplement law schools' educational offerings and introduce topics that students may explore through a Peggy Browning Fellowship. Workshops should encourage law students already committed to union-side labor law and inspire students new to workplace justice. These sessions are designed and led by labor practitioners, law professors, government administrators, labor representatives, and organizers. We typically offer a range of workshops over the course of three timeslots, and some workshops may be offered twice. In the past, PBF has offered the following workshops:

Introduction to Basic Labor Law

Immigrants' Rights Are Workers' Rights: Protecting and Organizing Immigrant Workers

Working Together: Lawyers & Organizers

Organizing at Starbucks & Beyond

Employee Benefits Law

EMPLOYERS & ALLIES TABLES

Does your organization support the next generation of labor law leaders? Are you inspired to connect with hundreds of progressive, dedicated law students? Join the National Law Students Workers Rights' Conference with an Employer & Allies Table!

WHAT YOU GET: 10'x3' skirted table from 8AM - 5PM Saturday, Oct. 18th; 2 chairs; Access to electrical outlets & Wi-Fi; Breakfast, lunch & snacks; Access to conference plenary sessions; Connections to a wide variety of current and future labor leaders.

EMPLOYERS & ALLIES TABLES CAN: Recruit future employees and volunteers; Promote labor law associations and groups; Sell labor law-oriented materials (labor books, union made goods, etc). Space is limited!

COST: Employers & Allies Tables are free. Donations, however, are strongly encouraged to offset tabling costs and allow PBF to reallocate those funds for students.

NLSWRC SAMPLE SCHEDULE

While the 2025 NLSWRC is still being finalized, this sample agenda gives a sense of how our event will flow, from meals, to large panel discussions, to breakout sessions.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS
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FRIDAY AFTERNOON & EVENING

CHECK IN & TECH REVIEW | Speakers check in with PBF staff at the front table. Audiovisual needs are reviewed and speakers may receive a brief walkthrough of the event space.

FRIDAY PLENARY | Speaker presentation attended by all students.

PBF COMMUNITY DINNER | PBF network dinner featuring remarks by PBF Board members and featured alumni. Networking reception to follow.

SATURDAY MORNING

BREAKFAST | Provided to speakers and students.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS | Keynote Speaker presentation attended by all students.

MORNING WORKSHOP SESSIONS | Individual breakout sessions hosted by speakers and held across multiple rooms.

EMPLOYERS & ALLIES TABLES | Table hosts set up & connect with students.

SATURDAY MIDDAY

SPEAKER & STUDENT LUNCH | Students and speakers are welcome to join one another for lunch

MIDDAY WORKSHOP SESSIONS | Individual breakout sessions hosted by speakers and held across multiple rooms.

SATURDAY AFTERNOON

SATURDAY PLENARY | Speaker presentation attended by all students.

EMPLOYERS & ALLIES TABLES | Table hosts can continue to hold interviews, hand out materials, and connect with students.

AFTERNOON WORKSHOP SESSIONS | Individual breakout sessions hosted by speakers and held across multiple rooms.

CONFERENCE CLOSE | Formal close of the 2025 NLSWRC with remarks by PBF.

TOGETHER WE CAN EMPOWER THE NEXT GENERATION OF WORKPLACE JUSTICE ADVOCATES



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

ARE MY TRAVEL COSTS COVERED BY

PBF? Yes. PBF is happy to cover your air/train fares and reimburse you for the cost of a taxi from the Baltimore/Washington International Airport to your hotel or the conference center. However, if you would like to support PBF's mission to empower the next generation of workplace justice advocates, we encourage you to cover your travel costs.

WILL MY HOTEL ROOM BE PAID FOR

BY PBF? Yes. As part of your agreement to speak at the NLSWRC, PBF will cover the cost of your hotel room. If you have questions, please contact Ruby Tumas, PBF's Program and Operations Manager, at rtumas@peggybrowningfund.org no later than September 12, 2025.

WILL I GET PAID FOR SPEAKING AT

THE NLSWRC? No. PBF's mission mandates our spending directly supports

our core programming. As such, we do not offer speaking fees to NLSWRC presenters.

HOW EARLY DO I NEED TO SEND IN MY PRINT & DIGITAL MATERIALS?

Printed handouts and/or digital materials (ex: PowerPoint, Keynote) must be delivered to PBF no later than September 19, 2025. We will print your materials and transport them to the NLSWRC. For more information, contact info@peggybrowningfund.org.

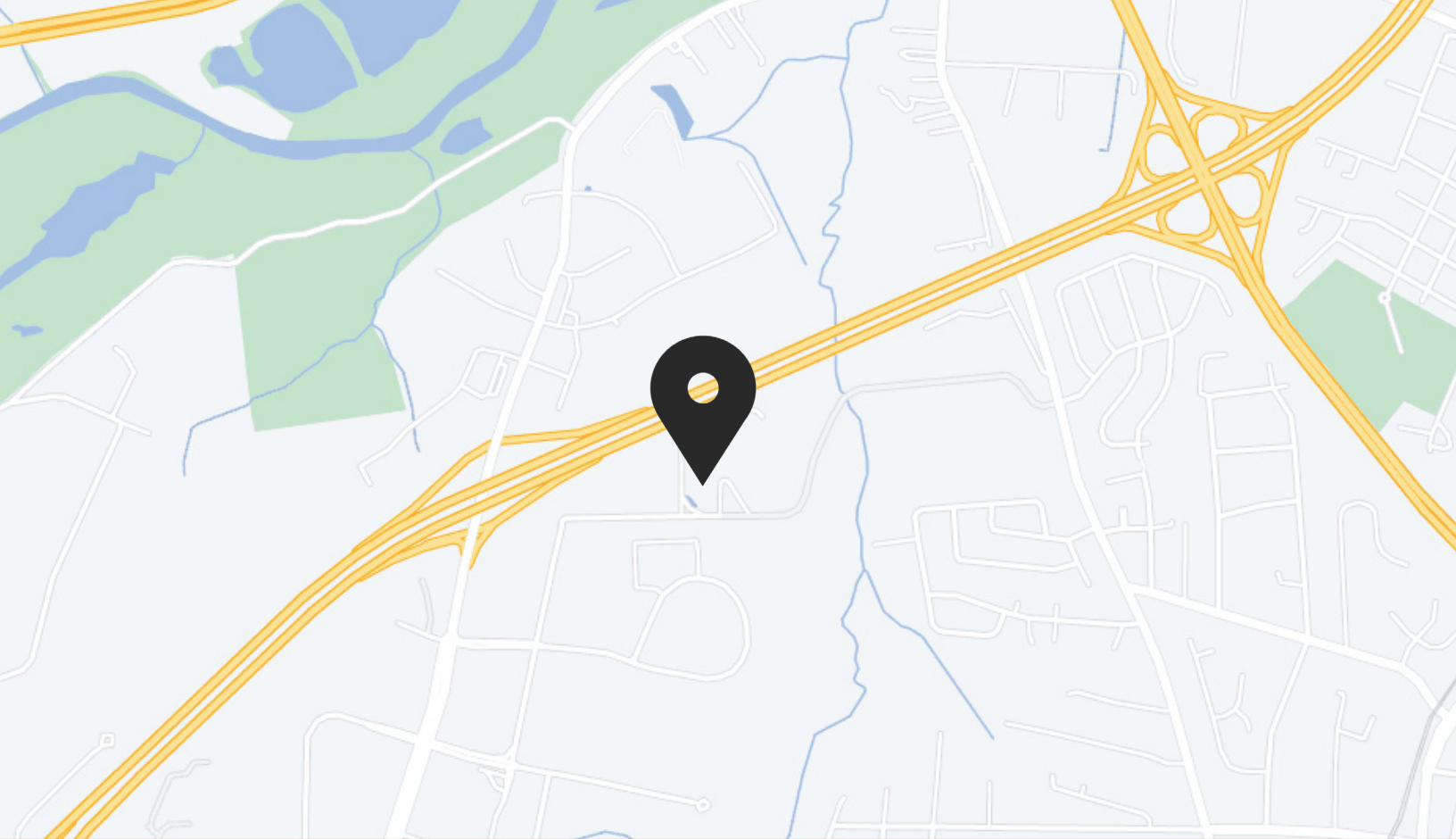
CAN MY FRIEND / PARTNER /

COWORKER ATTEND? We'd be thrilled to have other lawyers, organizers, or workers in the field join us for our Friday Fellows & Alumni dinner! Please contact the PBF team at info@peggybrowningfund.org about purchasing additional tickets.

HOW ELSE CAN I GET INVOLVED AND SUPPORT THE NLSWRC?

We love having worker-side attorneys, advocates, and organizers get involved in planning the NLSWRC. If you are interested in supporting the NLSWRC, contact the PBF Team at Info@peggybrowningfund.org.

For more information, please see our NLSWRC Code of Conduct & Values, linked on the PBF website.



BY PLANE

FROM BWI AIRPORT

Take 195 to the Baltimore/Washington Parkway (MD-295 North). Continue to the West Nursery Road exit. Bear right onto West Nursery Road, go to the first traffic light & turn left onto Corporate Blvd. Proceed to the first street and turn left onto Aero Drive. Enter through the gate, turning right onto Maritime Blvd.

BY TRAIN

VIA BWI AMTRAK

At the light, turn left onto Route 170 (Aviation Blvd), to Route 170 to 195E. Follow 195 to the Baltimore/Washington Parkway (MD-295 North). Continue to the West Nursery Road exit. Bear right onto West Nursery Road, go to the first traffic light & turn left onto Corporate Blvd. Proceed to the first street and turn left onto Aero Drive. Enter through the gate, turning right onto Maritime Blvd.

BY CAR

VIA I-95 SOUTHBOUND

- Take I-95 South through the Ft. McHenry Tunnel and take the third exit after the tunnel, to go south on the Baltimore/Washington Parkway (MD-295 South).
- Take MD-295 South to the West Nursery Road exit (first exit south of 695 Baltimore Beltway).
- At the end of the ramp, turn left at the light onto West Nursery Road. Turn left onto Corporate Blvd. Go to the first street
- Turn left onto Aero Drive. Enter through the gate, turning right onto Maritime Blvd.

VIA I-95 NORTHBOUND

- Go North on I-95 to 195 East.
- Take 195 East to the Baltimore/Washington Parkway (MD-295 North).
- Take MD-295 South to the West Nursery Road exit (first exit south of 695 Baltimore Beltway).
- At the end of the ramp, turn left at the light onto West Nursery Road. Turn left onto Corporate Blvd. Go to the first street
- Turn left onto Aero Drive. Enter through the gate, turning right onto Maritime Blvd.

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