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Honoring

LAILA L. HLASS

Recipient of the
2022 Elisabeth S. "Lisa" Brodyaga Award

NIPNLG Reception & Happy Hour

June 15, 2022 | 5pm ET



HONORING LAILA HLASS

An Award Ceremony of the National Immigration Project

June 15, 2022
5:00-6:00pm (ET)

Reception & Happy Hour
2022 AILA Annual Conference on Immigration Law

TONIGHT'S PROGRAM INCLUDES

Sirine Shebaya, *Executive Director*

Carlos Moctezuma García, *Board Chair*

Friends and Colleagues of Laila Hlass
Lindsay Harris, Allison Korn, & Renita Thukral

Award Presentation

About the National Immigration Project (NIPNLG)



For more than 50 years, the National Immigration Project has fought for justice for those who bear the brunt of racist and immoral immigration laws in the United States. From defending asylum seekers at the border to challenging the double punishment of criminalization and immigration enforcement, NIPNLG fights for transformative change using all legal and advocacy tools at our disposal. NIPNLG offers much-needed support to immigration attorneys, advocates, and directly impacted individuals on the front lines. Guided by values of compassion, justice, and inclusivity, we are committed to creating bolder, better, and more intersectional ways to do this work. We hope that you will consider supporting our efforts to protect the rights of all people, including those most impacted by our immigration and criminal laws. Thank you for joining tonight's celebration of resistance. Together, we can transform our institutions and build a better world.

About 2022 Member Honoree

Laila L. Hlass

Recipient of the Elisabeth S. "Lisa" Brodyaga Award

Laila L. Hlass is a nationally recognized immigrant rights advocate, practitioner, and legal scholar. As a professor of practice at Tulane Law School, Laila garnered seed funding to launch the Tulane Immigrant Rights Clinic in 2019, where she serves as Co-Director. The Clinic seeks to challenge mass and prolonged detention of immigrants in the state of Louisiana and represents detained people, migrant workers, children, and other immigrants with critical legal needs working through the U.S. immigration system.

A national leader in clinical pedagogy, Laila works to support the next generation of lawyers and advocates through mentorship, training, and teaching. While representing children and adults in the immigration legal system for the past fifteen years, Laila has rigorously exposed systemic injustice through her advocacy and public scholarship. Through reports, op-eds, webinars and scholarship, Laila has laid bare how children face racialized harm in the immigration legal system. A highly dedicated mentor and fierce advocate, Laila has brought a tenacious fighting spirit to our movement for more than 15 years.

About Elisabeth S. "Lisa" Brodyaga

Lisa Brodyaga was a beloved longtime NIPNLG member whose career representing asylum seekers, other immigrants, and U.S. citizens spans more than 40 years. In 1985, Lisa co-founded Refugio Del Rio Grande, a non-profit refugee camp and law office on a 45-acre wilderness near Harlingen, Texas, where she served as a volunteer attorney. Lisa's career was punctuated with critical victories and pro-immigrant court decisions in tough cases and jurisdictions. She was known for her legal acumen, tenacious fighting spirit, humility, and generosity in sharing her wisdom and legal knowledge with the immigration legal community.

In 2021, in recognition of Lisa's incredible legacy, we named our annual member honor the Elisabeth S. "Lisa" Brodyaga Award. Lisa passed away after a long and valiant battle with cancer in October 2021.

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Removal Defense Webinar

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NOVEMBER 17

Removal Defense Webinar

DECEMBER

DECEMBER 15

Removal Defense Webinar

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Congratulations to our dear Laila!

You've always been a fierce advocate for justice and we're thrilled for you to have this recognition now.

You are an inspiration!

With big love and admiration from your DC 1.0 fan club, Clara, Lisa, and Katie

Immigrant Justice Corps is delighted that our friend and thought partner Laila Hlass is receiving this year's National Immigration Projects' Lisa Brodyaga Award.

Laila is a champion of immigrants' rights. Her commitment and scholarship have been immeasurably helpful for advancing immigration law and advocacy. We celebrate Laila's efforts to support the next generation of immigration lawyers and advocates. We look forward to continuing our work together to increase access to immigrant justice in Louisiana.
Congratulations, Laila!



Laila!!
Congratulations on your incredible accomplishments from your first and best Office friends!

*"Would I rather be feared or loved? Easy, both.
I want people to be afraid of how much they love me."*

--Michael Scott

Love,

Zabrina Alegrure (San Francisco, CA) Lauren Burke (Gaylordsville, CT)

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LAILA,
WE CELEBRATE YOUR COMMITMENT
TO HUMAN RIGHTS. THANK YOU FOR ALL
YOU DO TO DEFEND OUR COMMUNITIES.
CONGRATULATIONS ON THE LISA BRODYAGA AWARD.

In solidarity and with gratitude,
Vera Weisz, Weisz Immigration Law Group



Congratulations Laila!
We are so proud to celebrate this
well-deserved honor with you.

With admiration,
your Tulane friends & colleagues in the Civil Rights &
Federal Practice Clinic, Criminal Justice Clinic,
Domestic Violence Clinic, Environmental Law Clinic,
First Amendment Clinic, Immigrant Rights Clinic,
Juvenile Law Clinic, and Legislative Advocacy Clinic

Congratulations to Laila L. Hlass,
the very best of us, on being honored with the
Elisabeth S. “Lisa” Brodyaga Award.
Thank you for being a constant inspiration, a kind
and fearless leader, an influential voice for
meaningful change, an energetic and steadfast
advocate, and a thoughtful, creative teacher.
We are honored to work alongside you!

Your colleagues,
Sabi Ardalan, Sameer Ashar, Dalia Castillo Granados,
Richard Boswell, Shalini Bhargava Ray, Kate Evans,
Lindsay M. Harris, Allison Korn, Jennier Lee Koh,
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salutes
Laila L. Hlass

for her work seeking justice for children and adults
and training the next generation of fierce advocates
for immigrant justice in the spirit of Lisa Brodyaga.

You are an inspiration, Laila!

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We are proud to sponsor this year's NIPNLG Award.

Congratulations to Laila Hlass
on receiving the Elisabeth S. "Lisa" Brodyaga Award
and to the staff of NIPNLG for their
leadership in the defense of immigrant rights.



Congratulations Laila Hlass
on this well-deserved recognition!

**Thank you for your fierce, tireless, and zealous advocacy
on behalf of so many individuals, families, and communities!
We are deeply grateful to you for your helping hold our leaders
accountable to human rights and human dignity!
So happy you are this year's recipient of the Lisa Brodyaga Award.**

**Elora Mukherjee (2021)
Linus Chan (2020)
in Memoriam: Lisa Brodyaga (2019)
Raha Jorjani (2018)
Shoba Sivaprasad Wadia (2017)
Debbie Smith (2016)
Kathy Moccio (2015)
Zachary Nightingale (2014)
Atessa Chehrizi (2013)
Norton Tooby (2010)
Jeanne Butterfield (2009)
Hiroshi Motomura (2008)
in Memoriam: Elliott Ozment (2012)**



Congratulations, Laila!
We are in awe and appreciation of
your fearless advocacy, particularly
on behalf of detained immigrants
and migrant children.

Your Friends at the American Immigration Council



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CONGRATULATIONS LAILA AND THANK YOU
SIRINE AND ALL YOUR WONDERFUL STAFF FOR
THE AMAZING WORK YOU ALL DO!!

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Congratulations Laila,
a lifelong
champion of justice
with a loving heart!
With gratitude for your
contributions to so many.

Christine, Laurent, Vince and
Vivian Andres

Dear Laila,
Congratulations from your
colleagues and allies at
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Laila, we are so proud of your contributions to immigration rights advocacy, and also for being such a wonderful aunt, sister, daughter, and mom!



Love, Makena, Lincoln, George, Michele, and Dad

Congratulations Laila!

from your former teachers.
You have been a leader since
we first crossed your path
and are so thrilled to see
where you have taken your work!

Philip Genty, Ragini Shah and Jane Spinak

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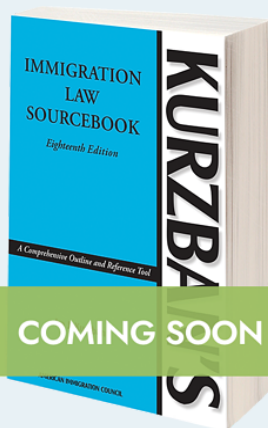
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Congratulations Laila!

From the three Judys
on your
NLG Cuba trip long ago

**Congratulations
and thank you for your
valuable contributions and
victories for humanity.**

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**Congratulations Laila!
This award is so well deserved.**

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Congratulations Laila!

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Congratulations, Laila!

You are an absolute inspiration!

You are a devoted advocate,
generous colleague and fabulous friend,
bringing out the best in
everyone around you.

We are in awe of your commitment to
this work and all you do.

Allison Korn, Priya Baskaran and
Sarah Sherman-Stokes

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Felicidades, Laila!

Thank you for your fearless pursuit of justice.
And for embodying the excellence, tenacity, and
generosity of spirit of Lisa Brodyaga.

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Congratulations, **Laila!**

Your work and dedication to advancing justice in immigration reform with your passion for education is an inspiration to so many people. In your journey, this is a milestone as you continue to advocate for a better world for all. We are excited for what your future holds.

Much Love,
Your Family

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