

# Intersections

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## SRLP Supports Immigrant Communities in Action to Oppose “Report to Deport” Bill

Since September 11, 2001, we have witnessed a continuing thread of xenophobic laws, from the Patriot Act to the Real ID Act, pass quickly through congress. So, when Immigrant Communities in Action (ICA) – a multi-ethnic coalition of grassroots immigrant rights groups in New York – joined other national, regional, and local groups around the country to say NO to the Senate’s Border Security and Immigration Reform Act of 2007 (referring to the bipartisan “Grand Bargain” between the Senate and the White House), SRLP was quick to respond to their request for legal support.

Despite the framing of the “Grand Bargain” as a pro-immigrant “legalization bill” by the White House, Congress, and media, immigrant communities everywhere saw the bill for what it really was: one of the most repressive immigration plans in decades. The bill



has minimal opportunities for immigrants to legalize their status, expanded enforcement at the border and interior, a guestworker program with tougher worksite enforcement and minimal worker protections, and devastating cutbacks in family immigration, to be replaced with merit-based requirements.

On May 22, 2007, Coalition members, supported by SRLP legal observers, held a press conference and rally at Senator Clinton’s office and declared: “This so-called ‘Grand Bargain’ is hardly a legalization bill, but rather a ‘report to deport’ system for millions of immigrants that cannot jump over the absurdly high hurdles.” Two weeks later, members organized a march to Senator Schumer’s home in Brooklyn to personally deliver a sample order of deportation to him. SRLP organized several legal observing teams to support the action and make sure protesters were not harassed by the police. SRLP constituents also took part in the demonstration as members of security teams, to act as liaisons with the police, and other members came as march participants.

Fortunately the “report to deport” bill did not pass through the Senate, however, the war on immigrants continues. SRLP is proud to stand in solidarity with ICA and the many immigrants in all our communities as we declare: Community members should not have to wait decades to reunite with their families. We want to protect the rights of *all* workers – immigrant and native-born. We want an end to the human and civil rights abuses by the US government. We say *no* to excessive policing and increasing raids and no to the detention and deportation that ruin lives and are funded by taxpayers’ money. Immigrant communities are in crisis—we desperately need fair and humane immigration reform that includes a realistic path to legalization and an end to the heartless oppression.

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### Liberation is a Collective Process! Volunteer with SRLP!

Volunteers make the vision of SRLP a reality. All the work that we do at SRLP depends on the time and commitment of numerous, indispensable volunteers. We need your help to ensure that SRLP can continue to do important work with our communities. Visit [www.srlp.org/volunteer/](http://www.srlp.org/volunteer/) to learn more about the variety of volunteer opportunities available.

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Dear Friends of SRLP,

Welcome to the 10<sup>th</sup> issue of Intersections! Not only is it the 10<sup>th</sup> issue of our newsletter, but this fall also marks the 5<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Sylvia Rivera Law Project. We are proud of our growth and also to report that over the years we have been able to help over 800 transgender/intersex/gender non conforming people by providing free legal services. Without your support none of this would be possible!

We have many exciting developments to tell you about from the last few months. Franklin Romeo recently joined our Direct Services Team as a Staff Attorney. Franklin has a long history of working as a public interest lawyer for trans communities and for racial and economic justice. He also has been a close SRLP ally over the past 5 years. While in law school, he interned at SRLP and later, as a Kirkland and Ellis Fellow at Lambda Legal, he collaborated with us on several key cases and projects. Franklin comes to us most recently from a fellowship at the Center for Reproductive Rights and has already made an outstanding addition to our team.

As always, we continue our work in many different arenas. We have been pleased to follow up on our successful settlement in *Rodriguez v. Johnson* by working closely with the Office of Children and Family Services. We have been engaged in redeveloping their policies for transgender youth in the juvenile justice system to make them more safe and effective for our communities. The current Commissioner, Gladys Carrión, has convened a work group on LGBT issues and we have been encouraged in working with her over the past few months.

At SRLP, we believe that it is essential for the people who are most directly affected by our work to lead it. We are excited to announce two new initiatives to help us make that value even more of a reality. The first of these is the youth policy leadership internship. In this six month internship we provide a young person with training in trans law, advocacy, and community organizing and involve them directly in our negotiations with government agencies to make changes in policies for trans youth. Our first youth policy intern just began work at SRLP in September. We are confident that their skills and personal knowledge based on

living in the foster care system for 10 years will be an incredible asset to our work.

The second initiative is the SRLP Prisoner Advisory Committee. Prisoners are among those hardest hit by state violence and transphobia, but also face some of the most serious barriers to participation in many social justice movements. It is with this knowledge that we are developing our first ever Prisoner Advisory Committee, a SRLP advisory board that will be made up entirely of incarcerated transgender, gender non-conforming, and intersex people. In doing so, we plan to ensure that prisoners' voices help shape our work directly. In particular, we hope their voices will direct the meaningful work we do around trans prisoners rights. The Direct Services Team and Organizing Support Team are working closely together on both of these initiatives to make them successful.

Of course most of what we do on the Direct Services Team is our day-to-day work with clients in crisis. In the past couple of months we have had many "small" victories like getting a prisoner access to the healthcare she needed, helping a homeless woman in New York relocate to trans friendly shelter near her former home in Canada, winning a name change for a young person, and helping an immigrant file her papers to become a lawful permanent resident.

Please be generous with your support—your donation will help us win many more of the victories our communities need.

The Direct Services Team

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## Jersey 4: Young Black Lesbians to Prison for Self-Defense

In August of last year, seven young black lesbians from Newark, NJ were walking in the West Village when Dwayne Buckle came on to one of the women, Patreese Johnson. She turned him down and moved on, but he followed, shouting sexist and homophobic insults, spitting in her face, and flicking a lit cigarette at her and her friends. The women objected and a fight broke out, during which Dwayne ripped a patch of hair from one of the women's heads and choked another around the neck.

Patreese was carrying a kitchen knife in her purse that she kept with her for protection, because she worked late nights and was worried about her safety as a young, 4'11", 95 lb woman. As Dwayne choked her friend, Patreese watched her face changing colors as she struggled, unable to breathe. Patreese took the knife from her purse and slashed at Dwayne's arm to get him to let go. Later on, two male bystanders leapt into the fray to help the young women to fight off Dwayne. Somewhere in the course of the fight, he was stabbed in the abdomen and seriously injured. While the men who joined the fight were never arrested, serious charges were brought against all of the young women and Patreese was charged with attempted murder. Three of the women accepted plea bargains and are now on probation. The other four went to trial.

Meanwhile, the young women were dehumanized in racist, sexist, homophobic, and transphobic media coverage. Stories referred to the group of friends as a "lesbian wolf pack" and one Daily News headline read, "'I'm a man!' lesbian growled during fight."

All four women were convicted of some of the charges against them. Many hoped that, especially given the circumstances of Dwayne's initial attack on them, the age of the women, and their lack of criminal records, they would receive minimum sentences.

On June 14, a white male judge announced the verdict: All four women were sentenced to between 3.5 and 11 years in prison. Tearing these women from their families and communities to imprison them for years in a system known for its oppression and violence accomplishes nothing. It will not heal anyone's injuries. It will not address the incredible amounts of violence and harassment against young queer women and trans people of color on the streets of New York. It will not

address the gentrification that has made the West Village increasingly unwelcome for low-income queer and trans youth of color. It will certainly do nothing to end the police targeting and over-incarceration of black people, youth, queer and trans people, the rapidly rising rates of incarceration of women, or the ever-expanding prison industrial complex.

SRLP is particularly alarmed when our community members go to prison because we regularly hear from transgender and gender non-conforming clients about the abuses they face there. People perceived as masculine and/or attracted to women in women's prisons are often targeted for false disciplinary charges and solitary confinement because they are assumed to be violent, disorderly, or engaged in prohibited "homosexual contact." Prisons in the US are notorious for high rates of rape and other sexual violence committed by correction officers against prisoners. Verbal harassment, abusive searches, and denial of healthcare are also far too common for transgender and gender nonconforming people in the prison system. That prison could ever be seen as a *solution* to violence, especially in a case like this, is devastatingly absurd.

Just four years ago, another young black lesbian from Newark, Sakia Gunn, was stabbed to death in an incident that began much like this one did—she refused a man who came on to her. What if she had a knife and had been able to use it? Might she have survived? Might she also be in prison?

The Sylvia Rivera Law Project has supported the case of these women, through explaining legal developments to family and community members, spreading the word of the incredible community organizing efforts of FIERCE! around the case, and working to connect the young women with pro bono attorneys and experts. Our collective members have turned out to pack the courts and contribute to the campaign in planning meetings. This case involves the same issues most of our clients face every day—street and state violence founded in racism, classism, sexism, transphobia, and homophobia.

Terrain Dandridge, Venice Brown, Renata Hill, and Patreese Johnson *can* be freed. To find out how you can help, write to [justice4newark4@yahoo.com](mailto:justice4newark4@yahoo.com).

# SPOTLIGHT ON SRLP

## SRLP at the U.S. Social Forum 2007: Atlanta, Georgia

Four SRLP collective members headed down to Atlanta, Georgia this past June to convene with other radical and progressive activists from around the world at the 1<sup>st</sup> U.S. Social Forum. The Forum brought together many movements and issues that intersected and challenged each other, offering a space for people to discover new ways of working together and striving to honor and respect all of our multiple identities and experiences. The U.S. Social Forum was also a place to gather and share visions for a better world. Moreover, it was a place for people living in the U.S. to take responsibility and taking action, saying no to neo-liberalism, occupation, imperialism, no to transphobia and homophobia, no to racism and poverty and exploitation of our people, and no to the violation of human rights and the ongoing disregard for environmental safety and preservation of our natural resources.

SRLP also participated in a day-long pre-conference gathering called Building a Queer Left. This gathering was organized in an effort to build a stronger unified queer presence within the progressive movements in the U.S. The gathering was co-facilitated by members of Queers for Economic Justice, NYC and Southerners on New Ground, NC. The conversation focused on defining the queer left and developing tools to facilitate communication and support for each other's work. Participants discussed their involvement in the wider movement for social, racial and economic justice and the importance of recognizing the interconnectedness of the issues and identities that came together in the room. A list-serve of attendees has been started and we look forward to staying in touch and continuing to develop conversations with these new and old friends and allies.

SRLP also had the opportunity to screen our documentary *Toilet Training* at the 1<sup>st</sup> USSF Film Festival.

This was a significant action and one of the ways that SRLP brought trans issues into the forefront of Left politics and dialogue during the forum. SRLP also participated in a number of workshops and discussions where we discussed trans issues in the contexts of various social justice issues.

SRLP played an important role in the organization of the Queer Visibility Committee which organized trans 101 trainings for the USSF National Planning Committee, volunteers and security teams. The Queer Visibility Committee was responsible for incorporating a stronger queer analysis into the wider forum and advocating for the participation of a greater queer presence in plenaries, performances, and workshops. We also created queer visibility buttons and stickers that were very popular and added a visibly recognizable symbol to queer USSF participants and allies at the forum. We helped create a flyer to promote the USSF trans-

inclusive bathroom policy and Frequently Asked Questions in regards to the use of gender neutral bathrooms. These outreach materials provided people with information about the overall challenges to bathroom access that trans and gender non-conforming people face and other community resources for more information.

SRLP hopes to continue to strengthen and build on the connections made at the U.S. Social Forum. We believe that our work for gender self-determination is a critical part to the analysis of all progressive social movements and therefore are committed to this struggle. It was wonderful to see a gathering of energetic activists and organizers working on a huge range of urgent issues. While it was clear that much work remains to be done to raise awareness about transphobia in our broader movements, SRLP was excited to engage that work and looks forward to continuing it.



## Become a Pen Pal!

The Prisoner Pen Pal Project (PPPP) has been received very well and more and more volunteers are signing up to become pen pals. The PPPP is an easy and direct way that you can offer important support to many trans, intersex, and gender non-conforming (TIGNC) folks who are currently incarcerated. By providing ongoing correspondence you make a huge impact in supporting someone through this difficult time. This project hopes to bring TIGNC -folks and allies together to share, to build and to dialogue about how to improve the PPPP and make it a valuable resource for more and more people. Whether you are able to be an ongoing pen pal or you have a few minutes to make a card, sign-up others to become pen pals, donate supplies, prepare packages, data entry for survey results, or fundraise - we have an opportunity for you in the program. We are starting out small in order for us to be able to respond to the request of current prisoner clients of SRLP who reside in New York State but we are hoping that this program will expand

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and assessment of our work by current prisoner clients and through the use of community organizing, policy, advocacy, and legal strategies to address their needs.

If you are interested in becoming a Prisoner Pen Pal, please contact us! We also encourage people to send letters of support and other correspondence even if they cannot commit to being a pen pal on a continuous basis. Call 212-337-8550 x 114 and/or email Gael Guevara at [gael@srlp.org](mailto:gael@srlp.org). All interested pen pals will

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## Volunteer Highlight



SRLP would like to recognize Clarissa Lugo for her amazing dedication and for helping SRLP in a countless number of ways. Clarissa has been involved with SRLP through direct mailings, tabling, outreach and public education. Clarissa was also deeply involved in planning and outreach

for the Trans Day of Action 2007. Thank you Clarissa for all of your amazing work!

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer please fill out the volunteer application form which you can find on our website online or you can contact us at [volunteer@srlp.org](mailto:volunteer@srlp.org) and request an application.

## Community Words

“Night Watch”

“Hope” wrote the poet,  
 “Is the thing with feathers”,  
 If so, it covers and comforts you, ‘til,  
 Leaning on its wings, you Fly  
 Up and Above a Forest of Fears  
 To watch  
 From a higher branch,  
 Perhaps to sing  
 From The Very Top Of The Tree,  
 Perhaps to Sing  
 With Every Sign of light-  
 Though the Night Star’s glow is Far- Still  
 To watch  
 Until Divine Love’s Dawn  
 Begins to Fill the Sky with Day.  
 And you- with Song

-Keisha Lee Mathews



***The Sylvia Rivera Law Project continues to grow in response to the great need facing our community. To finance our efforts, we rely on grassroots support from our community. While much of our funding comes from foundations, we have a large number of individual donors who are an essential component of our existence. Our successful fundraising events and activities are made possible by volunteer energy and community support.***

## Police Violence at SRLP 5th Anniversary Celebration

On September 26th, the Sylvia Rivera Law Project celebrated our 5th anniversary with an evening of incredible performances and speakers at Judson Memorial Church in Greenwich Village. We are proud to commemorate five years of hard work, which could never have been accomplished without incredible support from our community. The event was wonderful and we are honored that so many people attended the event to share in the celebration and mark this incredible milestone in SRLP's history.

However, our celebration was cut short when, at the event after-party, officers from the 9th Precinct of the New York Police Department attacked members of the Sylvia Rivera Law Project and our community for simply observing police actions and asking questions. Two of our community members were violently arrested, and others were pepper sprayed in the face without warning or cause. Due to the incredible organizing of our allied organizations, fellow activists, and community members, the two community members arrested were released the next evening, with all charges dropped. We would like to thank all the local elected officials and staff, especially Rosie Mendez, who put pressure on the DA to do the only just thing, release our community members and decline prosecution.

It is ironic that this incident occurred as SRLP was celebrating five years of work against state violence and oppression. At SRLP, we know that this is not an isolated occurrence. People of color, trans and queer people, and young people constantly face disproportionate police aggression and brutality and unfair treatment within the larger judicial system. We see police targeting, racism, homophobia, and transphobia with Sean Bell, the Jersey 4, the Jena 6, and countless other instances locally and nationally. On the night of September 26th, community members questioned and monitored the actions of the police because we are exceedingly aware of how

police target our communities and therefore have a heightened awareness about police violence. It is our responsibility to hold the police accountable and ensure that police misconduct does not occur or go unnoticed.

Our community organizations are already engaged in doing amazing work against such police violence and targeting. Some organizations in New York City include the Audre Lorde Project, FIERCE!, and Critical Resistance. SRLP thanks these organizations for their incredible work.

## First SRLP Pro-Bono Award

This June, SRLP presented Debevoise & Plimpton, LLP with the first ever Sylvia Rivera Law Project Award for Outstanding Pro Bono Service. The award was presented by new SRLP staff attorney, Franklin Romeo, to Debevoise Pro Bono Coordinator Laren Spierer, at SRLP's reception for attorneys and summer associates.

Debevoise was chosen to receive the award because of their critical support of the transgender community. Among other invaluable contributions, Debevoise co-counseled in two cases advocating for trans youth facing grave discrimination in foster care and juvenile justice settings. Both cases achieved incredible success. *Doe v. Bell* established that transgender youth in foster care in New York state cannot be forced to wear clothing associated with their birth gender. *Rodriguez v. Johnson* challenged the discrimination and medical neglect of transgender youth in the juvenile justice system. As part of the settlement, the Office of Children and Family Services (the state agency in charge of the juvenile justice system) agreed to meet periodically with representatives of SRLP and Lambda Legal over the next five years to discuss the treatment of trans youth in OCFS custody. SRLP is working to leverage this victory in a way that will benefit our community the most.

Because the needs of the trans and gender non-conforming community are so great, we at SRLP rely on pro bono support. We applaud Debevoise for their incredible work for transgender rights, and thank Cadwalader, Wickersham & Taft LLP for hosting such a successful reception!

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