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## You're Invited! Reserve Seats Now!

**ACLU-NC Legal Foundation Honors Jimmy Creech, Juvencio Rocha Peralta, Jeremy Collins and Charmaine Fuller Cooper at the 41st Annual Frank Porter Graham Awards Ceremony on February 13th in Chapel Hill.**

For 41 years, the American Civil Liberties Union of North Carolina Legal Foundation (ACLU-NCLF) has had the distinguished honor of recognizing local exemplary civil rights leaders at our annual Frank Porter Graham Awards Ceremony. This year, we are thrilled that our keynote speaker will be **Gene Nichol**, Professor of Law and Director of the Center on Poverty, Work and Opportunity at the University of North Carolina, where he also served as Dean of the School of Law and founded the Center for Civil Rights. In 2004, Nichol chaired the North Carolina



Gene Nichol

Bi-Partisan Commission on Lobbying Reform and was named Carolina's Pro Bono Professor of the Year. In 2008, Nichol received the Thomas Jefferson Award from the Military Religious Freedom Foundation for courage in the defense of religious liberty and the "Courage To Do Justice Award" from the National Employment Lawyers Association.

He teaches courses in constitutional law, federal courts, civil rights and election law.

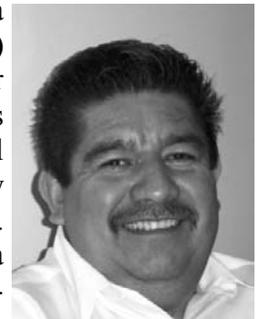
The Frank Porter Graham Award will be presented this year to **Jimmy Creech**. As an ordained elder in The United Methodist Church from 1970 to 1999, Creech performed union ceremonies for same-gender couples. Because of this, he was found guilty in a church trial in 1999 for "violating the Order and Discipline of The United Methodist Church," and his credentials of ordination were taken from him. As Program Associate and Legislative Liaison for the North Carolina Council of Churches, he represented the Council at the state General Assembly on issues including criminal justice, abolishing the death penalty, and repealing the Crimes Against Nature (Sodomy) Law. Creech helped to create People of Faith Against the Death Penalty (PFADP) and served as the Board Chair for PFADP and Soulforce, Inc., an inter-religious movement that confronts spiritual



Jimmy Creech

violence perpetrated against LGBT persons by religious institutions. He has also served as the Executive Director of Faith in America, Inc., an equal rights advocacy organization for LGBT persons.

**Juvencio Rocha Peralta** will receive the ACLU of North Carolina Award for his service as President of the Association of Mexicans in North Carolina (AMEXCAN) and as a leader in numerous other national and community organizations. Rocha Peralta has been a stalwart advocate for immigrants' rights and for the needs of the Latino community in Eastern North Carolina.



Juvencio Rocha Peralta

And finally, the tireless leadership of **Charmaine Fuller Cooper** and **Jeremy Collins** led to passage



Charmaine Fuller Cooper and Jeremy Collins

of the landmark North Carolina Racial Justice Act, thanks largely to their respectful and effective relationships with legislators in both houses and on both sides of the aisle. For these reasons as well as for their years of dedication to the

cause of abolishing the death penalty in North Carolina, we are proud to honor Jeremy Collins and Charmaine Fuller Cooper with the Paul Green Award. Collins serves as Campaign Coordinator for the North Carolina Coalition for a Moratorium. Cooper

is the Executive Director for the Carolina Justice Policy Center.

The 41st Annual Frank Porter Graham Awards Ceremony will take place on **Saturday, February 13, 2010, at The William and Ida Friday Center for Continuing Education, located at 100 Friday**

**Center Drive in Chapel Hill.** Cocktails, hors d'oeuvres and live jazz music will begin at **5:30 p.m.**, and the awards ceremony will begin at around 6:45 p.m. The event will end no later than 9:00 p.m.

Please support the ACLU of North Carolina Legal Foundation and this year's wonderful honorees by purchasing reservations and/or ads in our program today! If you are unable to attend in person, please consider making a donation to allow us to offer seats to students and people with limited incomes who cannot afford the \$100 admission price. This is the ACLU-NCLF's *only* major fundraising event of the year, and we really need your help.

**41st Annual Frank Porter Graham Awards Ceremony**

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Please make your check payable to ACLU-NCLF or fill out credit card information above, and mail payment along with this RSVP card to:

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

Reservations \$100 per person. Call 919-834-3466 for more info or to charge by phone.

The ACLU-NCLF is offering the opportunity to purchase an ad in the program for the Frank Porter Graham Awards Ceremony. Advertise your business, send a message of congratulations to this year's honorees, or celebrate the Bill of Rights!

**Full page (5" x 8") — \$100**

**1/2 page (5" x 4") — \$50**

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PDF, JPEG or Word formats preferred.

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Please call Perryn Reyelts, Development Associate, at 919-834-3466 for more information.

(All ads may be subject to editing.)



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## **Attention, Members!**

Nominations for the ACLU-NC's Board of Directors are just weeks away, and our Nominating Committee is actively recruiting hard-working, dedicated members to serve on our Board. If you are willing to take on a leadership role in the ACLU-NC and would like to be considered for nomination to the Board, contact ACLU-NC Executive Director Jennifer Rudinger at [aclunced@nc.rr.com](mailto:aclunced@nc.rr.com) to find out the duties and expectations of Board membership.

We are especially interested in hearing from members in rural NC communities, members who have fundraising experience, and members who are racial minorities, LGBT, or people with disabilities.

In addition, the ACLU-NC bylaws allow members in good standing to seek election by petition of 25 or more members rather than by nomination. The deadline for submission of petitions to run for the Board is Friday, February 19, 2010, at 5:00 p.m. Petitions may be delivered in person in our office or by mail, postmarked on or before February 19, 2010. For more information on the petition process, contact Jennifer Rudinger.

Join the ACLU-NC at the 4th annual HK on J march and rally in Raleigh

**Saturday, February 13, 2010**

**HK on J: Historic Thousands on Jones Street**

**March behind the ACLU-NC banner!**



To date, more than 75 organizations have joined as sponsors, and thousands of North Carolinians have marched and rallied in support of HK on J's 14-point civil rights agenda. In 2010, the HK on J coalition will commit even more vigorously to this agenda, with emphasis on reform of the criminal justice system and the right to a quality education for all students in North Carolina, regardless of race. See the entire agenda at [www.hkonj.com](http://www.hkonj.com).

For more information and to join the rally on 2/13/10, contact:

**Sarah Preston, ACLU-NC Legislative Director**  
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Looking to make a difference?  
Check out these great job opportunities!

The ACLU of North Carolina and its  
Legal Foundation are currently seeking  
to fill two vacancies on our staff:

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and

**Membership Outreach Coordinator**

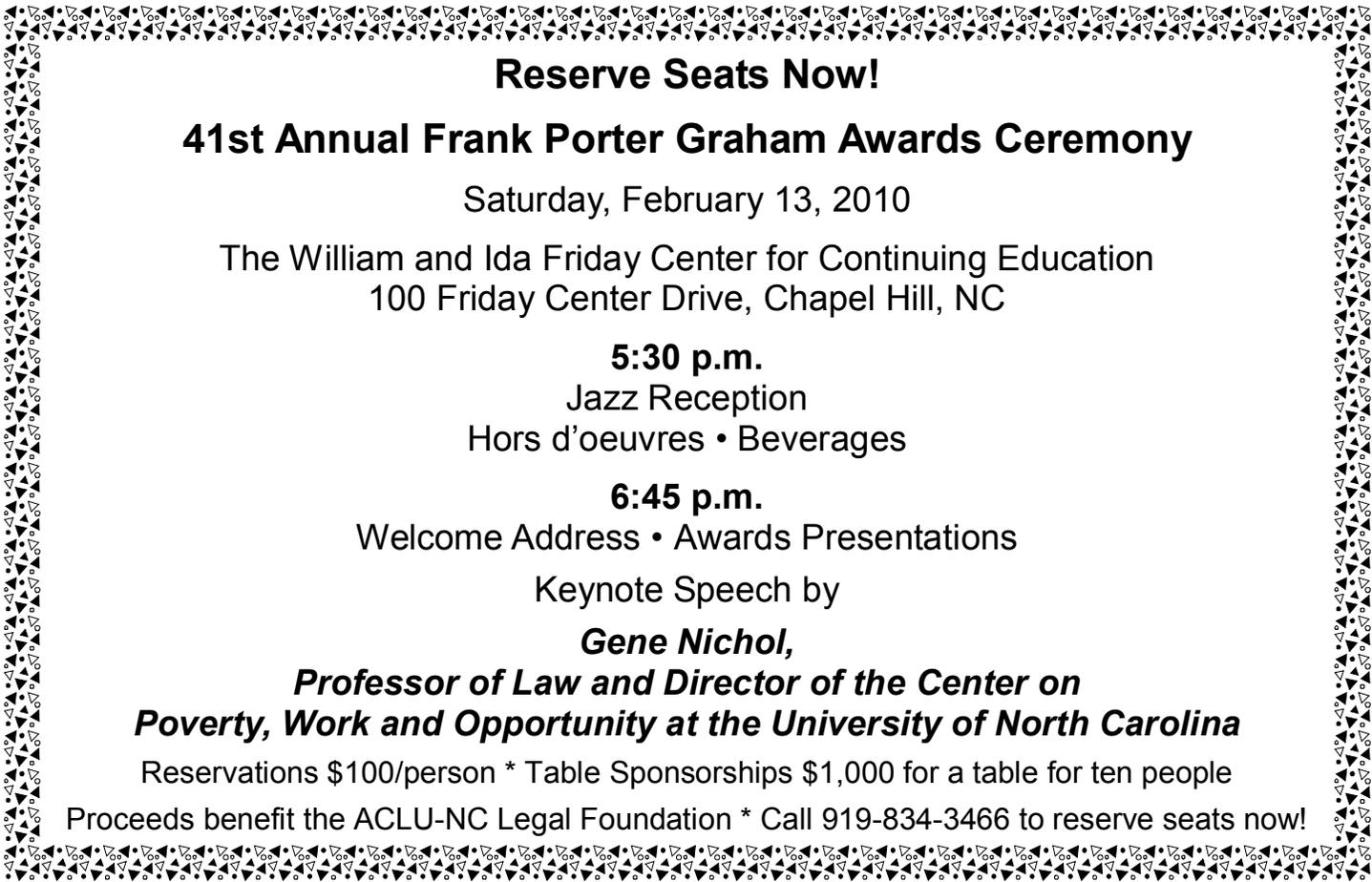
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Jazz Reception  
Hors d'oeuvres • Beverages

**6:45 p.m.**

Welcome Address • Awards Presentations

Keynote Speech by

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