



January 4, 2005

Dear Friend,

I am inviting you to nominate a deserving candidate (or candidates) to receive the 2005 Roger N. Baldwin Medal of Liberty Award.

The American Civil Liberties Union established this important award, named in honor of the ACLU's principal organizer, in 1989. The Medal, which carries a \$25,000 stipend, is presented biannually to recognize either a distinguished lifetime of contributions or an exceptional particular contribution to civil liberties in the United States. Perhaps second only to the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the Medal of Liberty is one of the highest honors in the country for people dedicated to defending the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

The 2005 Medal will be presented at the ACLU's Biennial Conference, which will take place in New Orleans, Louisiana in July, 2005.

I hope that you can assist us in selecting the recipient of this distinguished award. Nominations will be considered by a distinguished Selection Committee, which is now in the process of formation. Please see attached guidelines for submitting nominations.

The deadline for receipt of the completed nomination form and accompanying materials is February 14, 2005.

If you have any questions concerning the application procedure, please contact Demetria Collins in the Affiliate Support Department at 212-519-7821 or via e-mail at [dcollins@aclu.org](mailto:dcollins@aclu.org).

I hope you will help us in presenting this significant award, and recognizing a deserving champion of civil liberties, by nominating a candidate.

Very truly yours,

Nadine Strossen  
President, ACLU



## Past winners of the ACLU's Roger N. Baldwin Medal of Liberty

- **2003 — Anthony Lewis**, former columnist for The New York Times, Pulitzer Prize winner and author of numerous columns and articles on legal subjects. Mr. Lewis has published two major landmark cases on constitutional law, Gideon's Trumpet (1964) and Make No Law: The Sullivan Case and the First Amendment (1991).
- **2001 — Gordon Hirabayashi and Fred Korematsu**, courageous opponents of the injustices perpetrated against Japanese-Americans during World War II, and lifelong human rights activists on behalf of Japanese-Americans and others.
- **1999 — Frank Wilkinson**, a lifelong defender of civil liberties, Executive Director of the First Amendment Foundation and Executive Director emeritus of the National Committee Against Repressive Legislation (NCARL).
- **1997 — Lisa Herdahl**, a champion of separation of church and state from rural Mississippi who, along with her husband and children, endured harassment and discrimination for opposing government-sponsored religious exercises in public schools.
- **1995 — Don Edwards**, former Congressman and a consistent, politically courageous champion of civil liberties in Congress.
- **1993 — Dolores Huerta**, Vice President of the United Farmworkers of America AFL-CIO and dedicated champion of the rights of migrant workers.
- **1991 — Stephen Bright**, Director of the Southern Center for Human Rights, and Bryan Stevenson, Executive Director of the Alabama Capital Representation Resource Center, both heroic opponents of the death penalty.
- **1989 — Anne Braden**, Co-Chair of the Southern Organizing Committee for Economic and Social Justice (SOC) and lifelong leader of the movements for racial justice, labor rights, and peace in the South.



## **Guidelines for Submitting Nominations for the 2005 Roger N. Baldwin Medal of Liberty**

### **Items to Submit:**

- Fill out one nomination form for each nominee.
- Attach supporting material. While we have kept the form simple to encourage nominations, we would appreciate receiving any supplemental materials that would shed light on the nominee's past and current contributions to civil liberties, such as a resumé, letters of recommendation, and articles by or about the nominee.

### **Format:**

All submitted documents should be **8.5 x 11 inches, single-sided** and reproducible in a standard copy machine. We will need to reproduce and hole-punch the materials for review by individual members of the Selection Committee.

### **Eligible Candidates:**

Nominees must be living and preferably be currently engaged in efforts to advance civil liberties. The Medal may be given in recognition of a lifetime achievement on behalf of civil liberties, or in exceptional cases, a single contribution to civil liberties.

### **Ineligible Candidates:**

People in the following categories will NOT be considered for the Medal of Liberty:

- Current staff and board members of the ACLU and its affiliates.
- Any person who served in one of the above capacities within one year of the initial meeting of the Selection Committee (March, 2005.)
- Sitting judges, including retired judges who are still hearing cases.

### **A Singular Honor**

No more than one person may receive the Medal in any one year, except when two or more people are jointly responsible for the civil liberties contribution that is the basis for the award.



# ROGER N. BALDWIN MEDAL OF LIBERTY

## 2005 Nomination Form

**I wish to Nominate:**

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's title, position or affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

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Nominee's address \_\_\_\_\_

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Nominee's telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Nominee's fax \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

**Reason for nomination:** *(Please describe the nominee's contributions to civil liberties. If more space is required, please attach additional single-sided sheets. Also attach any relevant documents, such as letters of recommendation and materials about or by the nominee, in 8-1/2 x 11" format so they can be reproduced for committee review.)*



**Biographical information on nominee:** *(Please provide data on current and past activities of the nominee, including a resume if possible.)*

**Other people who might provide additional information about the nominee:**

1. Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_



**Submitted by:** Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Fax \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form and supporting materials to:**

**Roger N. Baldwin Medal of Liberty  
American Civil Liberties Union  
125 Broad Street, 18<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, NY 10004  
Fax: 212.549.2580 - ATT: MOL**

**For additional information, please contact Demetria Collins at 212-519-7821 or [dcollins@aclu.org](mailto:dcollins@aclu.org)**

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