

	FRIDAY, APRIL 1 ST	
TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
MEMBER LEADER MEETINGS (Member Only Sessions)		
8:30am – 2:00pm	Country & Thematic Specialist Meeting	MACC 210
9:00am – 11:00am	Area Coordinator Steering Committee Caucus	MACC 103
11:30am – 1:30pm	Area Coordinator Caucus	MACC 103
9:30am – 7:30pm	REGISTRATION	MACC East Hall
LEADERSHIP SKILLSHARES Develop, sharpen, and practice organizing skills with other member leaders with diverse positions and roles. Free with AGM roopen to Student Activist Coordinators, Area Coordinators, Group Coordinators, Co-Group members, Legislative Coordinators Penalty Abolition Coordinators, and others interested in leadership roles.		
	Organizing Track Learn or rediscover the basics Amnesty International, as well as how to effectively build relationships, shared power, and shared action with others in your communities. This will be an interactive, hands-on, practical training that also helps you prepare to lead the action in the afternoon!	MACC 1
	Organizing & Activism 101 Track Are you new to grassroots organizing and activism? Want to learn more about movement building and direct action? Join us in this hands on training where you will build power and learn from other organizers in the human rights movement. This training will be open to all registered AGM attendees.	MACC 2
10:00am – 2:00pm	Human Rights Education & Teaching Track This workshop is designed to engage educators (working in schools, colleges, universities, etc) with the best ways to incorporate human rights education in schools.	MACC 101
	Campaigning Track In three segments, the Security with Human Rights team will give activists a sneak peek into the ever-changing work to protect the human rights threatened in the name of national security. Each 30-minute segment will focus on a particular aspect of the work, will screen a film clip, and will encourage an open dialogue between Amnesty campaigners and activists about building campaigns to solve the problems discussed. Segment 1: 10:30-11:00: Surveillance and anti-Muslim hate Segment 2: 11:00-11:30: Guantanamo and torture	
2:00pm – 3:00pm	AMNESTY INTERNATIONAL USA: RALLY & MARCH Join local organizers and Amnesty International USA for a rally and march centered around community leaders whose lives have been impacted by gun violence, the refugee and migrant experience, police use of force, torture and mass incarceration. Stand in solidarity and make this action a call to change #OurWorld by reimagining what is possible!	Directly in front of MACC Building



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND HUMAN RIGHTS CONFERENCE AGENDA

3:30pm – 4:15pm	OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING by AIUSA Board of Directors Chair, Ann Burroughs	MACC East Hall Ballroom
4:15pm – 6:00pm	PLENARY: HUMAN RIGHTS IMPLICATIONS OF PROTECTING PEOPLE ON THE MOVE IN THE AMERICAS Over the last decade, El Salvador, Honduras and Guatemala – the region commonly known as the Northern Triangle – have seen a rise in gang violence and corruption. In efforts to flee the violence and impunity that has plagued their native country, many Central Americans have embarked on a dangerous journey through Mexico to seek refuge in the United States. Join us as we discuss the human rights implications of protecting people on the move in the Americas.	MACC East Hall Ballroom
	PROGRAM BLOCK I	
	Amnesty 101: Intro to Amnesty International USA	MACC 101
	Born of Struggle, Implemented through Struggle: Using Human Rights Framework to Build an Intersectional Racial Justice Movement	MACC 107
	Building An Inclusive Human Rights Movement	MACC 103
	Building Bridges towards the restoration of nationality in the Dominican Republic	MACC 112
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6:15pm – 7:45pm	What is the outlook for human rights in Cuba?	MACC 2
	Human Rights Abuses in Democratic Republic of the Congo	MACC 114
	Journalism is Not a Crime: How You Can Help Free Imprisoned Reporters Worldwide	MACC 1
	Path to Abolishing the Death Penalty	MACC 210
	Resolutions 101	MACC 102
	Stop Spying on Me: Protecting Protest & Dissent	MACC 202
8:00pm – 9:30pm	AIUSA BOARD OF DIRECTORS TOWN HALL MEETING Come meet the AIUSA Board of Directors at this informal public meeting, open to all members. Ask questions, provide feedback, and get to know the members of the Board.	MACC East Hall Ballroom
9:00pm – 10:30pm		
	FILM SCREENING- RHINO SEASON	
	Kurdish-Iranian poet Sahel has just been released from a thirty-year prison sentence in Iran. Now the one thing keeping him going is the thought of finding his wife, who thinks him dead for	MACC 1
	over twenty years.	
9:15pm – 10:15pm	NETWORKING IN ACTION ALLEY The Action Alley is a forum to learn about and take action on human rights issues and current AIUSA priorities. Come together with other passionate activists to find points of collaboration as we build our vision of justice, freedom, truth, and dignity for all human beings.	MACC Second Floor Hallway

CAUCUSES

Come network with others with similar backgrounds and experiences, share your ideas for building and sustaining the human rights movement in your area, and develop concrete strategies for addressing the challenges you face as an activist.



	Local Group Caucus Local groups have been at the heart of Amnesty activism since the movement was born. Join others whose commitment to human rights runs as deeply as yours to discuss how to grow your group, how to have effective meetings, and how to take your activism to the next level!	MACC 101
9:15pm – 10:45pm	Youth Caucus Throughout history, youth have been at the forefront of change. How can youth build power to stop torture, hold police accountable, and defend women's rights? How can youth build alliances across borders? How can more youth be a part of shaping the future of Amnesty? Be a part of the conversation!	MACC 102

SATURDAY, APRIL 2 ND			
TIME	SESSION	LOCATION	
7:30am – 6:00pm	REGISTRATION	MACC East Hall	
8:00am – 9:30am	WORKING PARTIES ON RESOLUTIONS Come join us to discuss 2016 AGM resolutions over breakfast!	Hotel Lobby: Salon A&E, Salon D&H	
9:45am – 10:45am	WELCOMING REMARKS Keynote Address by Interim AIUSA Executive Director, Margaret Huang	MACC East Hall Ballroom	
PROGRAM SESSION BLOCK II			
	A Global Perspective on Police use of Force: The Case of Marikana, South Africa	MACC 112	
	Afro-Descendent Communities Human Rights Struggles throughout the Americas	MACC 202	
	Courage Under Fire: Human Rights Defenders Share Their Stories of Hope	MACC 2	
	Defending Sexual and Reproductive Rights at Home	MACC 103	
11:00am – 12:30pm	Global Governance in the International Movement	MACC 102	
11:00am – 12:30pm	Hip Hop Activism-Changing the World, One Beat At a Time	MACC 101	
	Responding to Human Rights Crises: Burundi, Syria, Myanmar and Honduras	MACC 1	
	Solidarity is Universal: International Organizing Outside the Local/Global Binary	MACC 107	
	To Be Muslim in America: Confronting Prejudice & Hate	MACC 210	
	US Arms Sales and Human Rights Violations in the Middle East	MACC 114	



12:45pm – 2:15pm	Alusa Luncheon Opening: Board of Directors Membership Committee Chair, Becky Farrar Awards Ceremony The Sister Laola Hironaka Award The Sister Laola Hironaka Award is designed specifically to highlight the work of local Alusa groups. A tireless advocate with a compassionate smile, Sister Laola's activism and leadership is exemplified in many of the local groups that are organizing for human rights every day. Individuals At Risk Awards The Individuals at Risk Awards honor Alusa activists and groups who demonstrate exceptional dedication and leadership by helping to free prisoners of conscience and end other urgent cases of abuse by taking part in the Urgent Action Network, Case Commitment Initiative or Write for Rights. Ladis Kristoff Fellowship Award Each year, in Ladis Kristoff's honor, one exceptional Alusa student activist receives the Kristof Fellowship for his or her outstanding efforts on behalf of human rights. The Fellowship promotes a deeper understanding of human rights work, strengthens the Fellow's advocacy skills, and further prepares her or him to be an effective life-long activist. Closing: Deputy Executive Director of Membership Mobilization, Rachel O'Leary	MACC East Hall Ballroom
	PROGRAM SESSION BLOCK III	
	Acting on the Global Refugee Crisis	MACC 210
	Corporate Human Rights at Home	MACC 114
	Getting Graphic: Using Graphic Design for Human Rights	MACC 107
	Human Rights and Gun Violence in the Americas: Testimonies from Brazil, Venezuela and the USA	MACC 1
2:30pm – 4:00pm	Prison Profiteering: The High Price of Mass Incarceration	MACC 202
	Put Your Activism Where Your Mouth Is: Showing Up As LGBTQ Leaders and Allies	MACC 101
	Terrified: Reimagining How We Respond to Acts of Terrorism	MACC 103
	We Don't Need Saving: Advocating for Women's Rights in Impacted Communities	MACC 102
	Why Aren't the Candidates Talking About Human Rights?	MACC 2
	Youth Under Attack in South Asia	MACC 112
4:15pm – 5:45pm	STRATEGIC PLAN PLENARY Come learn about AIUSA's upcoming Strategic Plan (2016- 2019), share your views with the Strategic Planning team (consultants, members, staff and Board members) and be part of shaping AIUSA's future.	MACC East Hall Ballroom



6:00pm – 7:30pm	PLENARY: ART FOR AMNESTY Artists have a unique power to bring people together and to promote change. More than ever we need creative ways to acknowledge these human stories, to tell the world the truth. Art for Amnesty will screen clips from Canvases of Courage, a documentary short-film by Bush Renz that follows the journey of celebrated artists from around the world who created works of art in an effort to raise the visibility of unique, global stories of human courage in the face of persecution and intolerance. Panel discussion with artists to follow.	MACC East Hall Ballroom
7:45pm – 8:45pm	DESSERT AND MEMBERSHIP TOWN HALL Come have dessert with the board of Directors Membership Committee Chair Becky Farrar & Deputy Executive Director of Membership Mobilization Rachel O'leary and discuss your membership experience at AIUSA.	MACC 102
9:00pm – 11:00pm	ACTIVISM THROUGH STORYTELLING: THE SECOND ANNUAL SLAMNESTY SLAM POETRY JAM Join your National Youth Action Committee members for a night of storytelling as a form of activism during the second annual SLAMnesty. Perform and be inspired by spoken word from your fellow Amnesty activists and poets from around the country!	MACC 2

SUNDAY, APRIL 3 RD		
TIME	SESSION	LOCATION
9:00am – 10:30am	REGISTRATION	MACC East Hall
8:00am – 9:15am	STRATEGIC GOALS AND KEY POLICIES FOR THE GLOBAL MOVEMENT AIUSA's 2015 International Council Meeting delegation will report on the 2015 meeting and lead a discussion on the strategic goals and key policies that will guide the movement in the coming years. We will be joined by the former ICM Chair, Janet MacLean. Breakfast will be served.	MACC 102
9:30am – 11:30am	VOTING PLENARY Members vote on resolutions intended to shape Amnesty policy and practice. All are welcome. Only members may vote. Participants must have their voting cards with them in order to vote.	MACC East Hall Ballroom
11:45am – 12:45pm	BOARD CANDIDATES FORUM A unique opportunity to meet and greet the candidates running in this year's Board of Directors election. If you were an AIUSA member in 2015, don't forget to vote!	MACC East Hall Ballroom



1:00pm – 2:30pm	PLENARY: A COUNTRY HELD AT GUNPOINT All across America, more than 30,000 men, women, and children are killed each year. Hundreds of thousands are physically and mentally scarred due to gun violence. The lack of legislation action, to reduce this man-made epidemic continues to hold our country at gun point and prevent us from exercising our human rights. With the help of experts and directly impacted people, this session will explore the clear and urgent legal obligations the U.S has to protect the people living in this country from gun violence.	MACC East Hall Ballroom
2:45pm – 3:15pm	CLOSING REMARKS By AIUSA Board of Directors Chair, Ann Burroughs	MACC East Hall Ballroom
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