

# Abi Hassen; Curriculum Vitae

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## Education

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**Master of the Arts in Political Philosophy**      Universitat Pompeu Fabra, Barcelona, Catalonia, Spain  
*(in progress)*

**Juris Doctor**      New York University (NYU) School Of Law, New York, NY, USA

**Bachelor of Science**      The Evergreen State College, Olympia, WA, USA  
*Emphasis on Computer Science and Cognitive Science*

## Employment History

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2011-2015      Mass Defense Coordinator, National Lawyers Guild, New York, NY, USA

2010      Digital Media Director, Give Up Tomorrow ( Film), New York, NY, USA

2007-2009      Unite Here, Campaign Organizer, New Haven, CT, USA

## Talks, Publications, Conferences, and Panels (Selected)

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2020 *Ask the EFF/Meet the EFA*, (Panelist) DEF CON 28, [defcon.org](http://defcon.org)

2020 *Meet the EFA: A Discussion on Grassroots Organizing for Digital Privacy, Security, Free Expression, Creativity, and Access to Knowledge*, (Panelist) Hackers on Planet Earth (HOPE) 2020, [hope.net](http://hope.net)

2020 *Imaginary Agitators: Trump's Designation of Antifa as a Domestic Terrorist Organization*, (Moderator) National Lawyers Guild, [nlg.org](http://nlg.org)

2020 *Policing and Privacy During the COVID19 Crisis*, (Guest Lecturer) Library Freedom Institute, [libraryfreedom.org](http://libraryfreedom.org)

2019 *From Pinkertons to Palantir: History and Political Economy of Police Surveillance*, (Presenter) Hackers Next Door: An Infosec Conference, New York, NY, USA

2019 *From Rapid Response to Building a Sustainable Movement*, (Panelist) NAACP Legal Defense Fund Civil Rights Training Institute Panel, Washington, D.C., USA

2019 *First they came for Julian... The Attacks on Privacy and the Criminalization of Journalism & Whistleblowing*, (Presenter) Peoples Forum, New York, NY, USA

2019 *The Left Should Direct the Impeachment Effort* (Article with Sam Lewis), [truthout.org](http://truthout.org)

2019 *Snitching on Yourself: Social Media, Surveillance, and Control*, (Guest Lecturer) Library Freedom Institute, [libraryfreedom.org](http://libraryfreedom.org)

2019 *Introduction to Criminal Justice And Public Policy*, (Guest Lecturer) Criminology and Criminal Justice Studies Department at Sonoma State University, Sonoma, CA, USA

2019 *Mueller Investigation Will Set a Precedent — Make It a Good One*, (Article) [truthout.org](http://truthout.org)

2019 *Vulgar Complexity: How Can Complexity Science, Computation, and Evolution Inform Left Political Strategy?*, (Organizer, Presenter) Left Forum, New York, NY, USA

2018 Non Profit Developers Conference (Session Host), Oakland, CA, USA

2018 *Stop Dropping In: Digital Privacy and the Road to Community Empowerment*, (Panelist) Left Forum, New York, NY, USA

2017 *Organizing Grassroots Activist Legal Support*, (Session Host) CampaignCon, Johannesburg, South Africa

2017 *Rights To Freedom Of Peaceful Assembly And Of Association In The U.S.*, (Presenter) UN Human Rights Commission, Geneva, Switzerland

2017 *Legal Support Tech and Organizing for Uprisings, Mass Arrest, and Resistance*, (Organizer, Panelist) Internet Freedom Festival, Valencia, Spain

2016 *Tech & Activism: How to protect your privacy rights, New York*, (Presenter) Turn to Tech, New York, NY, USA

2015 *The Ferguson Streets to the High Courts: Protest, Policing, and Resistance*, (Panelist) Left Forum, New York, NY, USA

2015 *Protest Defense from Ferguson to Baltimore*, (Faculty) National Bar Association Section of Civil Rights and Social Justice, Los Angeles, CA, USA

2015 *Encryption vs. Surveillance in the New Civil Rights Movement*, (Article) [truthout.org](http://truthout.org)

2015 *State of Entrapment: An Exploration of Manufactured Fear*, (Panelist) New York, NY, USA

2014 *Protecting Dissent*, Continuing Legal Education, (Faculty) National Lawyer Guild Convention, Chicago, IL, USA

2014 *NSA Surveillance and the Law*, (Presenter) Drexel University School of Law, Philadelphia, PA, USA

2013 *When Activism Goes Online: Anonymous, Hacktivism, and the Law*, (Panelist) New York Law School Institute for Information Law and Policy, New York, NY, USA

2013 *Nothing to Hide, So Much to Lose: Understanding the NSA Leaks*, (Presenter) Waging Nonviolence, New York, NY, USA

2013 *The 5th Estate: Hacking, Leaking and Investigative Journalism*, (Organizer, Presenter) Left Forum ([available on CSPAN](#)), New York, NY, USA

2013 *Aaron Was a Criminal and So Are You*, (Article) [commondreams.org](http://commondreams.org)

## **Memberships and Associations**

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Elected Leader	National Convention Delegate, Democratic Socialists of America, Atlanta GA, USA (2019)
Elected Leader	Citywide Leadership Council, New York City Democratic Socialists of America (2019-20)
Member	New York Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys
Member	National Association of Criminal Defense Attorneys
Member	New York City Bar Association
Member	National Bar Association
Member	National Lawyers Guild
Member	Electronic Frontier Alliance (Grassroots branch of Electronic Frontier Foundation)
Member	CIVICUS, global alliance of civil society organisations
Organizational Member	Movement for Black Lives, Action Table (2015-2018)
Organizational Member	Radical Connections Network (radicalconnections.net)
Board Member	Mayfirst/PeopleLink (2013-2014)

### **Licensed and Certifications**

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Licensed to Practice Law, New York

Licensed to Practice Law, New Jersey

Admitted, Southern District of New York (SDNY)

Graduate, Trial Practice Institute, National Criminal Defense College, Macon, GA, USA

### **Other Projects and Positions**

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Host	<i>BMLP</i> , Podcast, <a href="http://bmlp.org/podcast">bmlp.org/podcast</a>
Creator, Host, Producer	<i>Against the Law</i> , Podcast, <a href="https://againstthelaw.info">https://againstthelaw.info</a>
Coach	Bernie Sanders Presidential Campaign Grassroots Organizing Team
Founding member	<i>No Separate Justice: A Post-9/11 Domestic Human Rights Campaign</i>
Creator	<i>AnoNLG</i> , Hacker Defense Project
Co-Founder	NLG-NYC Muslim Defense Project