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ACLU award goes to USD law professor

Nathaniel Nathanson, distinguished professor of law at the University of San Diego School of Law since 1977, was honored on December 6 by the American Civil Liberties Union, Illinois Division, at their annual Bill of Rights Celebration dinner in Chicago.

Nathanson was selected to receive the ACLU's 1981 Civil Liberties Award, according to a statement issued by the Chicago ACLU offices, for his "long and outstanding work with the organization."

A graduate of Yale and Harvard and professor emeritus at Northwestern University's law school, Nathanson served the ACLU regional board for nearly 40 years, sitting as vice chairman during part of his tenure. Now an honorary director of the organization, Nathanson described his work as essentially concerned with policy decisions, although, he says, he also did "some work for them as a lawyer."

Nathanson shared the ACLU spotlight with author Studs Terkel, presented with the James P. McGuire Press Award for his "lifelong journalistic concern for individual rights"; and Mary Alice Rankin, coordinator of the Illinois Coalition

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against the Death Penalty, who received the Annetta Dieckmann
Volunteer Award for her "commitment to the value and dignity
of human life."

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Studs Terkel To Receive ACLU Press Award December 6

Author and Radio Host Studs Terkel will receive the American Civil Liberties Union's James P. McGuire Press Award for his lifelong journalistic concern for individual rights.

The award will be presented at the Roger Baldwin Foundation of ACLU's Bill of Rights Celebration Dinner on December 6 at the Ambassador West Hotel.

The award is named in memory of the famous Chicago Sun-Times reporter who served as the inspiration for the investigative reporter played by James Stewart in the film, "Northside 777."

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Nathaniel Nathanson, an honorary director of the ACLU and a Northwestern University Law Professor, also will be honored at the dinner. He will receive the 1981 Civil Liberties Award for his long and outstanding work with the organization.

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Mary Alice Rankin, coordinator of the Illinois Coalition Against the Death Penalty, will receive the Annetta Dieckmann Volunteer Award for her commitment to the value and dignity of human life.

The celebration of the 190th Anniversary of the Bill of Rights is the Roger Baldwin Foundation of ACLU's major fund-raising event of the year. Contributions support the work of the ACLU's legal program for 1982.

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Cocktails begin at 4:30 in The Guild Hall. Following is a buffet dinner, award presentations, entertainment by Oscar Brown, Jr. and dancing to the Joe Vito Orchestra.

The Ambassador West is located at 1300 N. State Street in Chicago.

Tickets are \$50 per person and may be purchased by calling the ACLU at (312) 558-1230.

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