

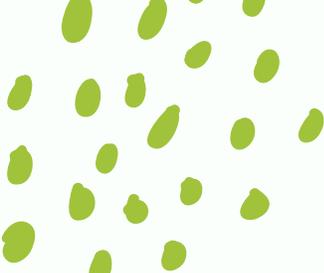


# EQUITY IN ACTION

## GENDER IN AN INTERSECTING WORLD

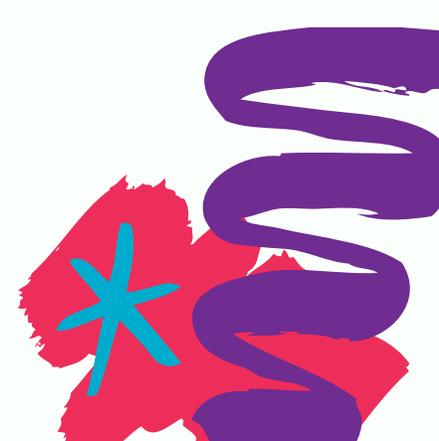
*Intergenerational Spring Seminar  
Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office*

April 10 to 13, 2019  
New York City



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# SCHEDULE

Time	Wednesday, April 10	Thursday, April 11	Friday, April 12	Saturday, April 13	
8:00	<b>LOCATIONS</b>  WED: HI New York  THURS, FRI, & SAT: Community Church of NY, UU  * Youth and Sponsors only	Registration 8:30 - 9:30	Registration 8:30 - 9:30		
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9:00		Welcome and Morning Worship 8:45 - 10:00	Morning Worship 8:45 - 10:00	Morning Worship 8:45 - 10:00	
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10:30		Keynote Speaker 10:15 - 11:15	Collaboration Groups 10:15 - 11:15	Take Action Workshop 10:15 - 12:15	
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12:00			Collaboration Groups 11:45 - 12:30	Workshop Slot 1 11:45 - 12:45	
12:30			Lunch Served 12:30 - 1:30	Lunch Served 12:45 - 2:00	Closing Remarks 12:30 - 1:00
1:00			Group Photo and Farewells		
1:30					
2:00		Travel to the UN			
2:30			Identity Reflection Conversations 2:00 - 3:00		
3:00					
3:30					
4:00	Registration open 4:00 - 7:00	Theme Panel at the UN 3:00 - 5:00	Workshop Slot 2 3:30 - 4:30		
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5:00				Collaboration Groups 4:45 - 5:30	
5:30					
6:00			Dinner Served 5:30 - 7:00		
6:30					
7:00	Begin Orientation* 7:00 - 8:00	Evening Performance 7:00 - 8:00	Youth Night on the Town* 5:45 - 9:45		
7:30					
8:00	Bonding Activities* 8:00 - 9:00	Youth travel back to hostel			
8:30					
9:00	Evening Worship* 9:00 - 10:00				
9:30		Unwind circles* 9:15 - 10:00			
10:00	Free Time 10:00 - 11:00	Free Time 10:00 - 11:00	Free Time 10:00 - 11:00		
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# ABOUT INTERGENERATIONAL SPRING SEMINAR 2019

Social justice is an integral part of our beliefs as Unitarian Universalists. Our seven principles revolve around the idea that every person both deserves and needs respect, and that it is our duty to ensure that those needs are met. Every spring, UUs and others from the United States and beyond come together for the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office's Intergenerational Seminar. Our goal is not only to learn about the injustices of this world, but also to figure out how to stop them.

Together, we can be a very strong force. Each year focuses on a different social justice topic. Past themes have included disarmament, economic inequality international criminal justice, indigenous rights, and most recently migration justice.

This year's Spring Seminar, titled **Equity in Action: Gender in an Intersecting World**, will consider engagement with issues such as understanding the non-binary nature of gender, confronting internal biases, working for gender equity while dismantling systems of white supremacy, patriarchy, heteronormativity, classism, ableism, and other forms of oppression.

We are proud to be partnering with the **Unitarian Universalist College of Social Justice (UUCSJ.org)** in the planning and programming for **this Spring Seminar!**

This project is funded in part by the Fund for Unitarian Universalism.



# IDENTITY REFLECTION CONVERSATIONS

Part of the Friday afternoon programming that all Seminar attendees will participate in is a programmed time for gender- and race-based identity reflection conversations. During this time, participants will gather in separate spaces around shared identities to discuss how issues relating to race and gender impact our lives and how we see the world. If you are not already familiar with the concept of identity-based affinity groups, please take a look at the framing below and reach out to someone on staff if you arrive and have additional questions.

*This description is taken from the UUA Youth Ministry Roundtable "Race Based Affinity Group Resource"*

## Theological Framing

*What is the purpose of providing racial identity space around programming?*

Gathering around shared identity is a powerful part of our Unitarian Universalist tradition. From women gathering in consciousness-raising groups to youth leading vibrant circle worship to black UUs calling for transformative shifts. **Identity-based space** is a practice of Unitarian Universalist communities seeking to address particular spiritual, community, and justice needs of specific identity groups. Examples include youth caucus and young adult ministries, gender identity and sexual orientation, as well as racial identity caucusing.

The purpose of gathering in gender- and race-based affinity groups is not to force segregation, but rather to create safe and brave space where everyone can express their fears, their pain, and their hopes without bystanders, so when they come back together it will be with greater self-awareness, less self-judgement, and stronger confidence.

Guiding thoughts:

- The aim is to ground people of color groups in celebration of people of color's identities and the positive gifts of family, ancestry, legacy, and history.
- The aim is to ground white people's groups in accepting their own whiteness without shame or defensiveness, with curiosity around how whiteness has played out in their family and history.



# PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

## Wednesday, April 10, 2019

### Registration Open

*Wednesday, 3pm - 7pm , HINY New York Room*

### For Youth & Sponsors Only - Bonding Activities: yUuth!

*Wednesday, 7pm - 8pm, HINY Ballroom*

Join us in playing some lighthearted and fun getting-to-know-you games in an inclusive and safe space. A great way to get to know interesting youth from all over the country!

### For Young Adults Only - YAs Mingle Social Hour

*Wednesday, 7:30pm - 9pm, HINY New York Room*

Get to know other Young Adult participants in the Intergenerational Spring Seminar! Whether it's your first or 20th time at the Seminar, it always helps to start making friends before the event begins!

### For Youth & Sponsors Only - Welcome and Orientation

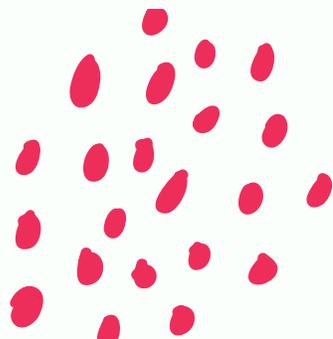
*Wednesday, 8pm - 9pm, HINY Ballroom*

As we come together for our time of work, we will be challenged personally and collectively. In order to hold each other in safe space to explore and grow, we create a covenant - a set of promises of how we will behave with one another and support one another in our work. This will be created collaboratively as one of our first acts as a group.

### For Youth & Sponsors Only - Evening Worship "Starting Down the Path"

*Wednesday, 9pm - 10pm, HINY Ballroom*

As we enter into the space of Spring Seminar and prepare ourselves for the work ahead we invite you to join us in a worship centered on coming into community. Leaving behind what we can, and taking and sharing our hopes and dreams for our community. We will focus on entering the space first as individuals, reaching out to others, and then moving forwards as a community.



## Thursday, April 11, 2019

### Welcome and Morning Worship "Building the Spirit of Community"

**Thursday, 8:45am - 10:00am, CCNY Hall of Worship**

Join us for our opening worship focused on building the spirit of community. This alternative style of worship will use five elements (earth, air, fire, water, and spirit) to remind us of the interconnected nature of all existence, so we can come together during the seminar and do this vital work for gender justice here and when we return home. *\*\*Please bring a small amount of water from home and a symbolic token that you are willing to leave on a community altar for the entire workshop time.*

### Keynote Speaker **Ericka Hart**

**Thursday, 10:15am - 11:15am, CCNY Hall of Worship**

This year we are honored and delighted to be joined by Ericka Hart as our key note speaker! Her academic and advocacy work as a "kinky, poly, cancer-warrior, activist, sexuality educator and performer" utilizes progressive social justice tools to identify, deconstruct, and dismantle systematic institutions of oppression. Her work on identity, sexuality, and intersectional trauma pushes us to take a more in depth, nuanced look at what "intersectionality" is, and how it can be applied to not only our advocacy work, professions, but our very own lives as well. Ericka challenges and inspires us to not only be better activists, but better people, and we could not be more thrilled to have her set the stage for this year's seminar on gender equity and intersectionality.

### Collaboration Groups

**Thursday, 11:45am - 12:30pm, CCNY Various Locations**

Get to know one another, discuss the pre-seminar assignment, and reflect on the keynote speaker.

### LUNCH SERVED

**Thursday, 12:30pm - 1:30pm, CCNY Assembly Hall**

Eat a vegetarian lunch and enjoy building community with fellow Seminar participants.

### Theme Panel

**Thursday, 3:00pm - 5:00pm, United Nations Headquarters, Conference Room 6**

*Bobbi Nassar, Ray Acheson, Soon-Young Yoon, H.E. Mr. Brian Flynn; Bruce Knotts, Moderator...*



## Thursday, April 11, 2019 continued

...The Theme Panel topic will be the role of gender equity in national and global politics including the barriers and challenges faced by women and gender non-conforming individuals in leadership, as well as the impacts of gender equity on world peace.

### **DINNER SERVED**

**Thursday, 5:30pm - 7:00pm, Church Center for the UN, 2nd Floor & 10th Floor**

Eat a delicious dinner and socialize with new friends. Current & prospective UU-UNO Envoys take food to the 10th Floor for the Envoy Dinner

### **The Super Off-Broadway Amazing Talent Show Extravaganza**

**Thursday, 7pm - 8pm, Church Center for the United Nations Chapel**

This talent show extravaganza is the perfect chance to share your music, poetry, or any talent you might possess! It is open to everyone, and we encourage you to join! Bring instruments or whatever you might need. It is on Thursday night, so be ready to relax and enjoy the talents of your peers!

## Friday, April 12, 2019

### **Morning Worship "Wondering But Not Lost"**

**Friday, 8:45am - 10:00am, CCNY Hall of Worship**

Welcome into a worship space that invites us to acknowledge that while we wander through the perhaps confusing or challenging work that is the Spring Seminar it does not mean that we are lost or even that we have failed. Wandering is a good thing to be doing at this point. And so is the deep thinking and surprise discoveries of wondering.

### **Collaboration Groups**

**Friday, 10:15am - 11:15am, CCNY Various Locations**

Discussion about issues encountered over the last day, including responses to the United Nations visit.

### **Workshop 1a "International UU Women Leaders in Action"**

**Friday, 11:45am - 12:45pm, CCNY Hall of Worship**

Gizella Nagy, Rev. Ma. Elvira Peras Sienes, Elgiva Dora Shullai

In this workshop, participants will have an opportunity to learn about the humanitarian work that UU does abroad. Our speakers are UU women ...

## Friday, April 12, 2019 continued

...leaders who hail from across the globe, coordinating violence prevention programs, health camps, and leadership development for women and girls. As board members of the International Women's Convocation (IWC), these panelists work tirelessly to promote gender equity in an intersectional, global context.

### Workshop 1b "Domestic Violence in Different Social Classes"

**Friday, 11:45am - 12:45pm, CCNY Assembly Hall**

*Nicole Lesser, LCSW*

This workshop will focus on how domestic violence looks different in upper middle class and upper class families vs. low income families.

### Workshop 1c "Equity in Unitarian Universalism: Gender and YoUU!"

**Friday, 11:45am - 12:45pm, CCNY Chapel**

*Taz Trefzger, Vyda Ng*

This workshop will explore the topic of gender equity, specifically from a UU perspective, as well as equity in Unitarian Universalist spaces, and what we as UUs have done in the name of equity. It will be a great way to learn a little bit more about our principles, as well as what's going on in the world around us.

## LUNCH SERVED

**Friday, 12:45pm - 2:00pm, CCNY Assembly Hall**

Eat a vegetarian lunch and enjoy building community with fellow Seminar participants.

### Identity Reflection Conversations

**Friday, 2:00pm - 3:00pm, CCNY Various Locations**

Participants will gather in gender- and race-based affinity groups for structured conversations about gender equity. We will explore our personal responses to issues of gender equity, as they intersect with our own experiences of gender, race, class, ability, etc.

### Workshop 2a "Gendered Language: Does it Influence Our Biases?"

**Friday, 3:30pm - 4:30pm, CCNY Hall of Worship**

*Zsófia Sztranyiczki*

As "PC language" becomes an increasingly important - yet hotly contested - topic, this workshop aims to take a step back and examine how gender is constructed in various languages and how language affects the way we perceive gender.

## Friday, April 12, 2019 continued

...Speaking seven languages, Zsófia Sztranyiczki, a Unitarian from Kolozsvár/Cluj (Romania) holding a PhD in linguistics, is the executive director of the International Women's Convocation (IWC). Participants will learn about the subtle (and sometimes not so subtle) biases of both gendered and genderless languages, and how that can shape and reinforce gender inequity across cultures.

### **Workshop 2b "What we have won since the Stonewall Rebellion...What We still Need To Win."**

**Friday, 3:30pm - 4:30pm, CCNY Assembly Hall**

*Renée Imperato*

Join us for a brief description of Stonewall and the Transwomen Of Color who led the rebellion. Followed by a history of fighting racism in and out of our community. Then to today's progression to gender and non-gender identity and expression, and the need to further raise consciousness on the many genders that need to be respected.

### **Workshop 2c "Men Engaged for Gender Equity"**

**Friday, 3:30pm - 4:30pm, CCNY Chapel**

*Quentin "Q" Walcott*

How can men work to become effective agents for gender equity? What can they do to critically challenge patriarchal gender norms and transform destructive masculinities that cause harm to both themselves and others? This workshop focuses on ways male-identified people might help prevent gender-based violence and work for gender justice and equity across all levels of society.

### **Collaboration Groups**

**Friday, 4:45pm - 5:30pm, CCNY Various Locations**

Seminar attendees will meet with their Collaboration Groups to engage in conversations exploring and reflecting on the knowledge and insights they have gained throughout the Seminar. In these small groups, they will record a statement that encapsulates what they'll take away from the workshops, workshops, discussions, and keynote. In the true nature of collaboration, the Host Team will then combine the responses from all groups to form one Seminar Statement! Every attendee makes a valuable contribution in the formulation of the annual Seminar Statement that will be distributed to the United Nations and UU congregations around the world!



## Friday, April 12, 2019 continued

### **For Youth & Sponsors Only - Youth Night on the Town**

**Friday, 5:45pm - 9:45pm, New York City!**

Youth night out on the town occurs on the last night of the seminar, where youth and their chaperones have the option to choose from various, different, pre-planned activities to attend for the evening around the city. Previous activities have included trips to local art museums, visiting the High Line, walking around different neighborhoods and stores, and other sightseeing events around New York City.

## Saturday, April 13, 2019

### **Morning Worship "Reflection Through Our Own Mirrors"**

**Saturday, 8:45am - 10:00am, CCNY Hall of Worship**

Our worship this morning is focused on reflecting on the work we have done here this weekend. This will be a space to recharge your minds and ground yourselves in our goals made here. While in this space, remember why we all came here this weekend and take what you reflect on here and how that can be taken into the world around us.

### **Workshop 3a "Love Resists: Spiritually-Grounded Action to Expand Gender Justice & Sanctuary for All"**

**Saturday, 10:15am - 12:15pm, CCNY Hall of Worship**

*UU College of Social Justice: Meagan Henry, Marissa Gutiérrez Vicario*

How are we called to resist the escalating injustices facing targeted communities in the current political context? How does gender justice intersect with immigration justice and inform our work to disrupt criminalization, and to expand sanctuary for all? Love Resists, a joint initiative of UUA, UUSC, and UUCSJ, is designed to help us sustain spiritually-grounded activism to expand sanctuary, solidarity, and accompaniment in many forms by creating more just and welcoming communities for all. Through creative and interactive activities, this workshop will help us explore some of the ways that gender identity, sexual orientation, gender-based violence, and/or family status relate to immigration justice and how we can respond faithfully and in partnership with grassroots groups in our communities. It will culminate the Spring Seminar with a focus on ways that we can "take home" the inspiration and learning shared together over the past few days to commit to ongoing action and reflection in our congregations and communities.

## Saturday, April 13, 2019 continued

### Workshop 3b "Storytelling for Moral Leadership"

**Saturday, 10:15am - 12:15pm, NY New Church Sanctuary**

*Daniel May, Lisbeth Meléndez Rivera*

In this workshop, participants will learn how to craft personal stories that call upon shared values and motivate others to act. We'll look at examples of powerful storytelling, talk about what makes a powerful story, and work on some of our own stories in order to better motivate others as we return to our home congregations.

### Closing Remarks

**Saturday, 12:30pm - 1:00pm, Hall of Worship**

Spring Seminar Staff will share the combined 2019 Seminar Statement and ways to continue engagement with this work and the UU-UNO. Be sure to stick around afterwards for a group photo!



## Saturday Afternoon IWC Program

### Panel Discussion on Global Gender Equity - **Optional**

**Saturday, 3:00pm - 5:00pm, CCNY Hall of Worship**

*Gizella Nagy (Romania), Elvira P. Sienes (Philippines), Elgiva Shullai (India)*

After the conclusion of the UU-UNO Intergenerational Spring Seminar, the International Women's Convocation is hosting a panel discussion on gender equity, highlighting U\*U women's work for global women's empowerment and exploring ways of engagement, partnerships, and collective action. The event will be followed by the signing of an MOU between the UU Women's Association of Philippines and IWC and a reception. All Seminar participants are welcome to attend for no additional charge.

## FEATURED PRESENTERS' BIOGRAPHIES

### **Ray Acheson** *Thursday - Theme Panel*

Ray Acheson is the Director of Reaching Critical Will, the disarmament programme of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. She represents WILPF on the international steering groups of the International Campaign to Abolish Nuclear Weapons (ICAN), which won the 2017 Nobel Peace Prize, and the Campaign to Stop Killer Robots. Ray provides analysis, advocacy, and activism for disarmament and demilitarisation, and brings feminist and queer perspectives to this international antiwar work.

### **H.E. Mr. Brian Flynn** *Thursday - Theme Panel*

His Excellency Mr. Brian Flynn has served as Ambassador & Deputy Permanent Representative of Ireland to the United Nations since 2017. Prior to that he has served as a diplomat representing Ireland abroad, including in Prague, Ukraine, and Berlin.

### **Marissa Gutiérrez Vicario** *Saturday - Workshop 3a*

Marissa Gutiérrez-Vicario is the Founder and Executive Director of Art and Resistance Through Education (ARTE), based out of New York City. As a committed human rights activist, artist, educator, and advocate for youth, Marissa launched ARTE in 2013 to help young people amplify their voices and organize for human rights change in their communities through the arts. Currently, Marissa serves as a Program Leader for the UU College of Social Justice and as an Adjunct Lecturer at the City College of New York in the Art Education Department.

### **Ericka Hart** *Thursday - Keynote Speaker*

Ericka Hart (pronouns: she/they) is a Black Queer Femme activist, writer, highly acclaimed speaker and award winning sexuality educator with a Master's of Education in Human Sexuality from Widener University. Ericka's work broke ground when she went topless showing her double mastectomy scars at Afropunk Fest 2016. Since then, she has spoken at colleges and universities across the country, been featured in countless digital and print publications including Essence, BuzzFeed, Huffington Post, Cosmopolitan, Refinery 29, and has a running PSA on Viceland.

<http://www.ihartericka.com>

## **Meagan Henry** *Saturday - Workshop 3a*

Meagan Henry is a Lifespan Religious Educator serving the First Unitarian Congregational Society in Brooklyn, NY. She holds a master's degree in Religious Studies and has been working in UU congregations since 1996. She has led multiple learning immersion journeys domestically and internationally in her role as a Program Leader at the UU College of Social Justice. Meagan's congregation in Brooklyn currently serves as a sanctuary space for migrants seeking asylum in the U.S. Several congregants are currently hosting immigrants in their homes while they are in transition to permanent housing in the New York City area.

## **Renée Imperato** *Friday - Workshop 2b*

Renée Imperato is a Transwoman, an activist, and a Vietnam Veteran. Upon returning from war she joined the fight in the anti-war movement and many other struggles. Renée has battled against racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, imperialism, and has fought for LGBTQ liberation for 45 years. She joined battles with legends like Sylvia Rivera, Marsha P. Johnson, Leslie Feinberg, and many others to fight for the Liberation of Trans and gender non-conforming people. Renée is Chairperson of the SAGE Advisory Council and a member of Workers World Party.

## **Bruce Knotts** *Thursday - Theme Panel*

Bruce Knotts is the Director of the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office. He was born and raised in Southern California. He got his Bachelor's Degree in History from Pepperdine University and his Master's Degree in International Education from the Monterey Institute of International Studies; both in California. Bruce was a Peace Corps Volunteer in Ethiopia. He worked for Raytheon in Saudi Arabia and on a World Bank contract in Somalia, before he joined the Department of State as a U.S. diplomat in 1984. In 2004, Bruce was elected to the Board of Gays and Lesbians in Foreign Affairs Agencies (GLIFAA). Bruce retired from the Foreign Service in 2007 and joined the Unitarian Universalist United Nations Office as its Executive Director at the beginning of 2008.

## **Nicole Lesser** *Friday - Workshop 1b*

Nicole Lesser, LCSW, has worked in the movement to end violence against women for over 25 years in Massachusetts, Georgia, and New York. As an advocate working with survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, and human trafficking, ...

... she recognized early on that barriers to safety were not only created by the abuser, but could also be found in our socio-cultural systems. It became her passion to directly impact lives through the creation of policies and cultural shifts that support all survivors.

**Daniel May**      *Saturday - Workshop 3b*

Daniel May began his organizing career building tenant unions in the South Bronx before moving to Los Angeles to found, with other organizers, One LA-IAF, the Los Angeles affiliate of the Industrial Areas Foundation. While in Los Angeles, Daniel led a campaign to uncover and end police profiling and abuse of undocumented immigrants in Maywood, CA and spearheaded the IAF's outreach to the LA Jewish community. He then served as Political Director for the Service Employee International Union's Campaign to Improve Assisted Living. From 2010-2014 he was Director of J Street U, overseeing its growth from 6 campus chapters to over 60.

**Lisbeth Meléndez Rivera**      *Saturday - Workshop 3b*

Lisbeth Meléndez Rivera is the Director of Faith Outreach and Training at the Human Rights Campaign, where she works with people of faith across denominations to ensure we can be who we are, love who we love and practice our faith free of judgement. Meléndez Rivera is a 30+ year veteran of the LGBTQ and labor movements. Meléndez Rivera has extensive experience organizing and training at the intersections of sexual orientation, gender identity and culture specifically as they relate to communities of color. She has crisscrossed the country training workers and community leaders in organizing, leadership development and community building strategies from a grassroots perspective. Meléndez Rivera has also done extensive work supporting LGBTQ leaders in America Latina.

**Gizella Nagy**      *Friday - Workshop 1a*

Gizella Nagy is vice-president of UNOSZ, the Association of Unitarian Women of Romania.

**Bobbi Nassar**      *Thursday - Theme Panel*

Dr. Bobbi Nassar was a Social Work Professor at Wurzweiler School of Social Work, Yeshiva University's graduate school of social work, from 1979 through 2013 (36 years). Dr. Nassar represents International Federation of Settlements and ...

... Neighborhood Centers (IFS) at the United Nations and has since 1991. She currently serves as Co-Chair of the NGO Committee on Human Rights. Dr. Nassar is a mental health clinician and has worked with refugee communities. This work has included providing counseling to survivors of torture and human rights training. She is currently on the board of South Asian Council for Social Services (SACSS) and is a Senior Adviser for International Center for Advocates Against Discrimination (ICAAD).

**Vyda Ng**      *Friday - Workshop 1c*

Vyda Ng has been a Unitarian for over 25 years. She previously served on the Board of Trustees of the Canadian Unitarian Council in the early 2000s, becoming president of the board in her last year. Vyda remained a volunteer until she took on the staff position as Executive Director of the Canadian Unitarian Council in May 2012. The CUC is the national association of 45 Unitarian Universalist congregations in Canada. As Executive Director, Vyda shepherded the CUC through a Canada Revenue Agency audit, implemented on-line participation and voting at CUC Annual General Meetings, increased access to web and on-line connections for UUs, and built a strong, collaborative and skilled staff team. Her work and community experience previously has been within the not-for-profit sector working mainly with vulnerable populations and violence prevention. She has been a strong advocate for women's and gender equity. Vyda is the single parent of three university-aged children.

**Rev. Ma. Elvira Peras Sienes**      *Friday - Workshop 1a*

Rev. Ma. Elvira Peras Sienes works for the UU Church of the Philippines (UUCP).

**Elgiva Dora Shullai**      *Friday - Workshop 1a*

Elgiva Dora Shullai is the Global Sisters Coordinator for Seng Kynthei, the Women's Wing of the Unitarian Union of North East India.

**Taz Trefzger**      *Friday - Workshop 1c*

Hi! My name is Taz and I am the junior youth dean for the seminar. My pronouns are they/them/theirs and I am from Kingston Unitarian Fellowship in Kingston Ontario. I spend my free time hanging out in flower shops and watching movies.

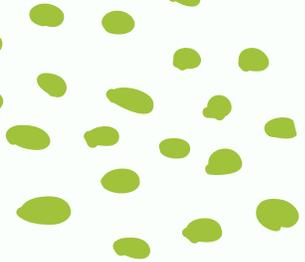
**Quentin "Q" Walcott**      *Friday - Workshop 2a*

Quentin Walcott, known as "Q," is a leading national and international anti-violence activist, educator and writer...

...He is one of the U.S leaders selected by the NoVo Foundation to participate in its groundbreaking Move to End Violence initiative, a 10-year program to strengthen the movement to end gender-based violence in the United States. He's also a member of the Resonance Network's Governance Committee. In 2018, Quentin was selected to serve on the NYC Domestic Violence Task Force Steering Committee and was appointed to the NYC Mental Health Advisory Group.

### **Soon-Young Yoon**     *Thursday - Theme Panel*

Soon-Young Yoon is a former Fulbright senior scholar and visiting professor at Ewha Womans University where she helped found the first women's studies program in Asia. She currently serves as the Chair of the Board at the Women's Environment and Development Organization, UN representative for the International Alliance of Women, and Immediate Past Chair of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women/NY. In those roles, she helps to organize the world's women in support of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW) and the Beijing Platform for Action (a UN policy document on the rights of women and girls). In 1995, she served as the UN Liaison for the NGO Forum held in parallel with the UN Fourth World Conference on Women held in Beijing, an event that hosted more than 30,000 NGO participants. She was a Social Development officer for UNICEF in the Southeast Asia office as well as the Social Scientist at WHO/SEARO in New Delhi. She serves as a board member of the International Foundation for Ewha Womans University and on the Global Advisory Board of the Harvard AIDS Initiative. She is also a founding member of the Women Mayor's Network in association with the National Democratic Institute and the Cities for CEDAW campaign. A former columnist for the EarthTimes newspaper, she is co-editor with Dr. Jonathan Samet of the WHO monograph, "Gender, Women, and the Tobacco Epidemic." Yoon received her A.B. in French literature with honors and Ph.D. in anthropology from the University of Michigan.



## 2019 SEMINAR PLANNING COMMITTEE

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## SEMINAR CHAPLAINS

Our Spring Seminar Chaplain Team is available throughout the Seminar to support participants and ensure that the Seminar is a rich and rewarding experience for everyone here. Chaplains will be wearing colorful bandanas at all times – please don't hesitate to reach out to them in case you're feeling overwhelmed, unsure or uncomfortable about something, or you just need someone to talk to. You can find a chaplain stationed at all times in the RE Room at Community Church.

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### about the International Staff Group at the Unitarian Universalist Association

**The UU United Nations Office** has held a prominent place at the United Nations since 1962, advocating for UU values on the global stage. By engaging every day with Member States, organizations, and agencies and speaking out in defense of human rights for those who are oppressed, the UU-UNO works to ensure that action being taken on global platforms is inclusive, fair, and grounded in compassion. In all our initiatives we work closely with UU congregations around the US and Canada who are active in their local contexts while having a global impact. The annual Intergenerational Spring Seminar in New York City is a particularly meaningful way for youth and adults to connect with this important work at the United Nations and includes many opportunities for deeper involvement. [UUA.org/UN](https://uua.org/UN)

**The UUA International Resources Office** is here to provide resources and guidance within the wide breadth of international programs and causes – assisting congregations in finding ways to answer our sixth principle’s call to reach out beyond church walls and borders. We maintain and develop linkages with historic and new U/U communities around the world, connecting your congregation to the story of our global faith, our “Global U/U Story.” Our International Resources Office helps congregations in the US understand the rich history and theology of global Unitarian/Universalism. The Resources Office works very closely in collaboration with the UU Partner Church Council and the International Council of Unitarians and Universalists. Explore these connections by holding a special international engagement worship service. [UUA.org/International](https://uua.org/International)

**The UU Holdeen India Program** works in solidarity with India’s most oppressed and marginalized communities as they struggle to assert their rights. A pioneer in social justice grant-making for over 32 years, we have worked with over 100 partner organizations striving to build a more just society in India. These groups have been at the forefront of campaigns for the rights of those branded as untouchables, indigenous communities, impoverished working women, and other marginalized groups. In addition to grant-making, the Holdeen India Program facilitates volunteer opportunities, learning trips, and other ways for members of UU congregations to experience the courageous work of our partners in India. We invite you to join us in the global struggle against injustice. [UUA.org/Holdeen](https://uua.org/Holdeen)

