

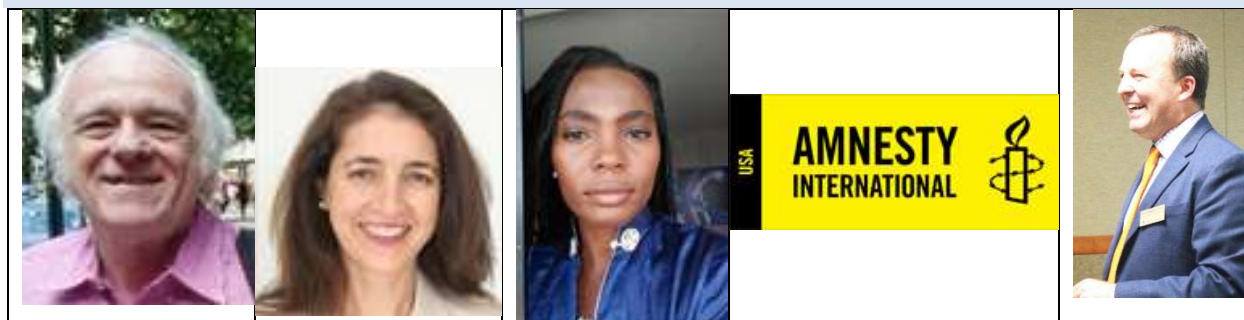


**Celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the United Nations-  
Friday, October 23, 2020**

**This event will take place in two parts. Each needs its own registration and log-in.  
Please register in advance for Part 2.**

*In recognition of United Nations Day, celebrated every 24th of October, and to commemorate the progress that has been made in the past and present over the last 75 years since its creation, UNA-USA and the SUNY Global Engagement Program will host a special program online. SUNY GEP will host the first part and UNA-USA the second part.*

**Part 1 – 10:30 a.m. -12 noon – SUNY Global Engagement Program**



**Welcome:** George Garland, President, UNA-SNY

**Moderator:** - S. Ilgu Ozler, PhD, Associate Professor, SUNY New Paltz and Director, SUNY Global Engagement Program

**WebTV Assistance:** Arthur Nelson, Graduate Assistant, SUNY Global Engagement Program  
Students in the Global Engagement Program have selected several of today's important topics for discussion: See Speaker Bios at end of program.

- **Food Justice and Black Lives Matter – Ruby Olisemeka / Farmer**
- **Police Brutality Monitoring & Right to Peaceful Assembly – Justin Mazzola, Deputy Director of Research, Amnesty International USA (Univ. of California at Berkeley Human Rights Investigations Lab - Amnesty International)**
- **Climate Change & COVID-19 – Alan Bigelow, PhD, Climate Reality Trainer and Science Director, Solar Cookers International**



## Part 2 – 12 noon to 1:00 p.m. UNA-USA

### UN Day 2020: Past → Present → Progress

**REGISTER IN ADVANCE (Part 2 below) and you will receive an email with the login to be used on October 23.**

UNA-USA's virtual program will reflect on the past, celebrate the accomplishments of the present, and look forward to progress, toward a better and brighter future for everyone, everywhere. You'll hear from high-level UN speakers, get a behind-the-scenes virtual tour of UN headquarters, and hear from UNA-USA's annual award recipients.

Featured and distinguished speakers:

- **Dr. Maria Van Kerkhove, PhD**, World Health Organization's Head of Emerging Diseases Unit and COVID-19 Technical Lead
- **Jayathma Wickramanayake**, UN Secretary-General's Envoy on Youth
- **Rachel Pittman**, Executive Director of UNA-USA
- **Paula Boland**, UNA-USA National Council Chairperson and Executive Director, UNA-NCA
- **Dustin Liu**, UNA-USA Youth Observer to the United Nations

## HOW TO CONNECT:

### PART 1 – SUNY - 10:30 a.m. -12 noon

### SUNY GEP-UNA Joint UN Day Celebration

**JOIN WEBEX MEETING.** Sign in up to 30 minutes before the event.

<https://newpaltz.webex.com/newpaltz/j.php?MTID=mad903cd66622e6a3b8637b5c86221273>

**Meeting number (access code): 171 439 4022**

**Meeting password: UN@75**

**Tap to join from a mobile device (attendees only)**

[+1-415-655-0001](tel:+14156550001), [1714394022##](tel:+1714394022) US Toll

Join by phone: +1-415-655-0001 US Toll

### [Global call-in numbers](#)

#### **Join from a video system or application**

Dial 1714394022@newpaltz.webex.com

You can also dial 173.243.2.68 and enter your meeting number.

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## **PART 2 – Friday, October 23, 12 p.m. ET**

**Noon to 1:00 p.m. UNA-USA - UN Day 2020: Past → Present → Progress**

**REGISTER IN ADVANCE.** After registering you will receive an email with the log-in to be used on October 23.

[https://unfoundation.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN\\_-48OSNxHT0SSHH\\_JAMfmyQ](https://unfoundation.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_-48OSNxHT0SSHH_JAMfmyQ)

**Follow directions in your confirmation email that you will receive after you register.**

## **BIOS OF SPEAKERS FOR PART 1**



### **George A. Garland, DBA**

Dr. George Garland is currently President of the Board of the Southern New York Division of the United Nations Association-USA. He is a board member of HEART in Haiti.

Dr. Garland's career with US-EPA spanned 34 years, culminating in a Distinguished Career Award. From 1988 to 1992, he was Chief Technical Advisor for Toxic Chemicals and Pollutants for the UN-WHO Regional Office for South East Asia and worked in India, Indonesia, Burma, Sri Lanka, and Thailand. He has done consultations with the World Bank and USAID in the Russian

Federation to establish a national hazardous waste management system and specifically in Nizhni Tagil to improve the water supply system.

Over the last ten years Dr. Garland has held several positions in NGOs. He has been Director of the World Energy Forum, Executive Director for National Membership at the United Nations Association of the USA, and Executive Director of the United Nations Association of the National Capital Area.

His many publications include articles in *Biocycle* magazine on organics management (compost).

Recent volunteer activities include supporting NGOs designing improved cook stoves and sustainable fuel using biogas, ethanol, and coconut husks in Haiti. His numerous speaking engagements have recently been concentrated on UN Sustainable Development Goals and climate change policy. His many teaching assignments include “The Energy Puzzle” for Collegium at Westchester Community College and international affairs at EF International in Tarrytown.



### **Ş. İlğü Özler**

Ş. İlğü Özler is the founder and Director of the [State University of New York Global Engagement Program in New York City](#) and an Associate Professor of Political Science and International Relations at SUNY New Paltz. Her research focuses on civic engagement as it relates to political parties, non-governmental organizations and social movements. She has done research on urban slums and squatter areas in Turkey, Mexico and Chile with her recent publications focusing on Turkish civil society organizations and political participation. She teaches courses on the United Nations and global civil society. Since 2004 she has organized and participated in over 360 briefings for her students at the United Nations. She has engaged her students in applied work in global affairs through the Global Engagement Program in affiliation with 40 different international organizations. She is the founder of Mid-Hudson Valley local chapters of Amnesty International USA (served as coordinator 2011-2017) and of the United Nations Association (served as president 2013-2017). She served as an alternate delegate for the International Council Meeting 2017 representing Amnesty USA. She has been elected to serve as a board member for Amnesty International USA (2017-2020) and is currently serving as the Secretary of the Board of Directors of AI USA. Özler received her Ph.D. in Political Science from University of California, Los Angeles (2003).



## **Ruby Olisemeka / Farmer**

Ruby Olisemeka is an independent educator/consultant focusing on socially transformative education; food justice and incorporating African and indigenous practices into farming and food & farming education. She began her farming career as an apprentice at Stone Barns (2011) and has since built numerous school and urban gardens in lower Westchester and Harlem. Ruby has over 10 years' experience educating children and young adults, she has worked as an educator at Edible Schoolyard NYC, Harlem Grown and various public and private schools and institutions.

'We who do this liberation work want to bring about a revolution in our lifetime; we have deemed, with sadness, the current national and international power structure not fit to ensure and promote the full expression of life. I am part of a collective, a movement of people wanting to bring about a more just world. I am a farmer and teacher, a spiritualist and budding herbalist, an afro centrist and naturalist. My path as a farmer began with an apprenticeship at Stone Barns Center for Food and Agriculture in 2011. I've kept my hands in the soil ever since, building urban, suburban and peri-urban gardens in lower Westchester and Harlem. I teach (in classrooms, gardens, spaces where people can gather) children and adults how to do the work I do on land. A farmer can rarely escape the intersections of poverty, politics, food access or justice when farming sustainably. I am an activist working to dismantle the food and health related injustices Africans and people of African descent endure.'

### **Bio from:**

### **Where Women Gather: A Celebration of Women in Agriculture Conference and Symposium**

### **When**

October 23, 2019 - 8:00 AM to October 23, 2019 - 11:00 PM

Main Conference Meeting Space Omni Hotel 155 Temple Street New Haven, CT. 06510

## **Justin Mazzola, Deputy Director of Research, Amnesty International USA**

Justin Mazzola is the Deputy Director of Research for Amnesty International USA and has worked within research for the organization since 2003. Justin covers a number of issues for the organization, including issues related to criminal justice, policing, immigration enforcement and detention, and supports the organization's programmatic work on individual cases and the death penalty. He has also acted as a legal trial observer for the organization – most notably for the Chelsea Manning trial. Justin is a graduate of Brooklyn Law School and a member of the New York State Bar since 2004. He also holds a BA in Anthropology and Sociology from the University of Notre Dame.



### **Alan Bigelow, PhD**

Alan Bigelow is an Innovative physicist, researcher and advocate with expertise in solar technology, accelerator and laser physics, bio-medical research and environmental sustainability. He has extensive experience in designing and conducting research projects, developing novel technology, and implementing renewable-energy solutions worldwide, particularly in regions impacted by climate change. He is a Climate Reality Trainer through the Climate Reality Corps.

Alan joined Solar Cookers International (SCI) in 2016 as Director of Science and Main Representative at the UN. He leads testing and performance evaluation programs at SCI and advocates for solar-thermal cooking at the UN and at international conferences. He has led solar cooking workshops in New York and internationally in India, Nepal and Haiti. He participated in a solar expedition in Nepal where during nine days at high altitude all meals were prepared using portable solar cookers. He designed solar-energy workshops as a Scientist-in-Residence at the Hudson River Museum and he taught and designed a course on sustainable engineering at Columbia University's Science Honors Program

Prior to joining Solar Cookers International, Alan had a 15-year physics research career at Columbia University Medical Center developing innovative technology for radiation-biology studies. He has authored numerous peer-reviewed journal articles and is listed as an inventor on a patent for a safe sterilization method that uses a specific range of ultraviolet light to selectively damage bacteria and viruses while not harming human cells.

Alan received a Ph.D. in Physics from the University of North Texas. He is an accomplished musician and co-founded a solar-powered band that combines science and music to raise awareness and educate about environmental issues and solutions. Alan is fluent in French, conversant in Thai and is learning Hindi.