

CALL FOR DIALOGUES 2020



7th Biennial

SENECA FALLS DIALOGUES

“DISRUPTING THE PAST,
QUESTIONING THE PRESENT,
AND BUILDING THE FUTURE”



October 23-25, 2020

The biennial Dialogues are a collaborative effort to reinvigorate Seneca Falls as a site of feminist activism and intellectual exchange. Acknowledging the 1848 women's rights convention, the Seneca Falls Dialogues moves beyond earlier narratives to bring together activists, artists, students, academics and community members to foster collaborative learning and feminist action.

The 2020 Dialogues will mark the centennial of the 19th amendment, recognizing both its historical importance and the unequal effects of the legislation. We will also mark the 2020 Presidential election year whose outcome will have consequences for our planet and for the most vulnerable amongst us. In this time of chaos, complexity and change, the 2020 Dialogues seeks to provoke discussion, inspire action, and foster community.

We welcome proposals for Dialogue, which should indicate how presenters will organize information, pose questions, and facilitate activities and conversation. Priority will be given to proposals that are interactive and depart from the traditional academic presentation. We especially encourage undergraduates and activists to apply. Dialogues must integrate the conference theme —“Disrupting the Past, Questioning the Present, and Building the Future” — into the proposal. Sub-themes include but are not limited to:

- Elections and Democracy
- Decolonizing Pedagogy
- Digital Disruptions
- Activism: Local and Global
- Bodies and Identities
- Art and Performance

Proposal Deadline: April 30, 2020.
Submit proposals at
www.senecafalldialogues.com

**Featuring Keynote
Speaker and
WILL award recipient**

MICHELLE SCHENANDOAH, JD

**Member of the Oneida Indian Nation
of New York and wolf clan member**

Inspirational writer, speaker, and thought leader, Michelle Schenandoah is founder of Rematriation Magazine, an Indigenous women's online media platform. She focuses on community development and leadership for Indigenous women and their communities.

Conference participants will be invited to submit essay versions of their dialogues for inclusion in the on-line Seneca Falls Dialogues Journal.

The Seneca Falls Dialogues is sponsored by the Greater Rochester Area Branch of the American Association of University Women and The Women's Institute for Leadership and Learning (WILL). The Dialogues is also sponsored by Women and Gender Studies Affiliates at The College at Brockport: State University of New York, Hobart and William Smith Colleges, LeMoyné College, Monroe Community College, St. John Fisher College, SUNY Geneseo, Syracuse University, Rochester Institute of Technology, and the University of Rochester.

Image: Brittany Williams, 2015/ Photo by Erich Lehman for WALL/THERAPY