

SPEAKERS

MADELEINE REES is the Secretary General of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF). Madeleine qualified as a lawyer in 1990 and became a leader in the field of discrimination, bringing cases to the European Court of Human Rights and the European Court in Luxembourg. In 1998, she began working for the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR) as the gender expert and Head of Office in Bosnia and Herzegovina, where she worked extensively on the issue of trafficking, gender and post conflict, transitional justice and the protection of rights. In 2006, she became Head of the Women's Rights and Gender Unit for the OHCHR.

JODY WILLIAMS is an activist and writer. She received the Nobel Peace Prize in 1997 for her work as founding coordinator of the International Campaign to Ban Landmines. She struggles to reclaim the real meaning of peace—a concept that goes beyond the absence of armed conflict and is defined by *human* security. Since January 2006, Jody Williams has worked through the Nobel Women's Initiative. The Initiative leverages the prestige of the Nobel Peace Prize and the women Nobel Laureates to support women activists around the world. In May 2012, the Initiative launched the International Campaign to Stop Rape & Gender Violence in Conflict. Jody's new memoir on life as a grassroots activist, *My Name is Jody Williams: A Vermont Girl's Winding Path to the Nobel Peace Prize* was just released by the University of California Press.

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WOMEN & PEACE TRANSFORMING CONFLICT

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7:00 – 9:00 pm



PROGRAM

Thank you for taking part in this critical conversation on women's roles in transforming our global culture of violence to one of peace and prosperity.

- 7:00 Cocktails and Hors d'Oeuvres
- 7:20 Welcome by Marianne Schnall
- 7:25 Discussion with Lydia Alpizar, Nyaradzayi Gumbonzvanda, Madeleine Rees, and Jody Williams
Moderated by Abigail Disney
- 8:00 Moderated Q&A
- 8:45 Closing Remarks from Speakers and Sheherazade Jafari

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LYDIA ALPIZAR is a Costa Rican feminist activist who lives in Sao Paulo. She has been the Executive Director of the Association for Women's Rights in Development (AWID) since 2007. She is a co-founder of ELIGE - Youth Network for Reproductive and Sexual Rights (Mexico) and is a co-founder of the Latin American and Caribbean Youth Network for Reproductive and Sexual Rights. Lydia is a graduate of the Human Rights Advocacy Training Program at Columbia University. She has extensive experience in advocacy and training on women's human rights, particularly in sexual and reproductive rights and violence against women.

ABIGAIL E. DISNEY is a filmmaker and philanthropist. Her longtime passion for women's issues and peacebuilding culminated in her first film, the acclaimed *Pray the Devil Back to Hell*. Abigail produced the groundbreaking PBS mini-series *Women, War & Peace*, the most comprehensive global media initiative ever mounted on the role of women in peace and conflict. She has played a role in many film projects and is currently at work on a film highlighting the key role of women in the Arab Awakening. She founded the Daphne Foundation, Peace is Loud and co-founded, along with 2011 Nobel Peace Prize winner Leymah Gbowee, the Gbowee Peace Foundation, USA.

NYARADZAYI GUMBONZVANDA, a human rights lawyer, is the World YWCA General Secretary, where her leadership extends across 108 countries with a reach of 25 million women and girls. She has over 10 years of experience with the United Nations, where she served as Regional Director for the United Nations Development Fund for Women (UNIFEM), now UN Women, and as a human rights officer with UNICEF in Liberia and Zimbabwe. Gumbonzvanda is the

President of the NGO Committee on the Status of Women, Geneva. In the past two decades, her rights-based work has carried her across the globe as a leader and public speaker.