

international women's day  
**MARCH 8, 2020** / *washington, D.C.*

american university • 4:00 P.M.

# women as CLIMATE JUSTICE champions

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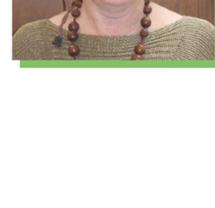


## Program



- 4:00 P.M. • Welcome & Introductory Remarks
- 4:30 P.M. • Keynote Speakers & Musical Performance
- 5:15 P.M. • Conversation with Speakers
- 5:45 P.M. • Audience Q & A
- 6:00 P.M. • Book Signing and Networking

## Speakers



### Lynn O'Connell, Moderator

Lynn O'Connell is **Dining for Women's** Board Chair and has been involved with the organization for 12 years. Lynn is a veteran nonprofit leader with more than 25 years working in the sector as a staff person, consultant, trainer, and volunteer. She currently works with Women Traveling Together, a women's travel company that offers about 120 domestic and international trips annually. Prior to this, she served as Executive Director of Computer CORE, a workforce development program, and Executive Director for the Physician Assistant Foundation where she directed grant programs and launched a national health adherence project. Before her work with nonprofits, Lynn served 12 years as a Foreign Service Officer. Lynn holds a Masters in Philanthropy from Indiana University, a Certificate in Executive Non-Profit Leadership from Duke University, and is a Fulbright Scholar. Lynn is also on the adjunct faculty teaching nonprofit courses at Catholic University, The Graduate School, and George Washington University.



### Dr. Tererai Trent

Dr. Tererai Trent is one of today's most internationally recognized voices for quality education and women's empowerment. Distinguished as Oprah Winfrey's "**All-Time Favorite Guest**," Dr. Trent is a scholar, humanitarian, motivational speaker, educator, author, and the founder of **Tererai Trent International**, which aims to provide quality education in rural Africa.

Rooted in humble beginnings, Dr. Trent grew up in a cattle-herding family in rural Zimbabwe. Despite facing many obstacles, she never lost sight of her dreams for an education. Dr. Trent could not have imagined that her steadfast determination, hard work and belief in her dreams would eventually earn her a prominent global platform with world leaders and international audiences where she leads the global charge in the fight for quality education and women's rights. Dr. Trent has been a two-time keynote speaker at the UN Global Compact Leaders Summit where she used her growing voice to appeal to international businesses to invest in equal access to quality education. She is currently an adjunct professor in Monitoring & Evaluation in Global Health at Drexel University, School of Public Health.

Her new book, **The Awakened Woman: Remembering & Reigniting Our Sacred Dreams**, published in 2017, has a foreword by Oprah Winfrey and was the Winner of a 2017 NAACP Image Award for Outstanding Literary Work. Her picture book, **The Girl Who Buried Her Dreams in a Can**, is based on her story of perseverance, and encourages children to explore their imagination and dream big. Dr. Trent has become a symbol of hope for everyone, and living proof that anything is possible. Her favorite motto is "Tingogona," meaning, "It is achievable!"



### Dr. Laly Lichtenfeld

As CEO of **African People & Wildlife**, Dr. Laly Lichtenfeld is committed to a world where communities and wildlife coexist and thrive. A 20-year resident of Tanzania, she co-founded African People & Wildlife in 2005 to empower rural communities to conserve and benefit from their surrounding wildlife and natural resources. Laly specializes in holistic, landscape-level approaches to conservation and community development. As one of the few female CEOs in East African conservation, she is also passionate about elevating rural women as environmental leaders and drivers of social change in their communities. Laly received her Ph.D. from Yale University in 2005 in the disciplines of social ecology and wildlife ecology. She is a Fulbright Scholar, a National Geographic Explorer, an invited member of the Ngorongoro Conservation Area Authority Research Advisory Committee, a distinguished alumna of the Yale Tropical Resources Institute, a recipient of the 2016 Lowell Thomas Award for Open Space Conservation, and a 2019 Women of Discovery Awardee. An accomplished speaker, in 2019 Laly was honored to be named a "Woman of Impact" by the National Geographic Society and featured among some of the world's leading female visionaries in **Women of Impact: Changing the World**, a one-hour documentary aired on the National Geographic Channel. Laly hopes to inspire others across the globe to embrace the natural world around them.



### Beth Ellen Holimon

Beth Ellen Holimon is President & CEO of **Dining for Women**, and has been with the organization for more than five years. She has been in the public and private arenas for over 20 years with expertise ranging from executive management, fundraising, board development, to strategic planning. She has served as an Area Executive Director for the American Cancer Society, Executive Director at the Bowers-Rodgers Emergency Shelter for Children in South Carolina, and in numerous other executive director roles. Additionally, she was a financial advisor with Smith Barney working with individuals and nonprofit foundations furthering philanthropic goals with strategic wealth planning. Her work with nonprofits and executives continued when she began consulting in 2006. She is a Certified Fund Raising Executive, a BoardSource Certified Governance Trainer, a certified executive coach, as well as a consultant with the Connective Leadership Institute.



### Musical Performance by SongRise

**SongRise** is a Washington, DC-based women's social justice cappella group. SongRise encourages perseverance, raises awareness, breaks down barriers, touches hearts and inspires action through song. They use their talents to inspire the fight for social change. They offer up their singing talents at community events, rallies, protests, farmer's markets, civil rights celebrations, arts showcases, schools, the Capitol ... you name it, they will stand up and sing!

## Event Partners



**Dining for Women** is the world's largest educational giving circle dedicated to transforming lives and eradicating poverty among women and girls in the developing world. Through member education and engagement, as well as the power of collective giving, DFW funds grassroots organizations that empower women and girls and promote gender equality.



**Women of Peace Corps Legacy** is a 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to bring Peace Corps women together to serve communities and create a better world for future generations. It partners with and highlights the work of existing organizations and programs that are effectively addressing the issues of women and girls. It aspires to represent all those women whose lives have been positively affected by Peace Corps, those currently serving, and those who have served over the last 50 plus years.



**UNICEF USA** supports UNICEF's work, and other efforts in support of the world's children, through fundraising, advocacy and education in the United States. It works with governments, civic leaders, celebrities, corporations, campus groups, churches, teachers and people just like you; anyone willing to help advocate for the survival and well-being of every child.



**Peace is Loud:** In collaboration with women-identified changemakers, Peace is Loud utilizes storytelling to advance transformative social justice. Founded by activist, filmmaker and philanthropist Abigail Disney, Peace is Loud inspires action through media and speaking events that spotlight these changemakers that are on the frontlines of peacebuilding.

## climate justice What Can You Do?

"In a world of more than seven billion people, each of us is a drop in the bucket. But with enough drops, we can fill any bucket."

— DAVID SUZUKI  
Canadian academic, science broadcaster, and environmental activist

**Offset Your Carbon Footprint**

- Calculate your **personal carbon footprint** [TRY IT](#)
- Reduce your carbon emissions (see suggestions below)
- Donate to a project that saves carbon dioxide (including many **Dining for Women** grantees)

**In the Store**

- Buy less stuff
- Swap or buy secondhand clothes
- Avoid disposable packaging or plastic bags

**In Your Workplace**

- Go digital and print less
- Recycle more
- Use videoconferencing to reduce business travel

**On Your Plate**

- Eat less meat
- Choose local foods
- Buy food with less packaging

**In Your Home**

- Switch to "green power" options
- Wash clothes in cold water
- Install a smart thermostat

**On the Road & In the Air**

- Reduce air travel
- Use public transportation, bike, or carpool to work
- Switch to an electric or hybrid vehicle
- Maintain your vehicles and practice "eco-driving"

**Start a Climate Conversation**

- With your family
- With your co-workers
- With your members of Congress

## Resources

**How to Reduce Your Carbon Footprint: A Year of Living Better**  
NEW YORK TIMES

[VIEW](#)

**Top 10 Things You Can Do About Climate Change**  
DAVID SUZUKI FOUNDATION

[VIEW](#)

**Individual Solutions to Climate Change**  
THE YEARS PROJECT

[VIEW](#)

**What You Can Do to Fight Climate Change**  
WORLD WILDLIFE FUND

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