

THE UNITED NATIONS ASSOCIATION OF THE USA - MAINE CHAPTER

offers speakers

for civic clubs, professional associations, schools, or religious gatherings

to learn more about the importance of the United Nations in our lives.



We rely on UN services in ways that we take for granted every day, such as being able to telephone, send letters, or fly to other parts of the world because of the work of specialized agencies of the United Nations.

Meanwhile, the United Nations provides tools that national governments can use, if they will, to deal collectively with a wide range of pressing problems that cross their borders, such as disease, environmental degradation, resource shortages, terrorism and warfare, the spread of destructive weapons, and abuses of human rights.

We invite you to find out more about the UN's role in the world or specific UN tasks, about uses of the United Nations in US foreign policy, or about improvements that are needed to make the UN more effective in developing human security for all.

The Maine Chapter of the UNA-USA can provide your group or institution with a speaker appropriate to your occasion and interests (see reverse of page for sample topics; we also accept requests for presentations on other UN-related subjects). There is no fee.

We hope you will take this opportunity — soon — to learn more about the United Nations.

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United Nations Association of Maine Speakers

Julia Edwards

Julia Edwards is a recent graduate of the University of Southern Maine, where she studied international relations and political science. While at USM, she was deeply involved with the Model UN program, and consequently became the youngest member of the UNA-Maine Board of Directors. After a year on the staff of Senator Susan Collins in Washington, DC, she now works for Portland Research Group.

Topics include:

- peaceful conflict resolution
- international law
- child soldiers
- the US role in the UN
- the future of the UN as an organization

Wendy Hazard

At the University of Maine, Augusta, Wendy Hazard teaches courses in History of World Civilizations, the Twentieth Century World, and International Relations Since 1945. She has taught at the Johns Hopkins - University of Nanjing Center for Chinese and American Studies in China, and was a Fulbright Fellow, teaching at the University of the East in the Philippines. Her book, *Cold War Crucible*, is a study of the conflict in Romania between the US and the USSR, 1943-1953. She also has written on the Spanish-American war and issues in Maine history. She was an editor of the *Maine Progressive* and *The Dissident*, and serves on the Executive Committee of the United Nations Association of Maine.

Principal topic:

- UN peacekeeping - history and current challenges

Al Niese

After Rutgers University and General Theological Seminary in New York City, Episcopalian priest Al Niese served churches in New Jersey for over 35 years before retiring to Maine. He is a member of the UNA-Maine Executive Committee.

Topics:

- how the UN works and prospective reforms
- impressions of the Maine Model UN Conference
- the religious basis for thinking & acting like global citizens

Bruce Stedman

Born in Minnesota, Bruce Stedman graduated from Harvard in 1942 and saw US Navy sea duty aboard destroyer escorts in World War II. He served in the United Nations Secretariat from 1946 to 1977 in management posts at headquarters and with the UN Development Program in East Africa. Three short-term mission assignments took him to the Middle East, and his last post was Deputy Executive Director, UN Environment Program. After retiring with the rank of Assistant Secretary General, he became a resident of Maine in 1994, and is an Advisor to UNA-Maine.

Topics include:

- organization and functions of the UN system
- peacekeeping
- sustainable development
- the Middle East

Sarah Walton

A graduate of Earlham College and New York University School of Law (JD), Sarah Walton is Assistant Professor of Justice Studies at the University of Maine at Augusta. She is a member of the Maine Juvenile Justice Community Resolution Team, an Advisor for UNA-Maine, a Board Member & Past President of the League of Women Voters of Maine, and Moderator of LWV Candidate Debates & Educational Forums. She organized a Maine Community Policing Institute conference on "Human Trafficking" in 2005.

She offers multimedia presentations suitable for any age group on a range of topics, among them:

- conflict resolution
- human rights issues, including child rights and women's rights