2020 Annual Peace Conference

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Saturday, September 26, 2020 • 9:30 a.m.

The 2020 Annual Peace Conference will be a live virtual event. You will be able to view the program beginning at 9:30 a.m. on Saturday, September 26th via the Nebraskans for Peace Facebook page or YouTube Channel. If you have questions or trouble viewing the event, call the NFP office at 402-475-4620 or email nfpomaha1970@gmail.com.

Schedule of Events

Morning Session

9:30 a.m. Welcome and Introduction

9:35 a.m. Keynote address by Dr. Amanda McKinney, M.D. of the Institute for Human and Planetary Health at Doane University on “The Future of Food”

10:20 a.m. Workshop presentation by Anthony Rogers-Wright of the Climate Justice Alliance on “Making the Green New Deal a Reality”

11:00 a.m. Nebraskans for Peace’s 50th Anniversary Reflections on Our Roots: A Panel Presentation with founding members Mike Shonsey, Don Reeves, Marilyn McNabb & Paul Olson

11:30 a.m. Lunch Break

Afternoon Session

1:00 p.m. Workshop presentation with Omaha Civil Rights activist A’Jamal Byndon on “Examining the Concept of ‘White Fragility’ through an Anti-racist and Race Equity Lens: What Does It Really Mean for the Transformation of Individuals and Institutions?”

1:40 p.m. Posthumous presentation of the “2020 Frank LaMere Peacemaker of the Year Award” to Rev. Jay Schmidt

1:45 p.m. Keynote address by Bruce Gagnon of the Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space on “U.S. Global Dominance and StratCom’s Role”

2:30 p.m. Closing Remarks

There is no registration for this year’s conference. But if you would like to make a donation to help defray and cost of the program and support the work of Nebraskans for Peace, you can either donate by PayPal, credit card or check to either NFP or the Nebraska Peace Foundation, (Send mail care of Nebraskans for Peace, P.O. Box 83466, Lincoln, NE 68501-3466.)
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2020 Annual Peace Conference Presenters

Dr. Amanda McKinney, M.D.

Dr. Amanda McKinney is the Associate Dean of Health Sciences and Executive Director the Institute for Human and Planetary Health at Doane University. With the planet approaching a population of 8 billion people and progressively impacted by climate disruption and food insecurity, Dr. McKinney will examine what this means for our diet and future eating habits.

Anthony Karefa Rogers-Wright

Anthony Karefa Rogers-Wright is the Green New Deal Policy Lead for the Climate Justice Alliance. Selected as one of the Grist.org “50 People You’ll Be Talking About”, he served as a policy advisor for Sen. Bernie Sanders’ 2016 presidential campaign. In the entire U.S., there is no one better equipped to explain what the Green New Deal is and how we make it a political reality.

A’Jamal-Rashad Byndon

A’Jamal-Rashad Byndon is an adjunct professor of cultural humility, race studies and critical race theories. He spent time in apartheid situations and learned anti-racism work growing up in Nebraska and working in white nonprofit organizations. His workshop will explore how to move beyond the concept of ‘White Fragility’ to action for social and economic justice.

Bruce Gagnon

Bruce Gagnon, a Vietnam War-era veteran and the Executive Director of the Global Network Against Weapons and Nuclear Power in Space, has for decades been spotlighting the role nuclear weapons play in maintaining U.S. military and economic dominance over the rest of the world. U.S. Strategic Command with its nuclear arsenal is central to defending this belligerent imperial policy.