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2021 Annual Campaign: Our Time Is Now

Thank you for your friendship, love, and support that helped the Academy for Human Rights (formerly the Summer Institute for Human Rights and Genocide Studies) reach new heights in 2020.

As our global society becomes more connected, the actions all of us take affect more people than ever. With the rise of white supremacy, the attack on our nation's Capitol building, and the warming of the planet, AHR programs could not be more imperative and timely, empowering its participants to lead informed and contributory lives.

The good news is that behind every teacher or student influenced by the Academy is someone like you. By making a contribution to AHR's Annual Campaign, you not only train the next generation of concerned citizens and educators, you are also making a statement of hope that the future doesn't have to be like the past.

Your donation to AHR will allow the organization to plan its future, create innovative programs, and continue to be a voice of hope in our troubled world.

To make your tax-deductible contribution, please use the attached envelope, or use the secure donation link at www.academyforhumanrights.org.

What you do matters—and our time is now.

With gratitude, admiration, and hope!

Andrew Beiter, Executive Director
Alexandra Lane, Development Director
Melinda Easter, Board Fundraising Chair

Mission

To provide impactful human rights education for teachers, students, and community, empowering all to lead informed and contributory lives.

Vision

To ensure a more just, equitable, and sustainable world by creating an informed public, and lend collective force to change the world for good.

Values

Hope
Education
Advocacy
Inclusivity
Stewardship



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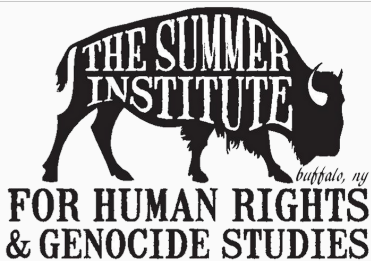
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New Name, New Logo, Same Mission

After a year of strategic planning, the Summer Institute for Human Rights has rebranded into The Academy for Human Rights, with its signature youth leadership program now called the Summer Symposium. This new name reflects a broader mission and vision that positions the organization to have a larger national and international footprint. The hope is that the Academy will spread to other cities around the world, inspiring and training others to lead informed and contributory lives.



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How the Academy Achieves Its Goals

To achieve its mission and goals, the Academy's award-winning staff develops one training event per month for educators or high school students. Striving to use the past as a platform to change the present, the hallmark of the Academy is to bring local, national, and international human rights experts, leaders, and influencers in direct contact with the community.



Summer Symposium participants



"I support the Academy because its programs bring human rights issues to the forefront, amplifying the marginalized voices of our community, nation, and world."

Toni

Board Member, Donor, and
Summer Symposium Presenter



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"Attending the Summer Symposium helped make me the leader I am today. It has inspired me to pursue a career in international law, where I hope to make the world more just and humane."

Andrina
Summer Symposium alumna and intern
Senior, Nichols School

2020 Year in Review



The 13th Annual Summer Symposium commemorated the Centennial of women's suffrage.

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Women's Rights are Human Rights



The global pandemic forced the Academy to pivot the in-person Summer Symposium to a fully on-line program. This change opened the program to students across the US and world, with over **70 young changemakers from six states and five countries!**

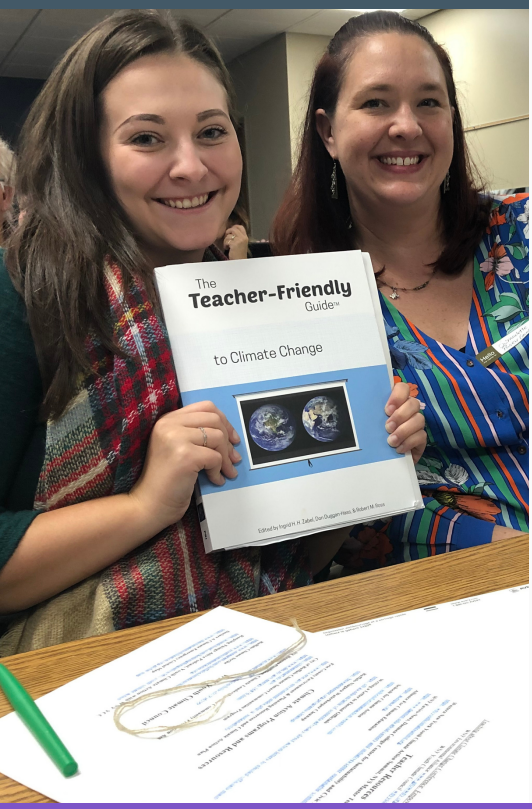
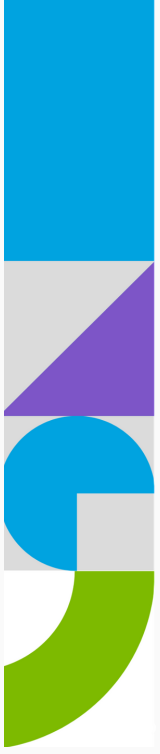
The 2020 program featured Shabana Basij-Rasikh, girls' education advocate; Sheri Scavone, Executive Director of WNY Women's Foundation; and author Alexandra Zapruder, along with discussions about the Seneca Tribe's influence in the women's rights movement, and becoming culturally and racially literate.

Teaching 2020: Becoming an Antiracist Educator

Following the deaths of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and others affected by systemic racism and police brutality, the Academy re-dedicated its programs to be actively antiracist.

Over **100 educators** from across Western New York participated in the Fall 2020 webinars that inspired and equipped educators to teach about systemic racism, the history of race in America, and strategies their students could utilize in becoming antiracist leaders in their schools and communities.

This series featured Civil Rights Freedom Riders Jim Zwerg and Joan Trumpauer Mulholland, educator Dr. Tracey Benson, diversity consultant Toni Amos, and authors Adam Rutherford and Caroline Randall Williams.



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2020 was a year of change - a global pandemic, a movement for racial justice, and a divisive election showed us that now more than ever we need to be upstanders. In 2020 and beyond, the Academy for Human Rights will continue to speak out about injustices in the community and world, and provide education and resources for educators, youth, and the greater community to take action.

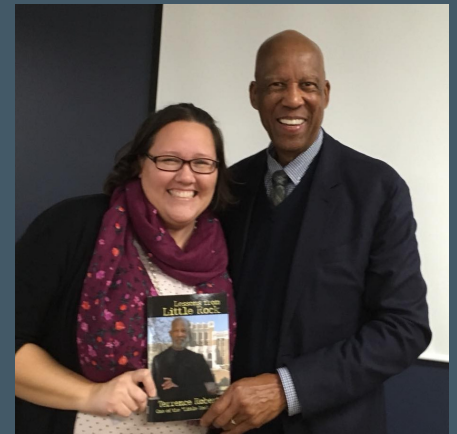
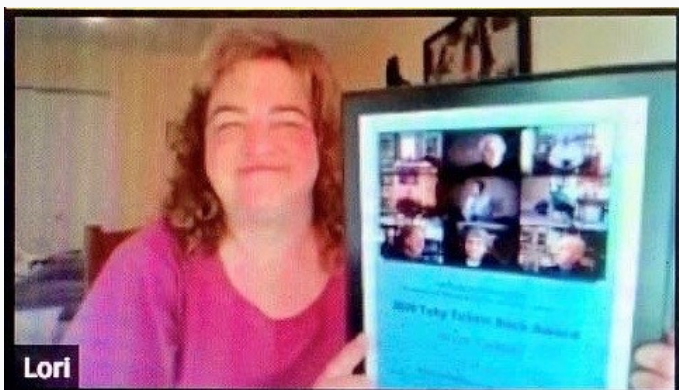
AHR's Statement on Systemic Racism

The Academy for Human Rights condemns the killing of George Floyd, Breonna Taylor, and others affected by systemic racism and police brutality. We believe education counterbalances prejudice, antisemitism, racism, sexism, and indifference. We are committed to providing the resources for students and educators to take action to make communities more just, safe, and humane.

AHR Co-Founders Receive Recognition

Co-founders Andrew Beiter and Lori Raybold received local and national recognition for their work within schools and the greater community.

In July, **Lori Raybold, Associate Director** received the **2020 Toby Ticktin Back Education and Excellence Award** presented by the Holocaust Resource Center of Buffalo. Named after the founder of HRC, this award is given to an educator that demonstrates excellence in teaching the Holocaust and other human rights issues.



"Attending the Academy's conferences empowered me to teach about the topics that matter most to the future of the world."

Justine

Teacher, Hamburg Middle School with Little Rock Nine member, Dr. Terrence Roberts

In September, **Andrew Beiter, Executive Director** was inducted into the **National Teachers Hall of Fame**. The NTHF honors five teachers annually who have demonstrated commitment and dedication to teaching youth.

Congratulations to Lori and Andrew for their hard work and dedication to the Academy!



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"We support the Academy because it empowers students and teachers to change the future by helping them understand the past."

Lisa and Luke
Supporters



How You Can Make An Impact

You've seen the impact the Academy for Human Rights has on students and educators. Here are a few ways you can make an impact and help make a difference in the world:

Donate Monthly

By making a donation of \$5, \$10, or \$20 a month you help AHR have a predictable source income for day-to-day operations, helping its overall financial stability.

Make a Targeted Gift

- \$175 Provides a scholarship for a student to attend the Summer Symposium
- \$500 Helps fund the Global Youth Summit
- \$1000 Funds a webinar for educators
- \$2500 Provides a stipend for an AHR staff member
- \$5000 Funds an in-person conference for educators in Buffalo

Long-Term Giving

Pledge \$100, \$500, \$1000, or more per year over the next five years to aid AHR with its long-term financial planning.

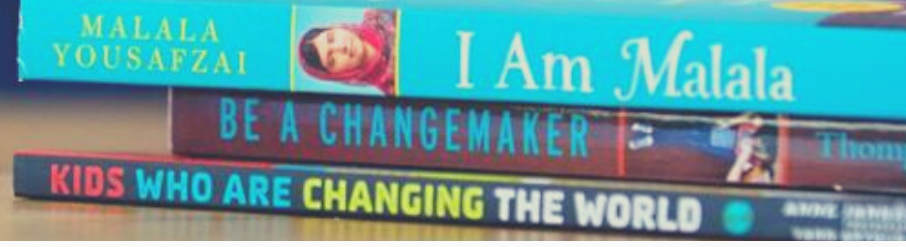
Give In Honor of a Loved One

Make a donation in honor of a loved one. Honor their memory and shape the future.

Donate today at www.academyforhumanrights.org or use the attached envelope and mail to 5999 South Park Avenue, Suite 201, Hamburg, NY 14075



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Recent Academy for Human Rights Events

The Academy for Human Rights and Erie 1 BOCES present

**Understanding White Supremacy:
An Evening with Talia Lavin**

Tuesday, April 27, 2021
7:00 - 8:00 pm EST
Online via secure Zoom

Granddaughter of Holocaust survivors and author of *Culture Warlords: My Journey into the Dark Web of White Supremacy*.






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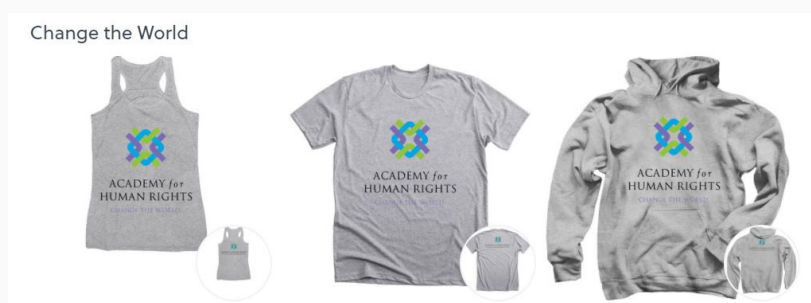
**Understanding Afghanistan and
the Power of Girls' Education**

Wednesday, May 19, 2021
7:00 - 8:00 pm EST
Online via secure Zoom

A conversation with Shabana Basij-Rasikh, founder and president of School of Leadership Afghanistan (SOLA).

Check out AHR's merchandise store!
bonfire.com/store/the-academy-for-human-rights



2021 Summer Symposium

Our Stories Can Change the World
July 11 - 16, 2021

Global Youth Summit

Act Local - Think Global
Fall 2021

"The Academy is important because it provides a safe space for educators and students to learn and grow, addressing the most timely and necessary issues that our community is facing."

Elizabeth Freas, AHR Board President



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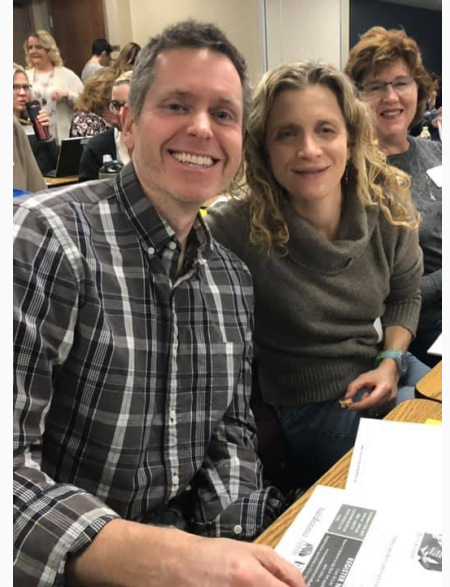


Your Support in Action

Did you know one public school secondary educator teaches about 125 students each year?

Since 2019, AHR has trained over 300 educators, influencing 30,000 students.

Your donation can impact thousands of lives!



"A teacher affects eternity."

Henry James, author

Make an impact today!

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You may also donate online at academyforhumanrights.org

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