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HUMAN RIGHTS  
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# 2021 Impact Report

Thank you for your love, support, and friendship that have made the Academy for Human Rights what it is today. With 2021 in the rearview mirror, I hope you feel great about the quality and popularity of the programming that your generosity made possible.

Webinars for educators focused on systemic racism, violent extremism, white supremacy, and girls' education in Afghanistan, and provided resources for educators to bring what they learned into their classrooms. The Academy's signature youth Summer Symposium highlighted the stories of courageous and inspiring people from Western New York and beyond, and the 1st Annual Global Youth Summit brought together students from around the world to talk about women's issues.

With the world continuing to change at such an unprecedented rate, we hope you can continue to dare dream of a better future that the Academy's mission envisions—one that boldly tackles the most pressing issues of our time. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation that will allow the Academy to continue its mission, grow its audience, and change the world.

To make your contribution, please use the attached envelope, or use the secure donation link at: [www.academyforhumanrights.org](http://www.academyforhumanrights.org).

With gratitude, admiration, and hope!  
Andrew Beiter, Executive Director

## 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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# Your Support in Action in 2021

Thank you for changing the world!

**8 Educator Webinars**  
Covering civic engagement and literacy, white supremacy, girls' education in Afghanistan, the genocide of Native peoples, and systemic racism

Trained  
**280 Teachers**

Impacting over  
**35,000** students in their classrooms in 2021

**110** Students from across the U.S. and 5 countries directly influenced by AHR's youth programs



Daryl Helfman (left) of Orchard Park Middle School received the 2021 Reed Taylor Award for Excellence in Human Rights Education.



The Academy for Human Rights and Erie 1 BOCES present

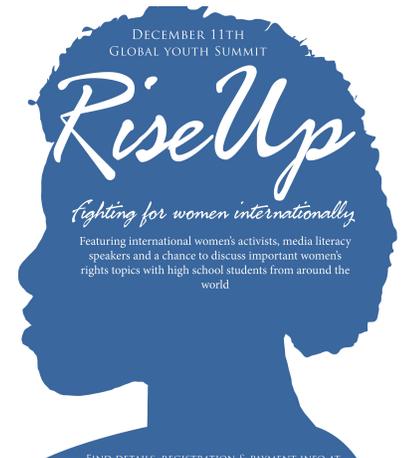
## UNDERSTANDING AFGHANISTAN AND THE POWER OF GIRLS' EDUCATION



Wednesday, May 19, 2021  
7 - 8 PM EST  
Online via secure Zoom

A conversation with Shabana Basij-Rasikh, founder and president of School of Leadership Afghanistan (SOLA) on the geopolitical landscape of Afghanistan today and the important role girls' education plays in the country's future.

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# How You Can Make An Impact

## 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

## Give In Honor of a Loved One

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



**"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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## Make an impact today!

Please make checks payable to **Academy for Human Rights** and mail to 5999 South Park Avenue, Suite 201, Hamburg, NY 14075  
You may also donate online at [academyforhumanrights.org](http://academyforhumanrights.org)

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- \$5000     \$2500     \$1000     \$500     \$175     \$50     \$25     Other \_\_\_\_\_

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# 2021 Educator Events

Thank you for your continued support and helping AHR change the world through human rights education!



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## BUILDING CIVIC ENGAGEMENT THROUGH LITERACY

A WEBINAR SERIES FOR EDUCATORS

**She Persisted and Loretta Little Looks Back**  
Thursday, January 14, 6:30 - 8 PM EST  
with author Andrea Davis Pinkney and illustrator Brian Pinkney

**Brick by Brick: Slaves Who Built the White House**  
Thursday, February 11, 6:30 - 8 PM EST  
with author Charles R. Smith, Jr. and illustrator Floyd Cooper

**An Evening with Author & Illustrator Jan Spivey Gilchrist**  
Thursday, March 11, 6:30 - 8 PM EST  
and art teacher Sara Lewinski



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Be sure to follow the Academy for Human Rights on social media to stay up-to-date with 2022 educator and youth events.

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## UNDERSTANDING WHITE SUPREMACY: AN EVENING WITH TALIA LAVIN

Tuesday, April 27, 2021  
7 - 8 PM EST  
Online via secure Zoom



The granddaughter of Holocaust survivors and author of *Culture Warlords: My Journey into the Dark Web of White Supremacy*, Lavin will discuss her in-depth research of online hate and white supremacy and how educators can inspire and equip their students to combat it in their community.

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## LEAVING KABUL: WE THOUGHT WE HAD MORE TIME

Thursday, October 7, 2021  
7 - 8 PM EST  
Online via secure Zoom



A conversation with Brian Castner, writer, former Explosive Ordnance Disposal officer, and veteran of the Iraq War. Castner serves as a Senior Crisis Advisor for Amnesty International and was on assignment when Kabul fell to the Taliban in August. He will share his experience of fleeing the airport, his perspectives on Afghanistan, and why he was in the country at this time. Information on how you can support and help those in need from Afghanistan will be presented.

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## NATIVE AMERICA AND THE QUESTION OF GENOCIDE: AN EVENING WITH ALEX ALVAREZ

Tuesday, October 19, 2021  
7 - 8 PM EST  
Online via secure Zoom



Did Native Americans suffer genocide? This controversial question lies at the heart of *Native America and the Question of Genocide*. After reviewing the various meanings of the word "genocide," Alvarez examines a range of well-known examples, such as the Sand Creek Massacre, to determine where genocide occurred and where it did not. The book explores the destructive beliefs of the European settlers and then looks at topics including disease, war, and education through the lens of genocide.

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## WHOSE AMERICA? THE CULTURE WARS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS AN EVENING WITH DR. JONATHAN ZIMMERMAN

Thursday, November 18, 2021  
7 - 8 PM EST  
Online via secure Zoom



Dr. Jonathan Zimmerman traces the history of how school systems and textbook publishers have navigated the conflict of whose stories in American history are told and how. From the efforts of immigrant groups in the 1920s, to civil rights groups in the 1960s, to the contemporary issue of Critical Race Theory, this evening will explore the dramatic story of conflict, compromise, and more conflict over the teaching of history in modern America.

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