

Speaker Biographies & Presentation Information

MONDAY FEBRUARY 4TH

Morgan Young

1st block 8:30-9:50 *Note this presentation is for the full block

Domestic Violence

End Domestic Abuse in WI <https://www.endabusewi.org/>

Morgan Young is an adjunct professor with UW Madison School of Law where she teaches courses about Domestic Violence. She is actively involved with the organization End Domestic Abuse in WI.

Howard Schweber

2nd block 10:05-11:25 *Note this presentation is for the full block

Free Speech/First Amendment

Howard Schweber is a faculty member at UW Madison in the Political Science Department. He received his PhD in Government from Cornell University and an MA in History from the University of Chicago after spending five years practicing law in Seattle and San Francisco. Schweber teaches courses focusing on constitutional law and legal and political theory. He is the author of "Democracy and Authenticity" (Cambridge, 2012), "The Language of Liberal Constitutionalism" (Cambridge, 2007), "The Creation of American Common Law" (Cambridge, 2004), and "Speech, Conduct, and the First Amendment" (Peter Lang, 2003) as well as articles, essays and book chapters on a variety of related topics. His current areas of research include comparative constitutional law and democratic theories of representation. In addition to his position in the Political Science Department Schweber is a core faculty member of the Legal Studies program. From 2011 to 2013 he was Visiting Professor and the first Vice Provost for Academic Affairs at Nazarbayev University in Kazakhstan, and in 2012 he was the Australian Fulbright Distinguished Chair in American Politics.

Joel Rogers

3rd block 12:45-1:20

Thinking Globally

Joel Rogers is the Sewell-Bascom Professor of Law, Political Science, Public Affairs, and Sociology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where he also directs COWS, the national high-road strategy center. Rogers has written widely on American politics and democratic theory. Along with many articles, his books include *The Hidden Election, On Democracy, Right Turn, Metro Futures, Associations and Democracy, Works Councils, Working Capital, What Workers Want, Cities at Work*, and *American Society*. Joel is an active citizen as well as academic. He has worked with and advised many politicians and social movement leaders, initiated and helped operate several progressive NGOs (including the New Party, Economic Analysis Research Network, Apollo Alliance, Emerald Cities Collaborative, State Innovation Exchange, and the EPIC [Educational Partnership for Innovation in Communities]- Network). He is a contributing editor of *The Nation* and *Boston Review*, a MacArthur Foundation Fellow, and identified by *Newsweek* as one of the 100 living Americans most likely to shape U.S. politics and culture in the 21st century.

Percy Brown

3rd block 1:30-2:05

The Truth about the "N" Word

Percy is currently the Director of Equity and Student Achievement for the Middleton Cross Plains Area School District, Senior Outreach Specialist for the Wisconsin Center for Education Research at the University of Wisconsin-Madison and an adjunct instructor for Edgewood College in the school of education.

Heifer International

4th block 2:20-2:55

***What is Heifer International?* <https://www.heifer.org/>**

Heifer believes that the collective power of economic development, food security and nutrition, and environmental sustainability can empower small-scale farmers on the path to living incomes. When those components are multiplied by the positive impacts of gender equality and social capital, communities achieve greater resilience and a sustainable reduction in hunger and poverty.

Kelly Danner

4th block 2:20-2:55 *PRESENTATION IN LMC

Equity in Dane County

Kelly is the current District 11 Dane County Board Supervisor and will share her experiences through the lens of equity

Lori DiPrete Brown

4th block 3:05-3:40

Global Health, Women's Rights & 4W Initiative <https://4w.wisc.edu/>

4W Initiative Director Lori DiPrete Brown began her career as a Peace Corps Volunteer in Honduras and has since travelled to over 13 countries to provide quality healthcare and social services that address the needs of women, children, and all people in highly vulnerable situations. Recently, she spearheaded inter-disciplinary 4W initiatives related to micro-enterprise and women's wellbeing, and a local to global effort to address the trafficking of women and girls for sexual exploitation. Professor DiPrete Brown holds degrees from Yale College, the Harvard School of Public Health, and the Harvard Divinity School, and she has also written a novel about her work with young women entitled *Caminata: A Journey*. Lori is proud to be the director of the UW-Madison Women and Wellbeing Initiative (4W), which serves as a convener and leading voice in education, applied research, and impactful engagement to promote global wellbeing and full participation of women in society. Through a variety of local to global projects grounded in human rights principles, the 4W Initiative is making life better for women and the world better for all.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 5TH

Mike McCabe

5th block 8:30-9:05

Corporate Influence & Democracy

Former executive director of the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign and candidate for governor, Mr. McCabe has spent years exploring the connections between money and politics.

Chris Keenan

5th block 9:15-9:50

Mental Health in Schools <https://www.nami.org/>

Chris Keenan currently works as a full-time data analyst and program evaluation specialist for Wisconsin's public mental healthcare system and has been active with NAMI Wisconsin and his local affiliate, NAMI Dane, since 2014. He fills several roles including board member of NAMI Wisconsin and chair of the NAMI Wisconsin Peer Leadership Council. Chris holds a perspective of both a person living with mental health condition and family member of persons living with mental health conditions and has experience navigating the mental health and forensic mental health systems across multiple states. Being a participant in advocacy and the peer movement has provided him with many opportunities to advocate for the best care possible for people living with brain disorders, and tell his family's story so that others may feel empowered by their own. When he's not in the office or volunteering, he enjoys rock climbing and downhill skiing.

Matt Rothschild

6th block 10:05-10:40 Matt Rothschild

Free Press

Wisconsin Democracy Campaign: <https://www.wisdc.org/>

Matt Rothschild is the executive director of the Wisconsin Democracy Campaign. Prior to joining the Democracy Campaign at the start of 2015, Matt worked at *The Progressive* magazine for 32 years. For most of those, he was the editor and publisher of *The Progressive*.

While there, he wrote a book entitled *You Have No Rights: Stories of America in an Age of Repression* and he edited an anthology called *Democracy in Print: The Best of The Progressive, 1900-2009*.

Sarah Godlewski

6th block 10:50-11:25

UNICEF Advocacy <https://www.unicef.org/>

Sarah Godlewski is on the Board of Directors for the Mid-Atlantic Regional Board for UNICEF. She will share her story of how she became connected with UNICEF and the work the organization carries out around the world. Ms. Godlewski is also the current Wisconsin State Treasurer.

Tara Drozdenko

7th block 12:45-2:05 *Note this presentation is for the full block

Nuclear Weapons and Humans <https://outrider.org/>

Tara Drozdenko is the Managing Director for Nuclear Policy at the Outrider Foundation. Tara oversees the nuclear mission area for the foundation and manages the program that produces accessible and engaging digital content about nuclear weapons for a non-expert audience. Her offline responsibilities include public outreach events, interviews, and speaking engagements—usually to student audiences. Prior to entering the nonprofit world, Tara spent more than a decade managing complex government programs and supervising teams of talented researchers at both the U.S. State and Treasury departments. She earned a Ph.D. in physics from UCLA and worked for the U.S. Navy on issues related to Weapons of Mass Destruction and for the U. S. State Department on Nonproliferation and Arms Control issues.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 6TH ALL PRESENTATIONS IN LMC

Sumudu Atapatu

1st block 8:30-9:50 *Note this presentation is for the full block

Climate Change and Human Rights

Sumudu Atapatu is the Director of Research Centers and Senior Lecturer at the University of Wisconsin Law School. She teaches seminar classes on “International Environmental Law” and “Climate Change, Human Rights and the Environment.” She is affiliated with UW-Madison’s Nelson Institute for Environmental Studies and the Center for South Asia and is the Executive Director of the campus-wide interdisciplinary Human Rights Program. She was a visiting professor at Doshisha University Law School, Japan, in summer 2014 and at the Giessen University Law School in summer 2016. She serves as the Lead Counsel for Human Rights at the Center for International Sustainable Development Law based in Montreal, Canada, and is on the advisory board of the McGill International Journal of Sustainable Development Law and Policy. She serves as affiliated faculty at the Raul Wallengberg Institute for Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Sweden teaching blended learning courses on human rights and environment for National Human Rights Institutions in Asia. She has participated in several consultations organized by the UN Special Rapporteur on Human Rights and the Environment, including a consultation on Climate Change and Human Rights with the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights. She has published widely in the fields of international environmental law, climate change, environmental rights and sustainable development and her book on Human Rights Approaches to Climate Change: Challenges and Opportunities was published by Routledge in 2016. She was a co-editor of International Environmental Law and the Global South published by Cambridge University Press in 2015 and is currently working on a textbook on human rights and environment for Routledge (with Andrea Schapper) and an edited volume titled The Cambridge Handbook on Environmental Justice and Sustainable Development (with Carmen Gonzalez and Sara Seck) to be published by the Cambridge University Press. She holds an LL.M. (Public International Law) and a Ph.D. (International Environmental Law) from the University of Cambridge, U.K., and is an Attorney-at-Law of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka.

Yasi Rezai

2nd block 10:05-10:40

Ceiba Foundation: ceiba.org/

The Ceiba Foundation for Tropical Conservation is a non-profit dedicated to the protection and rehabilitation of tropical ecosystems. Their projects are based in Ecuador and focus on research, education, and community-based actions that promote conservation. Ms. Rezai began working with the Ceiba Foundation in 2015 as a graduate student. Her project was to work with local landowners to promote reforestation using agroforestry on degraded land. Reforesting private land with crops such as coffee and cacao while using native species for soil enrichment and water retention can offer landowners a sustainable income while preserving the natural ecosystem. Ceiba’s long-term goal is to establish a Biological Corridor to protect the native plants and animals on the coast of Ecuador.

Elora Becker, Nina Kuhn & Rachel Kushner

2nd block 10:50-11:25

Students Experience with Anti-Semitism

Kristin Voss & Liza Hellenbrand

3rd block 12:45-2:05 *Note this presentation is for the full block

Inclusion is a Human Right

Inclusion is a Human Right- Join us in this session to explore what meaningful inclusion can mean at MHS. Our session will be an interactive exploration covering numerous topics including: experiencing sensory challenges; hearing from both a person with a disability, and a professional disability advocate; and learning the importance of including those with disabilities, beyond just letting them sit next to us.

Zohrab Khaligian

4th block 2:20-2:55

Armenian Genocide

A member of the Armenian National Committee of Wisconsin will share the story of the Armenian Genocide and why it is important to learn about this event.

Marissa Ocampo

4th block 3:05-3:40

ACLU Criminal Justice Reform in WI

Marissa is a youth organizer for ACLU Wisconsin. In her role as Youth Organizer, Marissa develops, facilitates, and guides various youth and public education initiatives around the state, such as ACLU Student Alliances, the Youth Social Justice Forum, specialized training, and legal observing activities. Additionally, she recruits, develops, and maintains relationships with young people, students, and community partners such as schools, youth service organizations, and volunteers. Marissa's overall role is to continue to represent the ACLU of Wisconsin in coalitions and with diverse individuals and organizations, elected officials, board members, stakeholders, allies, media, and the general Wisconsin public.

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 7TH

Becky Fabrizio

5th block 8:30-9:05

Literacy in Dane County <http://www.litnetwork.org/>

Becky Fabrizio works for the Literacy Network of Dane County. Becky manages and teaches in our Family Literacy programming, which aims to engage English-language-learning parents in their children's education.

Csanad Siklos

5th block 9:15-9:50

Press/Media Freedom in Hungary

Csanád is Assistant Director for Students and Curriculum at the Institute for Regional and International Studies at UW Madison. Prior to that, he was Assistant Director and Outreach Specialist for UW Madison's European Studies Centers. He has extensive experience with the strategic and operational management of a nonprofit entity and has done private consulting for the Rosetta Stone and University Language Services. He has a doctorate in Scandinavian Studies from the University of Washington (2002). Csanád speaks native Hungarian, fluent Norwegian, high level German and reads Swedish, Danish, and French.

Gina Bryant

6th block 10:05-11:25 *Note this presentation is for the full block

Opioid Epidemic

Sara Sillars

7th block 12:45-2:05 *Note this presentation is for the full block

Standing Up Instead of Standing By

Milwaukee Holocaust Resource Center <http://holocaustcentermilwaukee.org/>

Sara Sillars is a graduate of Grand Canyon University with a Bachelor's Degree in Applied Psychology. In 2011 she began co-writing Edie Shafer's memoir, *Shanghai Deliverance*, which was published in 2014 with Mary Munson Murphy. She began working parttime for the Nathan and Esther Pelz Holocaust Education Resource Center in 2014. She is a lifelong learner of the Holocaust and continued her studies recently in Israel at Yad Vashem.

Jean Geran

7th block 12:45-1:20 *PRESENTATION IN LMC

Human Trafficking

Dr. Geran is the 4W Director for Human Rights, Child Protection and Global Policy at UW Madison.

She is Co-Director of the 4W anti-trafficking initiative, 'Social Transformations to End Exploitation and Trafficking for Sex' and has extensive foreign policy experience working on human rights, trafficking in persons, and child protection.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 8TH

Doug McLeod

1st block 8:30-9:50 *Note this presentation is for the full block

How Media Foster Political Polarization and How it Threatens Democracy

Douglas McLeod is the Evjue Centennial Professor in the School of Journalism & Mass Communication at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. McLeod has published more than 100 journal articles, book chapters, law reviews, and other publications. McLeod's research develops two lines of inquiry into the antecedents and consequences of mass communication: 1) social conflicts and the mass media; and 2) media content and effects. The first program research focuses on the role of the media in both domestic and international conflicts, including media coverage of social protest and its impact on the audience. McLeod's second line of research studies that factors shape the content of mass media and audience outcomes in terms of knowledge, attitudes, judgments and behaviors, particularly in the area of framing and priming effects.

Friends of Pheasant Branch

2nd block 10:05-10:40

Conservation and Pheasant Branch

Sam Austin

2nd block 10:50-11:25

Health Care Access

Sam Austin leads UW Madison's Population Health Institute's Evidence-Based Health Policy Project. Prior to joining the Institute in 2016, Sam served for eight years as a budget analyst with the Legislative Fiscal Bureau, a public service agency of the state legislature. In this role, Sam was the lead analyst for state and federal health programs, including Medicaid, FoodShare, tobacco control, maternal and child health, and the Affordable Care Act, staffing the legislature's Joint Finance Committee and consulting with cabinet-level agencies. Sam is a graduate of the La Follette School of Public Affairs.

Advisory 11th/12th 11:30-12:00 & 9th/10th 12:05-12:35 Fair Trade Sale in PAC Lobby

No Sign Up Necessary

Arissa Olivarez

3rd block 12:45-2:05 *Note this presentation is for the full block

***Immigration and Human Rights* <https://cilcmadison.org/>**

Aissa Olivarez is the Staff Attorney at the Community Immigration Law Center (CILC). She joined CILC in August 2017 and as a part of the organization provides deportation defense. Aissa has represented many clients in removal and bond proceedings, and appeals.

Mark Voss

3rd block 12:45-1:20 *PRESENTATION IN LMC

***Peace Corps* <https://www.peacecorps.gov/>**

Monsieur Voss went to high school in Normal, Illinois and earned his bachelor's degree in Economics and French from University of Illinois Urbana/ Champaign. He studied in Dijon, France with Madame Bartholomew for his junior year. He joined the Peace Corps after graduating and served in Togo, West Africa for a little more than two years. In his town of Kétao, Togo, Monsieur Voss worked with farmers to help them market their crops and get the best price, secure short term loans from the United Nations, and expand the village hospital. He learned a lot from the farmers and also grew some field crops using oxen to till the soil while living there. When he returned to the US, Monsieur Voss earned his graduate degree in teaching in San Francisco after which he immediately took a position abroad again - this time teaching English in Kochi, Japan on the rural island of Shikoku. While living in Japan, Monsieur Voss rented land and had his first large vegetable garden and met one of his farming mentors, PhD

entomologist Masonobu Fukuoka, author of many books on Natural Farming, most notably *One Straw Revolution*. After traveling in Asia, Africa, and Europe on his return home, Monsieur Voss settled in Madison at a time when community supported agriculture (CSA) was first taking root in the area. He founded Drumlin Community Farm and has been farming ever since, though his farming operation is now called Voss Organics and specializes in organic seedlings for market and vegetable sales to restaurants rather than CSA. He started teaching French and in the Destinations program at Middleton High School in 2000 and wrote grants to establish the MHS school garden. Now he teaches French at Kromrey Middle School and has a great view of the Conservancy from his third floor penthouse classroom.

SVU Religious Panel

4th block 2:20-2:55

Panel of local religious leaders

Aili Tripp

4th block 3:05-3:40

Women's Rights/Violence Against Women in Africa

Aili Mari Tripp is Wangari Maathai Professor of Political Science and Gender & Women's Studies and Chair of the Department of Gender and Women's Studies. Tripp's research has focused on women and politics in Africa, women's movements in Africa, women and peacebuilding, transnational feminism, African politics (with particular reference to Uganda and Tanzania), and on the informal economy in Africa. Her current research involves a comparative study of women and legal reform in North Africa. She is also coordinating a related research project on [Women and Peacebuilding in Africa](#), funded by the Carnegie Corporation of New York and the Foreign Ministry of Norway, involving research in northern Nigeria, South Sudan, Sudan, Algeria, and Somalia. The researchers are from Nigeria, Uganda, Somalia, Sudan, Norway and the United States. She recently has won awards from Fulbright, the American Academy in Berlin and the Center for Research on Gender and Women at the UW-Madison.

***Friday Feb. 8th Fair Trade Sale in PAC Lobby from 10:00-3:00 (no sign up necessary)**

Participating Groups:

Fair Trade Sale Vendors:

SERRV (www.serrv.org)

DOERS Wisconsin/Afghanistan

Ethical Trade (<https://ethicaltradeco.com/>)-Multiple countries

Ubuntu Trade (<https://ubuntutrade.com/>)-Uganda

Trades of Hope (<https://www.tradesofhope.com/>)-Multiple countries

Heart of the Sky Fair Trade (<http://www.heartoftheskyfairtrade.com/>)-Guatemala

A Sense of Adventure: <https://www.asenseofadv.com/>-Multiple countries

Bali and Soul-can access page via Facebook

Wisconsin Without Borders: <http://www.wwbmarketplace.org/>

*Be sure to check out the portrait display called [Building Bridges](#) in Gallery 2000. It contains portraits and text about immigrants and refugees to the United States.

****Student Drop-In will also be available this year. They will need to obtain a ticket and get your signature prior to the event in order to attend.**