

CNYMUN 2025

GUEST SPEAKERS

We are proud to welcome 13 distinguished speakers from diverse professions to share their insights to our delegates. Feel free to join in on the conversations at the listed times below:

BETANIA ALLO



PROFESSION: Cyber Lawyer & Policy Expert

TIME & ROOM OF SPEECH: Opening Ceremonies @ Hendricks Chapel

Betania Allo, joining us from Buenos Aires, will be the keynote speaker for CNYMUN 2025! As a Programme Management Specialist with the United Nations, she has tackled the global threat of technology-enabled terrorism and violent extremism. Ms. Allo has also spearheaded high-level discussions on cybersecurity and counter-terrorism across the Middle East and North Africa. Through her speech, we hope delegates gain insight into the functioning of the United Nations and the delicate balance of technology and diplomacy in a rapidly evolving world.

PROFESSION: Director of Grants and Planning for PEACE, Inc.

TIME & ROOM OF SPEECH: Opening Ceremonies @ Hendricks Chapel

Maribel Arce has dedicated her career to advancing solutions that improve the lives of people living in poverty. Through her decade-long experience in international development, she brings a global perspective to local initiatives. As she represents PEACE, Inc., we hope her pitch inspires delegates and advisors alike to gain a deeper understanding of the powerful impact their contributions—through initiatives like jar wars and flower slips—will have on the local community.

MARIBEL ARCE





PROFESSION: Coordinator of the Apprenticeship and Infrastructure team of the NYS Department of Labor

COMMITTEE: U.S. Labor Summit

TIME & ROOM OF SPEECH: Session 1, 1:45 AM @ Hinds 018

Elizabeth Brando is the project coordinator in the Apprenticeship and Infrastructure team for the NYS DOL, she additionally participates in the Future Ready Workforce Innovation Consortium and works with Central New York regional leaders in mapping Micron workforce development opportunities. Please give Mrs. Brando a warm welcome!

PROFESSION: Associate Professor of History, Latin America & the Caribbean

COMMITTEE: OAS

TIME & ROOM OF SPEECH: Session 1, 1:45 PM @ Eggers 302

Gladys McCormick is an associate professor at Syracuse University in Mexico-U.S. relations. Outside of teaching, Dr. McCormick is the Jay and Debe Moskowitz Endowed Chair in Mexico-U.S. Relations for SU in NY. Her research interests range from Modern Mexican history to drug trafficking. She has multiple journal publications and is currently working on 2 book projects.



PROFESSION: Program Director for Science & Technology Studies

Foundation.COMMITTEE: Arab League

TIME & ROOM OF SPEECH: Session 1, 2:00 PM @ Eggers 018

Christine Leuenberger is currently the Program Director of Social Behavioral and Economic Science at Cornell University. Her current research interests align with Sociological Theory, Middle Eastern studies, and border studies. She currently has several publications with her most recent edition being her series The Politics of Maps which explores the political nuances of the Israel Palestine conflicts.

PROFESSION: Cybersecurity Professor

COMMITTEE: DISEC

TIME & ROOM OF SPEECH: Session 1, 2:15 PM @ Maxwell Aud.

Professor Keith Wolfe works at Lemoyne College as a Professor of Cybersecurity. His work in fields of information technology and information security, coupled with years of experience in the business industry, allow him to relate his learning concepts to DISEC's topics of assessing weaponization of gene editing and prevention of cyber attacks on civilians and governments.





PROFESSION: Associate Professor of History of Art & Architecture
COMMITTEE: Iranian Majles
TIME & ROOM OF SPEECH: Session 1, 3:00 PM @ Maxwell 110

Pamela Karimi is a trained architect and historian of architecture with expertise in the modern and contemporary Middle East. Her academic research centers on Architectural history and theory but also on cultural studies that pertain to gender equity and Iranian studies. Dr. Karimi is the author of several books encompassing Iran's political nature including Alternative Iran and Women, Art, Freedom.

PROFESSION: Associate Dean for Academic Affairs
COMMITTEE: UNDP
TIME & ROOM OF SPEECH: Session 2, 6:45 PM @ Falk 100

Ryan Williams, Ph.D. currently works as the associate dean for Academic Affairs at the College of Professional Studies at Syracuse University. His areas of expertise include foreign policy analysis, political psychology, and decision making, which envelop his research that also focuses on citizenship, cosmopolitanism, and international education.



PROFESSION: Judge & Professor of Law
COMMITTEE: UNHCR
TIME & ROOM OF SPEECH: Session 2, 6:45 PM @ Falk 1200

Judge Jamie Baker is the Director of the Syracuse University Institute for Security Policy and Law as well as a Professor at the Syracuse College of Law and the Maxwell School of Citizenship and Public Affairs. He also currently serves as a judge on the Data Protection Review Court, but previously served as a Judge and Chief Judge on the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Armed Forces.

PROFESSION: Executive Director of the Matilda Joslyn Gage Center
COMMITTEE: UN Women
TIME & ROOM OF SPEECH: Session 2, 7:00 PM @ Falk 104

Dr Danielle Nagle is the author of multiple peer reviewed journals which showcase her passion for social change. As Executive Director of the Matilda Joslyn Gage Center, Nagle applies Gage's philosophies on relationships between women, science, and earth for UN Womens topics of increasing access to feminine hygiene products and combatting sexual violence.



JOSHUA DREW



PROFESSION: Assistant Professor of Environmental Biology

COMMITTEE: UNEP

TIME & ROOM OF SPEECH: Session 2, 7:00 PM @ Eggers - Strasser Legacy Room

Joining UNEP from SUNY ESF is Dr. Joshua Drew Ph.D. As the assistant professor in the Department of Environmental Biology, he leads the CHAOS lab which focuses on studying conservational biology. His interests in research lie within community ecology, biogeography, historical ecology, and political ecology.

PROFESSION: Professor of Political Science

COMMITTEE: CCPCJ

TIME & ROOM OF SPEECH: Session 3, 9:30 AM @ Eggers 010

Professor Grant Reeher works at Syracuse University as the director of the Campbell Public Affairs Institute as well as a professor of political science. His research is focused on political theory, democracy, citizenship, and civic action, from which he has published multiple books, academic journals, and editorial essays. He has won multiple research grant awards for his work including the "Citizens Guide to Municipalities SSL" sponsored by New York Department of State.

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JASON FASULO



PROFESSION: Health Educator

COMMITTEE: CND

TIME & ROOM OF SPEECH: Session 3, 9:30 AM @ HB Crouse - Kittredge Aud.

Jason Fasulo will be joining CND to bring thoughtful insight regarding health to the issues of combatting drug usage and border security. He currently teaches in the Liverpool Central School District as a health educator. He is also a mental health first aid instructor for youth and teens and lacrosse coach.

