

New York State Convention of Universalists
190th Annual Meeting
October 21-22, 2016

Keynote speaker:

Philip P. Arnold

Phil Arnold is Associate Professor of Religion and Native American Studies at Syracuse University. Phil is also chair of the Religion Department at Syracuse. He is Director of the Skä·noñh—Great Law of Peace Center. Phil is a member of Neighbors of the Onondaga Nation (NOON). He established the Doctrine of Discovery Study Group and the Indigenous Values Initiative, a non-profit organization to support the work of the Skä·noñh.

His books include *Eating Landscape*; *Sacred Landscapes and Cultural Politics*; *The Gift of Sports* and *Urgency of Indigenous Religions*.



“The Urgent Need to Address the Doctrine of Discovery”

**Co-hosts: UU Church of Utica (Friday)
Unitarian Church of Barneveld (Saturday)
10 Higby Road, Utica and 4 Park Avenue, Barneveld**

All Unitarian Universalists are warmly invited to attend
Registration information will be posted at nyscu.org



Annual Meeting/Conference Fee: \$25 pre-register, \$30 at the door; Students: \$5 for lunch.
Driving directions at www.uuutica.org and uubarneveld.org
Housing: Radisson Hotel, 200 Genesee St., Utica, NY 800-333-3333 for reservations
 Rate is \$99/night if reserved by October 1, 2016. Mention NYSCU for group rate.
Home hospitality is available for \$40/night. Please email tammy.tenerowicz@sullivanhc.net
 or beckferr@hotmail.com for details

Friday Tourism: Attractions include Munson Williams Proctor Institute, the Adirondack Scenic Railroad, the Utica Zoo and the Saranac Brewery. The Erie Canal Village in Rome is a recreated 19th century village. The Oneida Nation's Shakowi Cultural Center has artifacts and artwork. The Steuben Memorial near Remsen honors the "drillmaster" of the American Revolution. The Oriskany Battlefield was one of the bloodiest battles of the American Revolution. Fort Stanwix in Rome, reconstructed, features life as it might have been for American patriots at a lonely outpost in 1778.

NYSCU Conference and Annual Meeting

Friday Evening Entertainment: 7:00 to 8:30, at the UU Church of Utica

Join us for refreshments, fellowship and entertainment – featuring Soulshine (Jeff Chard and Betsy LPorte).

Saturday Schedule: at the Unitarian Universalist Church of Barneveld

8:00 Continental breakfast & registration
 9:00 Opening worship
 9:15 – 10:00 Keynote
 10:00 - 10:30 Keynote Q&A
 10:30 break
 10:50 Business Meeting
 11:45 Lunch (vegetarian choices provided)
 12:45 First workshop session
 1:45 Break
 2:00 Second workshop session
 3:00 Closing worship
 3:15 Meeting adjourns

Opening Worship: Rev. Eve Stevens,
Unitarian Universalist Church of Utica

Keynote: "The Urgent Need to Address the Doctrine of Discovery" Philip P. Arnold

The Doctrine of Discovery (DoD) refers to a series of 15th Century Papal Bulls (proclamations of the Pope to the Catholic Church) that legitimized the capture of property, land and persons by 'discoverers' looting Africa and the Americas. Amazingly, the Doctrine of Discovery is still in effect and needs to be repudiated. The DoD is the conceptual basis for colonialism, social injustice and environmental destruction. Though it's been 550 years, the DoD comes the closest of any single worldview to being the primary problem of our time.

Workshops -- Session I:

How can religion address the issues of the Doctrine of Discovery? Is repudiation the only way forward?
 Presenter: Phil Arnold

Project Up & Out Presenter: Debra Hagenbuch

Debra will give an overview of Project Up & Out, a sponsorship program of the Social Action/Green Sanctuary Committee of the UU Church of Utica in an effort to help one family at a time overcome obstacles imposed by poverty and related problems to upward mobility. Debra has an extensive background in program development and service coordination targeting working individuals and families. This initiative could be replicated and the congregation is exploring ways to make it available to more families. Church member donations fund the project.

Workshops -- Session II:

Aging and Individuation Presenter: Margaret Maguire

C. G. Jung believed that profound psychological and spiritual development can occur in the latter half of life. Despite inevitable physical decline, aging adults have an opportunity for a deepening awareness of the self. The individuation process, when consciously undertaken, is characterized by an increased sense of uniqueness and wholeness.

Margaret is the former Treasurer of NYSCU, a member of the UU Society of Oneonta, and a former Trustee of the CG Jung Foundation.

Sacred Sites in Upstate New York

Presenter: Madis Senner

Learn about these powerful energy centers and how we can use them to heal Mother Earth. Madis is a former money manager turned Seeker. His upcoming book is *Sacred Sites in North Star Country*. It details places in NYS that have played a pivotal role in history: Home of the Women's Movement, Iroquois birthplace of Democracy (Onondaga Lake), Spiritualism, and abolitionist hotbeds. He takes meditators and dowsers to these sites to uplift Mother Earth. Check out www.motherearthprayers.org or <http://motherearthprayers.blogspot.com>.

Closing Worship: Rev. Stevens