

Updates from **UNA Maine**. Our UN Association Chapter's mission is to inform, inspire and mobilize United States support for the principles and vital work of the United Nations.

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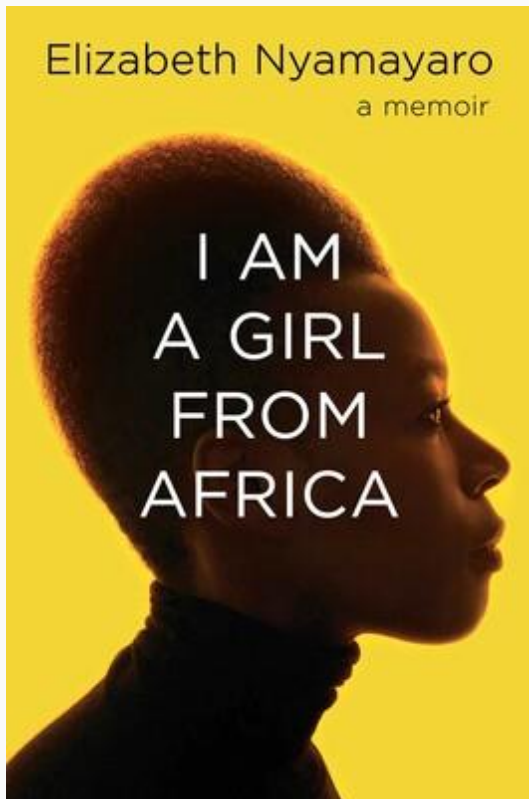
Maine Chapter

On **March 1**, Executive Director of UNA-USA, Rachel Bowen Pittman, issued a [statement](#) condemning "in the strongest possible terms" Russia's invasion of Ukraine. To help the people of Ukraine through the UN, Director Pittman suggested donations to: OCHA's [Ukraine Humanitarian Fund](#) (UHF) and other UN agencies, like [UNHCR](#) and [UNICEF](#), working on the ground in Ukraine and at its borders to provide critical support and assistance to people in Ukraine.

On Tuesday, **March 8**, International Women's Day, we also pause to honor women and girls around the world. May their lives be uplifted.

Two upcoming events feature accomplished women. A book discussion program with the Portland Area League of Women Voters (LWV) on **March 24** delves into the work of UN Women through the eyes of Zimbabwean born author [Elizabeth Nyamayaro](#). And, at our Annual Meeting on **April 2**, Ukrainian born [Yanina Nickless](#), a 2019 graduate of the University of Southern Maine, and a former Model UN Secretary General will share her observations on the Development of Youth Leadership through Model UN.

Details and registration links for both are below.



We are partnering with the LWV book club to discuss this optimistic, true story of one determined woman's journey from Goromonzi, a small village in Zimbabwe, to leadership positions at the United Nations. In her 2020 memoir, Ms. Nyamayaro describes how her work at the UN lifted up lives of others. This free, virtual program, open to all, is **Thursday, March 24, from 5 to 6:30 PM**. For more details about the book, and to register to receive the link, visit our website: <https://unamaine.org/calendar-and-events>

PLEASE JOIN US--2022 MAINE CHAPTER ANNUAL MEETING

DEVELOPING YOUTH LEADERSHIP THROUGH MODEL UNITED NATIONS

Saturday, April 2 10:00-11:30 AM

Featuring **YANINA NICKLESS**, 2019 USM Graduate, and former Maine Model UN Secretary General in conversation with Board member **Bret Bergst**.

Yanina (pictured below) was born and raised in Yantarne Village (200 residents) near the city of Kherson in Ukraine. Her Dad, Oleksandr, is a farmer - he grows grapes, strawberries, and peaches. Her Mom, Olena, is a librarian - she works with kids and older people. Yanina studied languages at Kherson State University for three years, while working as an English teacher in a kindergarten. Her parents still live in Ukraine. She permanently moved to the

US in 2015 and became a student at USM in 2016.

For all three years at USM, she was a part of the MeMUNC Leadership team - which she describes as "the best experience ever!" She now lives in Old Orchard Beach, and works as HR Coordinator at the Town of Kennebunkport.

FREE and open to the public. Register for this ZOOM event at info@unamaine.org by leaving your name. Our brief annual meeting will include a transition of leadership, plus welcoming two NEW board candidates, **Andrew Oliver** (Old Orchard Beach) and **Rev. Frank Strasburger** (Topsham). Both candidates are enthusiastic supporters of the UN. If you would like to be considered for a position on the board, please send us a short note indicating your interest at info@unamaine.org no later than Monday, March 28.



We are also partnering with the Frances Perkins Center for a virtual program on Sunday, April 3. Register at: [FPC-Public-Policy-Forum-2022](https://www.francesperkinscenter.org/virtual-forum-2022)

PROBLEM SOLVING IN A DIVIDED AMERICA

What Can We Learn From Frances Perkins' Era? What Can We Do Now?

Sunday, April 3, 2022 • 5:00 PM (EDT)
Virtual Forum • Free Event
Sign up at www.francesperkinscenter.org



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*The Upswing-How We Came
Together a Century Ago and How
We Can Do it Again*



AWARDEE
Shaylyn Romney Garrett,
Co-Author of
*The Upswing-How We Came
Together a Century Ago and How
We Can Do it Again*



AWARDEE
Janet Dewart Bell, Founder,
LEAD Intergenerational
Solutions. Author of *Lighting the
Fires of Freedom - African
American Women in the Civil
Rights Movement*

MEMBERSHIP DUES, BENEFITS, and DONATIONS.

Membership in the Maine Chapter UNA-USA goes through the National office in Washington D.C. Dues payments are split 50/50 between our Chapter and the National office. Membership entitles you to participate in free National programming, use of National resources, and regular messaging from National. Our UNA Maine Chapter warmly welcomes new and returning members (under age 26 is free). Directions for payment electronically or by check are available through our website: <https://unamaine.org/join-us>. Please be sure to indicate MAINE as your chapter preference when paying. If you have any questions at all about membership please contact us at: info@unamaine.org You can update your personal contact information with National here: [UPDATEUNA](https://www.unausa.org/update) National is also now providing an option for automatic, recurring membership. **PLEASE do not send donations for the Maine Chapter through National.** We welcome donations to the Maine Chapter electronically via our website, or by check mailed to our PO Box 262, Brunswick ME 04011. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Thank you!

Other Upcoming Events

April 25: UNAIDS Executive

Director. See Sidebar/below.

May 7--9:30 AM to 11:30 AM.

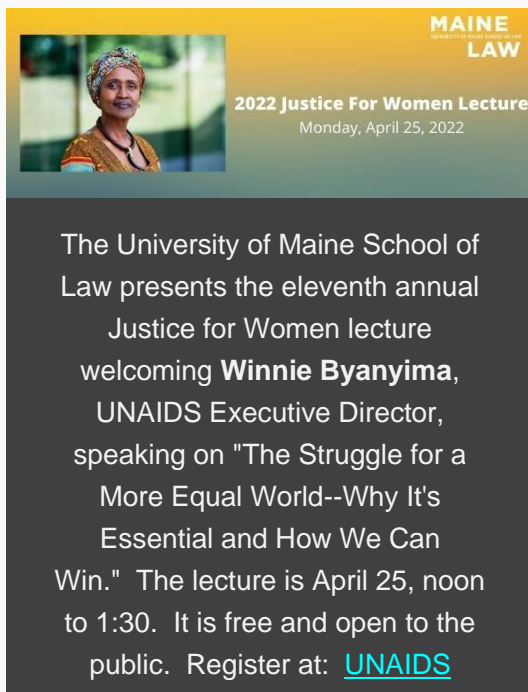
Virtual UNA Maine Chapter Board meeting. All members welcome (including Bates Chapter members). For the link, email: info@unamaine.org

May 11-13

Maine Model UN Conference

June 5-7

UNA-USA 2022 Leadership Summit, Washington D.C. Registration opens in the Spring!

The poster features a yellow-to-white gradient background. On the left, there is a portrait of Winnie Byanyima. To the right of the portrait, the text reads "2022 Justice For Women Lecture" and "Monday, April 25, 2022". In the top right corner, the logo for "MAINE SCHOOL OF LAW" is displayed. The bottom half of the poster has a dark grey background with white text.

MAINE SCHOOL OF LAW

2022 Justice For Women Lecture
Monday, April 25, 2022

The University of Maine School of Law presents the eleventh annual Justice for Women lecture welcoming **Winnie Byanyima**, UNAIDS Executive Director, speaking on "The Struggle for a More Equal World--Why It's Essential and How We Can Win." The lecture is April 25, noon to 1:30. It is free and open to the public. Register at: [UNAIDS](#)