

WOW Talks, Panels, and Discussions as of 04/16/18

Speakers and times are subject to change. Additional speakers are still being confirmed.

9:00–10:30 a.m.

OPENING SESSION FEATURING #METOO
FOUNDER AND ACTIVIST TARANA BURKE

LECLERC AUDITORIUM

Join us for the opening session of WOW 2018! Hear a special message from WOW Founder Jude Kelly and the Women's Year in Review. #MeToo Founder and Activist Tarana Burke will deliver remarks followed by a moderated Q&A.

Special message from Jude Kelly, *Founder of Women of the World*

Welcome from Marylou Yam, *President, Notre Dame of Maryland University*

In Review: Year of the Woman by Denise Koch, *Anchor, WJZ TV*

Introduction by Elissa Blount-Moorhead *Filmmaker, Artist, Curator and Author*

Tarana Burke, *#MeToo Founder and Activist*, in Conversation with India Gary-Martin, *WOW Global Ambassador*

10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

GLOBAL ACTIVISM FOR GIRLS (AGES 8-12)

SESSION I

UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC BUILDING TECH HUB

WE Schools Maryland will be presenting a program focused on women's empowerment through opportunity and entrepreneurship. Spotlighting WE Villages international opportunity projects in Kenya, WE Schools will inspire young women to use their skills and talents to empower themselves and inspire those around them.

WORKSHOP (SPACE IS LIMITED)

Jacquelyn Bullock, *Director, Education Partnerships for we.org*

Gabrielle Caddell, *Youth Action Facilitator, WE Schools*

11:00a.m. –12:00 p.m.

TRAILBLAZING WOMEN OF BALTIMORE

LECLERC AUDITORIUM

Women are leading many successful sectors of Baltimore. From public health and social entrepreneurship to technology and finding and paving a path to success, these women are blazing trails and shaping new narratives for the city. Join this conversation as key leaders from across Baltimore gather together.

PANEL

Moderator: Quinn Kelley, *Host of the Female Trouble Podcast, The Baltimore Sun*

Sheela Murthy, *Founder, Murthy Law Firm*

Deb Tillett, *President, Emerging Technology Centers*

Jamie McDonald, *Founder, Generosity Inc.*

Dr. Leana Wen, *Health Commissioner, City of Baltimore*

HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN BALTIMORE: ENDING
THE VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN AND GIRLS

DOYLE FORMAL

If you think it doesn't happen here, think again. Human trafficking is prevalent in Maryland and across the United States. Learn more about why it's so prevalent, the impact on survivors and those yet to escape this modern-day form of slavery.

PANEL

Moderator: Patti Provance, *Deputy Director, National Women's Studies Association*

Jessica Emerson, *Director, Human Trafficking Prevention Project; Saul Ewing Civil Advocacy Clinic*

Alicia McDowell, *Founder and Executive Director at Araminta Freedom Initiative*

MENOPAUSE CAFÉ

CAFÉ SPACE 1

Join this informal discussion group to increase menopause awareness and its effect on individuals and their relationships. Story sharing and questions are welcome. This session is open to all genders and ages.

DISCUSSION GROUP

Facilitator: Paula Slomin Derry, Ph.D., *Alternative Medicine Practitioner*

CONQUERING THE CONFIDENCE GAP

KNOTT 110

Are you "winging it"? Afraid you'll be found out any minute? Come along to find out how the confidence gap is connected to gender and gender inequality and learn tools to help you overcome it.

PANEL

Moderator: Oana A. Brooks, *Chair, WOW Baltimore Advisory Board*

Mischa Toland, *Founder, Girls as CEOs*

Brittany Oliver, *Founding Director, Not Without Black Women*

Susan Reimer, *Columnist, Baltimore Sun (retired)*

WOMEN FOOD ENTREPRENEURS OF BALTIMORE

KNOTT AUDITORIUM

Women make up over half of restaurant workers, but only 19% hold chef positions and even fewer are owners or proprietors. Hear from Baltimore women who have taken charge and crafted their vision of a food business—and why being a woman in the field makes a difference.

PANEL

Moderator: Lena Tashjian, *Writer and Influencer, Dinewellbmore*

Carrie Podles, *Owner, Alexander's Tavern*

Jasmine Norton, *Founder, The Urban Oyster and Wicked Sisters*

Nikki Marks-McGowan, *Co-Owner, Share Kitchen of Baltimore and Owner of Mindgrub Cafe*

WOW BITES

KNOTT 311

PRESENTATIONS

Anna Fowlkes, *Independent HIV Prevention Advocate and Spokesperson on The Graying of HIV*

Shantell Roberts, *Founder & Executive Director, Touching Young Lives, Incorporated (TYL, Inc.) and the Portable Alternative Crib Initiative on turning pain into a purposeful venture and saving local infants with a simple solution!*

Christina Brickwedde, *Ambassador, Hike Like A Woman on Finding Peace and Self-Love on a Trail and in the Outdoors*

Jennifer Folayan, *Creator, B'more Aloha on Three Secrets To Activating Your A-Game told from a survivor of rape, incest and a graduate of the foster care system*

MONEY: UNDERSTANDING PLANNING, RISK AND REWARD

KNOTT 108

Whether it's earning less, saving less, or investing less than their male counterparts, women face unique challenges when it comes to finance. Women of all budgets are invited to get some tips on how to save and spend better in this session.

WORKSHOP

Bonnie Stein, *President and CEO, Jemma Financial Services*

YOGA WITH DIVAYOGI MICHELLE STAFFORD

MBK DANCE STUDIO

Michelle Stafford has been teaching yoga for over 8 years, and personal training for over a decade. Her focus is on alignment, spinal stabilization, joint mobility, and overall strength.

11:30 a.m. –12:30 p.m.

SELF-CARE FOR WOMEN OF COLOR

CAFÉ SPACE 2

In this workshop, we will discuss, identify, and explore ways to integrate self-care into our daily lives. We will also explore what self-care looks like to each individual and present options for those who are not currently utilizing self-care.

DISCUSSION GROUP

Hope Gilchrist, *Counselor, MA, LCPC*
Dr. Kizzy Pitrell, *Counseling Psychologist*

SHELBY BLONDELL, BALTIMORE SINGER & SONGWRITER

WOW MARKET STAGE

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KNOTT SCIENCE BUILDING LOBBY | 12:00 - 12:20

QUEENEARTH, ACOUSTIC SINGER/SONGWRITER

LECLERC HALL LOBBY | 12:00 - 12:20

12:30–1:30 p.m.

SPEED MENTORING SESSION I

UNIVERSITY ACADEMIC BUILDING ROOM 106

Share your challenges, exchange ideas and explore different perspectives. This session is open to all, for you to discuss whatever challenge you would like, big or small. Mentors come from a diverse range of professions and backgrounds. You might be paired with a taxi driver or a taxidermist, an astronaut or an army general.

Hosted by Jemma Financial Services

SEX CAFÉ

CAFÉ SPACE 1

Pop in to this discussion group guided by the founder of VagEsteem™, a workshop series and podcast that encourages good and healthy sex through courageous conversations about love, sex, relationships, and everything in between.

DISCUSSION GROUP

Facilitator: Vanessa Geffrard, *Founder, VagEsteem™*

AGING AND INDEPENDENCE

DOYLE FORMAL

Join this open and practical conversation about women, aging, and independence. Living our best lives into our golden years will be discussed.

PANEL

Moderator: Denise Koch, *Anchor, WJZ TV*
Deborah Bakalich, *Owner, Senior Care Lifestyles*
Carmel Roques, *President and CEO, Keswick Multi-Care*
Bonnie Stein, *President and CEO, Jemma Financial Services*

AIN'T I A SISTA TOO?

KNOTT AUDITORIUM

At the Women's Rights Convention in 1851, Sojourner Truth famously asked "Ain't I a Woman?" 167 years later, we are tweaking that question—while maintaining its core racial and gender context. Join us for an intergenerational "get real" discussion that only girlfriends plotting evolution at the kitchen table can have.

PANEL

Moderator: A. Adar Ayira, *Senior Leadership, Associated Black Charities*
Harriet Smith, *Trainer, Baltimore Racial Justice Action*
Dr. Erica K. Taylor, *Racial Justice Activist, Baltimore Racial Justice Action*

SCARY MOMMY, JILL SMOKLER

LECLERC AUDITORIUM

Jill Smokler started an innocent online baby book to chronicle her stay-at-home days with her children. It transformed into a massive vibrant community of millions of parents, brought together by a common theme: Parenting doesn't have to be perfect.

CONVERSATION

Moderator: Jill Smokler, *Founder, Scary Mommy*
Christine Michel Carter, *Millennial Mom and Writer*

WOW BITES

KNOTT 311

PRESENTATIONS

Gemma Wenner, *Founder of Guayana's Coconut Festival on Women's Leadership*
Kate Bowers, in *Unconventional Places*, *Vice President at Weinberg Harris Public Relations and WOW Advisory Board Member on You Don't Own Me: Self Talk, Eating Disorders, and Learning to Honor Your Body*
Alysha January, *Founder, @DiscoverCharmCity on How I Became a Social Media Influencer*
Alyscia Cunningham, *Author, Filmmaker, and Photographer on the creation of Feminine Transitions as a Middle Finger to the Media*

TEENS TALK BACK—ACTIVISM

KNOTT 108

Join teenage girls discussing feminism and activism: is it cool, do they like the word, and do you care what others think? Whatever your age, this is your chance to hear from teens about their lives, thoughts and expectations – from the tough realities to straightforward optimism.

Facilitator: Ashley Day, *Program Director for the Pay it Forward Internship Program, Baltimore Polytechnic Institute Foundation*
Anna Hilger, *Baltimore March for Our Lives Organizer*

LET'S TALK FASHION!

KNOTT 110

Local fashion designers and influencers discuss the evolution of fashion, blogging and influencing.

Moderator: Jessica Gregg, *Managing Editor, Mid-Atlantic Media*
Jody Davis, *CEO and Designer, Jody Davis Design*
Tori Soudan, *Owner and Designer, Tori Soudan Collection*

BOLLYWOOD DANCE LESSON

MBK DANCE STUDIO

BEND IT LIKE BOLLYWOOD DANCE COMPANY

BILB is not only a dance learning academy but a place where students learn to find themselves and express their true selves through the wonderful art form of dance. Come move your body to the Bollywood beat!

1:00–2:00 p.m.

FRIENDSHIP FOR MILLENNIALS

CAFÉ SPACE 2

Making friends as an adult can be hard! Society of Excellent Women aims to create safe, inclusive spaces and events in which women in Baltimore can find each other for friendship.

DISCUSSION GROUP

Facilitator: Brittany Wight, *Founder, Society of Excellent Women*

1:30–3:30 p.m.

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BALTIMORE HOOPLOVE

BIG TENT

OLGA COMEDY

WOW MARKETPLACE STAGE

RUEDAS CASINOS

2:00–3:00 p.m.

DEATH CAFÉ

CAFÉ SPACE 1

Grab a cup of coffee or tea and join us to discuss death. Our aim is to increase awareness of death to help people make the most of their (finite) lives.

DISCUSSION GROUP

Facilitator: Rev. Wakoh Shannon Hickey, *Associate Professor of Religious Studies, NDMU*

FACTUALITY: A CRASH COURSE IN STRUCTURAL INEQUALITY

DOYLE FORMAL

FACTUALITY is a facilitated dialogue, crash course, and board game, all in one, that simulates real life experiences in America. All are welcome as we learn about structural inequality and how it affects various members of society.

WORKSHOP

Facilitator: Natalie Gillard, *Creator/Assistant Vice President, Multicultural Experience, Stevenson University*

HOW WE CAN RAISE OUR SONS TO BE GOOD MEN

KNOTT AUDITORIUM

In spite of positive changes in recent years, we're still raising our sons to be the boss, to tough it out, to be in control, to show no emotions, and to always be the winner. Not only does this cause terrible problems for women, but it sets boys up for failure; for these are ideals that no boy or man can live up to. This inspiring and positive talk helps us learn how we can do a much better job.

KEYNOTE

Dr. Michael Kaufman, *Co-founder, The White Ribbon Campaign*
Q&A with Dr. Marylou Yam, *NDMU President*

ACTIVISM BEYOND BORDERS

KNOTT 110

What can US-based activists learn from their international sisters? Hear international change makers speak about how you can turn local activism into global solidarity.

PANEL

Moderator: Nicholas Dippel, *Field Based Recruiter, Peace Corps*
Meisha Robinson, *Director of Communications, National Peace Corps Association and Founder and Executive Director, I Am, We Are*
Tausi Suedi MPH, *Co-founder, Childbirth Survival International*
Micah Castelo, *Writer and NDMU Student*
Insha Hamdani, *New Program Development, Johns Hopkins University*

FUN WITH CHEMISTRY

LECLERC AUDITORIUM

Dr. Kate "The Chemist" Biberdorf's presentation is sure to ignite, inspire, and motivate! Catch her infectious love for learning and exploration in the sciences in a demonstration that is not to be missed. This presentation is a treat for all ages!

PRESENTATION

Dr. Kate Biberdorf, *Professor, University of Texas–Austin*
Moderator: Sarah Hasnain, *NDMU Student and Founder of NDMU's Society of Women Engineers*

HOW TO GET ELECTED

KNOTT 108

We need more women in politics and it starts here. In this session, you can learn from women experiencing the political process about growing your political voice, campaigning for a cause you believe in, and running for office.

PANEL

Moderator: Nykidra Robinson, *Founder, Black Girls Vote*
Krish Vignarajah, *Candidate, MD Governor*
Angela Angel, *Member, Maryland House of Delegates*
Elizabeth Embry, *Candidate, MD Lieutenant Governor*

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2:30–3:30 p.m.

FEMINISM THEN AND NOW

CAFÉ SPACE 2

Has the fight for gender equality evolved since the second wave of feminism? Join the discussion about the feminist movement. Has it changed over time or stayed the same?

DISCUSSION GROUP

Denise Koch, *Anchor, WJZ TV*

Brittany Oliver, *Founding Director, Not Without Black Women*

Betty G. Robinson, *Community Organizer and Activist*

3:00– 4:00 p.m.

MANDALA ART THERAPY

BIG TENT

Mandalas offer a place and way to bring together experiences, parts of life, feelings, and find meaning. Carl Jung is credited with introducing the Eastern concept of the mandala to Western thinking. He connected the form and practice with a complete expression of the Self. Making a mandala simply means creating an image within any circular space. Self-created mandalas might be considered mirrors of your inner self and symbolic of your potential for change and transformation. Their creation can provide particular support during stress or intense activity.

WORKSHOP

Facilitator: Cathy Goucher, *Program Director, Art Therapy Department, NDMU*

BOLIVIAN FOLK DANCERS

WOW MARKET STAGE

BALTIMORE HOOP LOVE

KNOTT SCIENCE BUILDING LOBBY | 3:00–3:25

3:30–4:30 p.m.

ROXANE GAY IN CONVERSATION WITH TRESSIE MCMILLAN COTTOM

LECLERC AUDITORIUM

Gay's newly edited collection of essays, *Not That Bad, Dispatches from Rape Culture*, talks address what it means to live in a world where women have to measure the harassment, violence, and aggression they face, and where they are 'routinely second-guessed, blown off, discredited, denigrated, besmirched, belittled, patronized, mocked, shamed, gaslit, insulted, bullied' for speaking out. Roxane and Tressie tackle this and a host of other relevant and timely topics in conversation you won't want to miss!

Introduction by Dr. Maeve O'Donovan, *Associate Professor and Chair of Philosophy Department, NDMU.*

Book signing from 4:30–5:00 p.m.

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SAND MANDALA DISSOLUTION CEREMONY

WOW MARKET STAGE

Mandalas are hand-made and impermanent works of art. This delicate WOW Baltimore mosaic will be ceremoniously brushed away and returned to nature.

SHELBY BLONDELL, *BALTIMORE SINGER AND SONGWRITER*

WOW MARKET STAGE

5:30–6:00 p.m.

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE FESTIVAL

WOW MARKET STAGE

It's impossible to go to everything, so come hear a summary of today's program with speakers and performers from across the festival.

PANEL

Moderator: India Gary-Martin, *WOW Global Ambassador*

6:00–7:00 p.m.

CLOSING RECEPTION

Toast WOW Baltimore and solidify the connections you've made during the day. Cheers to a memorable experience

