

## Rooted, Inspired and Ready: Virtual UUA GA2020 June 24-28

**Program of Events and Workshops:** Available at <https://www.uua.org/ga/off-site/registrants>. This is a preliminary list of the many workshops, check back a few times as it is updated and moved into the schedule. A virtual poster session from UUCSC, presented by Myron Waldman and Betsy Dalton, entitled “Accessibility for All: From Inspiration to Reality” is in the program.

### Featured Speakers of GA 2020

Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz is a historian, writer, and professor emeritus in Ethnic Studies at California State University, she is author or editor of 15 books, including the award-winning and 2019-2020 UU Common Read selection *An Indigenous Peoples' History of the United States*. Her most recent book is *Loaded: A Disarming History of the Second Amendment*. Forthcoming in 2021 from Beacon Press is *Not “A Nation of Immigrants:” Settler Colonialism, White Supremacy, and a History of Erasure and Exclusion*.

Dina Gilio-Whitaker (Colville Confederated Tribes) is a lecturer of American Indian Studies at California State University San Marcos, and an independent consultant and educator in environmental justice policy planning. Dina is co-author with Roxanne Dunbar-Ortiz of Beacon Press's *“All the Real Indians Died Off” and 20 Other Myths About Native Americans* (2016), and her most recent book, *As Long as Grass Grows: The Indigenous Fight for Environmental Justice from Colonization to Standing Rock*, was released in 2019.

Howard Bryant is a senior writer for ESPN and is a correspondent for NPR's Weekend Edition. He has won several awards for his writing, and has been twice-nominated for the National Magazine Award for commentary. His books include *Full Dissidence: Notes from an Uneven Playing Field* and *The Heritage: Black Athletes, a Divided America, and the Politics of Patriotism*.

And many others....

### Special Events of Interest

**Wednesday, June 24:** OPENING CEREMONY. This is the kick-off for the Annual GA and is always exciting. GA officially begins with a joyful, worshipful opening celebration with inspirational music and speakers. The opening celebration sets the tone for the days ahead.

**Thursday, June 25:** SERVICE OF THE LIVING TRADITION. This service honors fellowshipped and credentialed religious leaders, including our own **Reverend DL Helfer**, who enters full fellowship this year as a UU minister.

**Friday, June 26:** The COMMISSION ON INSTITUTIONAL CHANGE will deliver its final report and through workshops engage attendees in exploring how to take action based on their recommendations.

SYNERGY BRIDGING WORKSHOP: This is a transformative multigenerational worship. Be inspired and illuminated at a celebration of treasured worship elements, rites of passage and brilliant contemporary music. Live stream is available to the public.

**Saturday, June 27:** THE WARE LECTURE - You don't want to miss! This year's recognition and lecturer is given by **Naomi Klein**, award winning author, environmentalist, feminist and endowed chair at Rutgers University in Media, Culture and Feminist Studies.

**Sunday, June 28:** SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP. This is the largest annual worship and gathering of UU's. The worship service will include a collection for the **Tomaquag Museum**. Please participate to support our Narragansett friends! A video directed and produced by the Tomaquag and RI PBS will be included in the service.

**So much to take part in**

**So much to learn**

**So much to share**

**UUA GA 2020!**