



Weave a Real Peace 2019 Annual Meeting Women and Textiles: A Path to Peace

WARP's Annual Meeting brings members together for education, fellowship, food, an international marketplace and networking. This year's meeting will be held at Georgetown University Hotel and Conference Center in Washington, DC and features talks, museum tours, and evening programs. We welcome new members to join, and then register for the annual meeting – [please become a member here](#).

Meeting Registration Costs: This cost includes speaker fees, program facility fees, Textile Museum entry, bus to the museum, and meals listed below. For DC locals interested in attending our Saturday program, we have a Single Day Registration option.

- Full Meeting Registration (Early-bird rate for registration before February 17) is \$295
- Full Meeting Registration after February 17 is \$325
- One Day Registration, including lunch is \$95
- One Day Registration, including lunch and dinner is \$155

Meals: All provided meals are buffet-style, and will accommodate all dietary needs. Full meeting registration includes breakfast on Friday, All 3 meals on Saturday, and breakfast on Sunday.

Housing: There are single and double rooms available at a special lodging rate of \$149.00 per room per night (plus 14.8% tax) **until May 19**. After you register for the meeting, reserve your room directly with the Georgetown Hotel and Conference Center. Please register promptly, as rooms are available until sold out. Communicate with your WARP roommate in advance as only one of you needs to call to make the reservation. If you need assistance finding a roommate, please post in WARP's Google Group.

Room Options:

- *Comfortable King Room* with one king-sized bed. (\$149.00/night)
- *Deluxe Double Room* with two full-sized beds. (\$149.00/night, split between two people is \$74.50/night).

Booking:

- [Click here](#) to book your room online. To get our special event discount, you must book through this link. You will be able to select the number of nights and the type of room.
- Call 202-687-3200 to reserve your housing by telephone. When you call, make sure to say that you are with WARP, and name your roommate.

Financial Assistance: WARP has a scholarship program for students and young professionals under the age of 35 to attend our annual meeting. We also have an assistantship program for members who would benefit from financial assistance. For information on how to apply for financial assistance, please visit our [scholarship page](#).

Tentative Schedule

Thursday evening June 20th: We open with our annual *Welcome Circle*

Friday we'll visit the Textile Museum and have a private *Meet the Curator* event; as well an afternoon free to visit other museums with fellow WARP members. In the evening we have interactive textile activities and socializing planned.

- **Chapuchi “Bobbo”** will bring 2 African looms for Kente Weaving. He is the only Ewe Kente Weaver in the DC area.
- **Cynthia Alberto**, founder of the Brooklyn-based healing arts studio Weaving Hand, will be bringing a special interactive loom for WARP members to experience and use together.

Saturday will include our WARP business meeting, scholarship presentations, and presentations on our theme *Women & Textiles: A Path to Peace*. Our confirmed speakers are:

- **Yasmine Dabbous**, PhD, is a Beirut-born visual culture artist and researcher. Formerly a journalism and cultural studies scholar, Dabbous founded *Kinship Stories*, a line of tribal art necklaces revolving around values, stories and craftsmanship.
- **Laura Lemunyete**, born and raised in Wisconsin, has been living in Kenya since 1994, working primarily with women's groups on livelihood enhancement projects that range from camel management and water source development to children's education support and income generation activities. She has been working with, and a member of, the Ngurunit Basket Weaver's Cooperative Society for almost 20 years assisting the group to develop and market their product.
- **Elka M. Stevens**, PhD, teaches in the Department of Art at Howard University. In addition to teaching in both the United States and Ghana, West Africa, Dr. Stevens has worked as a fashion writer, a product development specialist for Aid to Artisans in Ghana and for the Ministry of Trade and Modernization of the Capital City, both in Accra, Ghana; a micro-enterprise trainer for the Peace Corps in Ghana; a technology trainer for the Ghana Tourism Capacity Development Initiative, a marketing project in Accra, Ghana and in numerous positions in the retail industry.

Saturday evening will include a reception and book signing featuring several new books by WARP members, a dinner together, and both live and silent auctions, as well as a screening of the film **Threads**, with a discussion led by producer Cathy Stevulak.

Our **International Marketplace** is open on Friday and Saturday, as is the **Silent Auction**.

Sunday morning we will have brunch and adjourn. Those with flexibility can easily spend another day in DC. Dumbarton Oaks, which has a great pre-Colombian collection, is only a ten minute walk from the Center.

Please email any questions to info@weavearealpeace.org

WARP's mission is to foster a global network of enthusiasts who value the importance of textiles to grassroots economies. Our purpose is to exchange information, raise awareness of the importance textile traditions to grassroots economies, mobilize textile enthusiasts and create conversations that result in action. Learn more at [Weave a Real Peace](http://weavearealpeace.org).

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