United Nations Observers

Dr. Connie Sobon Sensor, Chief Observer to the United Nations

A professor at Rutgers University, who has served on the Board of Directors for Sigma Theta Tau International Honor Society of Nursing. Recently completed a four-year term as the appointed liaison to the United Nations for Sigma, and is the President of the Northeastern Chapter of the Transcultural Nursing Society. She is a member of CSW-NY, the League of Women Voters, the Coalition for Global Citizenship 2030, and the UN NGO Major Group.





Paulette Austin

After completing her Liberal Arts degree, she joined the United Nations as a professional trainee in the Section for Latin America, Office of Technical Cooperation. She joined the Office of the UN Development Program, and worked with the government in each case to define needs and coordinate with officials from other UN specialised agencies. Mrs. Austin is passionate about working with women in developing countries.

Jane Colvin

Joined the League of Women Voters of the City of New York in 2006 and quickly became a member of the Legislative Action Committee. She was editor of the Inside the League newsletter, and had served as a charter member, a secretary and a treasurer. In 2019, Ms. Colvin was elected to the Board of the League of Women Voters of New York State where she is a member of the Voter Service, Investment, and Finance Committees. She is also an active member of the All Souls Unitarian Universalist church in New York City since 2006.





Sarah Hirsch

She is an economic and financial policy expert and former diplomat. From 2012 to 2019, Sarah served at the U.S. Department of the Treasury, most recently as senior advisor to the Under Secretary for Domestic Finance. Sarah represented the United States as an advisor and Alternate U.S. Executive Director at the African Development Bank. For her service, Sarah was awarded the Secretary's Exceptional Service Award.

Dr. Madeline Motta

She established the LWV Inmate Voter Registration Initiative through an LWVUS grant to register inmates to vote in Vermont correctional facilities. She is a Vermont Superior Court Assistant Judge and corporate and government ethics compliance consultant, lawyer, and academic. Madeline has advised Federal Agencies in Canada on complying with complex International and US human research regulations and authored Federal and Provincial policy. She was awarded the LWVVT June Carmichael Award for Outstanding Service to the League in 2019.



Dr. Robin Tokmakian

She represents the LWVUS as a member of the Observer Corps to the United Nations with an emphasis on Climate issues. Her League participation has included being president of the LWV of Monterey County (CA), and LWV California board member, and a member of LWVUS task forces on international trade and climate change (current). Dr. Tokmakian has a BA in Physics, an MS in Oceanography, and a Ph.D. in Physical Oceanography and is, by profession, a physical oceanographer.

Universal Health Coverage Day



Universal Health Coverage Day on 12th December is an annual rallying point for the growth movement for health for all. It marks the anniversary of the United Nations' historic and unanimous endorsement of universal health coverage in 2012.



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