

Email from Douglas Rose, January 22, 2022:

## **Upcoming Oberlin Pre-Reunion Zoom Presentation + Future Presentations + Participation**

**When:** Saturday January 29<sup>th</sup>, 4 pm

**What:** "The Road to Social Justice Activism: Oberlin and Beyond."

**Who:** Nan Aron '70 and Martha Bergmark '70, Tom Gold '70, moderator.

**How:** See Zoom link below to join

**Description:** Nan and Martha will describe their experience as Social Justice Activists, what they found worked, what didn't, and their accomplishments. After their presentations Tom will open the meeting for questions and discussion

### **Presenters:**

"Nan is a distinguished Lecturer in Residence at Georgetown Law School. She previously led Alliance for Justice, a national association of 130 organizations, which plays a central role in promoting diverse, progressive candidates to the federal bench and through its Bolder Advocacy Program gives groups the knowledge, skills, and technical support they need to advocate more effectively and boldly. Nan was a senior counsel at the National Prison Project and started her career at the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission."

"Following Oberlin, Martha Bergmark served as (1) founding executive director of Voices for Civil Justice, a national communications and media resource for advocates of civil justice reform and civil legal aid, (2) founding president of Mississippi Center for Justice, providing legal and policy advocacy to dismantle Mississippi's historic culture of injustice, (3) President of the Legal Services Corporation, administering federal funding for civil legal aid organizations nationwide, (4) founding executive director of the first federally funded civil legal aid organization to serve southeast Mississippi and (5) founding partner of southeast Mississippi's first private civil rights law firm. Since retiring in 2021, Martha continues her involvement as a board member of Mississippi Center for Justice and Voices for Civil Justice. Recognitions include Champion of Change by the Obama White House in 2011 and an honorary doctorate from Oberlin in 2012."

### **Zoom**

**Link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84109384368?pwd=Y0xXUkQ1RhibUVYbEIDNHhXIrZz09>

The link will be sent out again Friday Jan 28. If you have difficulty with the link, text or call Douglas Rose at (513) 532-3789.

## Road Map of Future Presentations

### The Road to the 50<sup>th</sup> Reunion Oberlin College & Conservatory Classes of '70, '71 & '72

On Campus

June 3 - 5, 2022



April's topic will relate to  
**Earth Day**  
Date/time TBD

May's topic:  
**The Underground Railroad •  
New Orleans to Oberlin**

Follow bloggers Dave '72 & Kathy TeKolste '72  
along the bike route from NOLA to Oberlin

March's topic will relate to  
**Women's History Month**  
Date/time TBD  
Organizer: Gayle Pinderhughes '70

February's topic will relate to  
**Black History Month**  
Date/time TBD  
Organizer: Gayle Pinderhughes '70

**The Road to Social Justice Activism:  
Oberlin and Beyond**  
Saturday, January 29, 2022  
4:00 - 5:30 p.m. Eastern Time  
With: Nan Aron '70 & Martha Bergmark '70  
Moderator: Tom Gold '70

Virtual Programs • Winter/Spring 2022

## **Invitations for Participation**

1. The Talent Sharing/Variety Show during the Reunion. Our three classes have multiple creative talents. If you have a talent (music, poetry, art, story telling, comedy) that you can present in less than 5 minutes, contact Steven Hesla at [HeslaSK@mso.umt.edu](mailto:HeslaSK@mso.umt.edu) or Doug Rose at [dfrose4@gmail.com](mailto:dfrose4@gmail.com)
2. "Out of the closet, Into the light." A get together during Reunion Weekend discussing the topic of gender role flexibility in our current evolving social environment. A session leader and 2-3 additional panelists would be needed. If you would like to lead, co-lead, participate, or be one of the panelists please contact [HeslaSK@mso.umt.edu](mailto:HeslaSK@mso.umt.edu).

## **Additional sources of Reunion information**

1. If you haven't already, visit the [reunion website](#) . (Also see the email from the Oberlin Office of Alumni Engagement, sent Jan 26, 5:06pm 2022)
2. Visit your class website, get the latest breaking reunion news, register to share what you've done since Oberlin, and read what your classmates have been doing since graduation. You can easily email classmates within your Class's website to re-kindle friendships [[www.Oberlin70reunion.com](http://www.Oberlin70reunion.com), [www.Oberlin71reunion.com](http://www.Oberlin71reunion.com), [www.Oberlin72reunion.com](http://www.Oberlin72reunion.com) – as appropriate]