

Charlotte Bunch to Speak April 4 as 2017 Riley Lecturer

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Charlotte Bunch, founding director and a senior scholar at the Center for Women&s Global Leadership at Rutgers University, will present the 2017 Elizabeth Hallenbeck Riley and Charles P. Riley Lecture at Alfred University at 5:30 p.m. April 4 in Nevins Theater. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Bunch, a distinguished professor in the Department of Women's and Gender Studies at Rutgers University, is a world renowned activist for women&s and human rights, a recipient of the Eleanor Roosevelt Award for Human Rights and a member of the National Women's Hall of Fame.

She was born in North Carolina, and graduated from Duke University in 1966 after majoring in history. As a student, her early work in human and women&s rights advocacy included associations with the Young Women's Christian Association and the Methodist Student Movement. Following her graduation from Duke, she became a delegate to the World Council of Churches Conference on Church and Society in Switzerland and president of the University Christian Movement in Washington D.C.

She served from 1979 to 1980 as consultant to the secretariat for the World Conference for the United Nations Decade on Women and in 1989 founded the Center for Women&s Global Leadership at Douglass College, Rutgers University. She has been a key figure in lobbying efforts through the CWGL and the United Nations for women&s rights to be recognized as human rights.

She joins a long list of women&s rights advocates as the Elizabeth Hallenbeck Riley and Charles P. Riley Lecturer at Alfred University. The lecture series began in 1996 with the support of Alfred University alumna Pamela Riley Osborn '62 and Patricia A. Riley '65, and their sister Melissa Riley, the three daughters of Alfred University graduates Charles P. Riley '35 and Elizabeth Hallenbeck Riley &36.