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**Pathways to Prevention of Hate and Extremism**  
**Teachers College, Columbia University**  
**Milbank Chapel**  
**Thursday, January 25, 2024**

**Program**

9:00 a.m.-9:30 a.m. Invited Speakers Arrive

9:30 a.m. Doors to Milbank Chapel @ TC Open

10:00 a.m. Event begins

10:05 a.m. Opening remarks

**Dr. Amra Sabic-El-Rayess**

**Exec. Director of The International Interfaith Research Lab**

**\*Remarks end with a Video.**

*\*The first panel will begin immediately after Dr. Sabic-El-Rayess finishes her opening remarks.*

10:30 a.m. **Panel #1: Resilience to Hate: Storytelling as a Portal to Prevention**

Moderator: Dr. Amra Sabic-El-Rayess, Executive Director of the Interfaith Lab

Mr. Joshua Seftel, Director of [Oscar-nominated \*Stranger at The Gate\*](#)

Mr. Richard A. McKinney, [Peace Advocate - We are Many - United Against Hate](#)

Mrs. Bibi Bahrami, [Peace Advocate - We are Many - United Against Hate](#)

\*Video transition in-between panels.

*Main event: Cowin Auditorium*

11:30 a.m.           **Panel #2: Words Matter: Building a Common Language**  
Moderator: Dr. Amra Sabic-El-Rayess, Executive Director of the Interfaith La  
Ms.. Stephanie Cinque, [One World Strong Foundation](#)  
Mrs. Jeanette Manning, Author of [Walking Away from Hate](#)  
Mr. Aaron Stark, Advocate,[Public Speaker](#)

\*Video transition in-between panels.

12:30 p.m.           **Panel #3: Evidence-Based Engagements of Success and Unity**  
Moderator: Mr. Vik Joshi, Interfaith Lab  
Student Speakers from Project Belonging (TBD)  
Ms. Emelia Kay Thelemann, Student Ambassador Board - [We Are Many - United Against Hate](#) (Platteville High School)  
Mr. Masood Akhtar, Founder of [We Are Many - United Against Hate](#)

1:30 p.m.           Closing remarks  
**Dr. Amra Sabic-El-Rayess**  
**Exec. Director of The International Interfaith Research Lab**

1:35 p.m.           Guests move to Lunch Location [Everett Lounge]

**Arrival Location**

Teachers College, Columbia University  
525 West 120th Street  
*[between Broadway and Amsterdam Avenue]*

**Formal Event and Panel Discussion Venue**

Cowin Auditorium, Horace Mann Building  
Broadway between 120th and 121st Streets

**Departure Location**

Broadway between 120th & 121st Streets

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