

MATILDA JOSLYN GAGE WEBINAR

FALL 2018

All sessions are 8:30 – 10:00 PM EST

September 25

THE RELIGIOUS FREEDOM ROOM, WOMEN'S RIGHTS, AND GAGE



Tom Flynn

Tom Flynn is the lively and entertaining executive director of the Council for Secular Humanism, and editor of its journal *Free Inquiry*. He is also director of the Robert Green Ingersoll Birthplace Museum and the Freethought Trail.

An author, journalist, and novelist, Tom's work addresses church-state issues right up Gage's alley. He was labeled the curmudgeonly "anti-Claus" for his 1993 book, *The Trouble with Christmas*, calling attention to the unfair treatment of the nonreligious during the year-end holiday season. He edited *The New Encyclopedia of Unbelief* and contributed a new Introduction to *A History of the Warfare of Science with Theology in Christendom* by Gage's friend Andrew Dickson White. This is a book Gage had in her library! Tom will keep us entertained and thinking with his presentation.

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\$15/one session (individual session tickets will be available roughly a week beforehand)

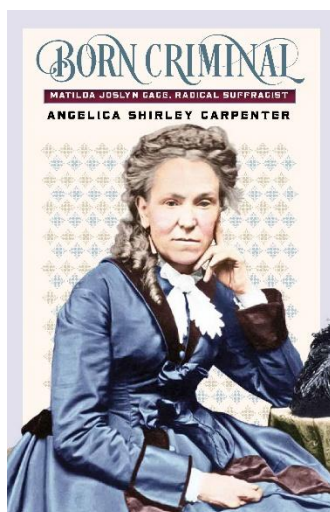
\$50 for all four fall sessions

To register go to <http://www.matildajoslyngage.org/product-category/tickets/.%20>. After registration, you will be given confirmation of the registration and a link for the broadcasts.

For questions please call (315) 637-9511 or e-mail
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October 2

YOUNG WOMEN AND GAGE



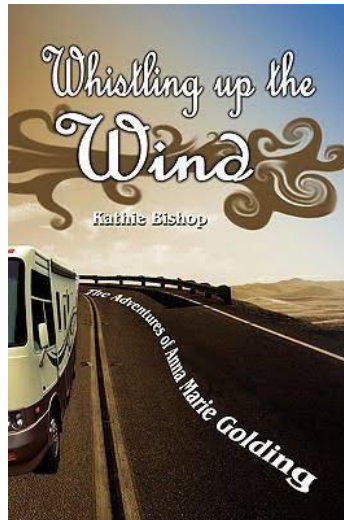
Angelica Shirley Carpenter

Angelica has written the first biography of Gage for young people, *Born Criminal: Matilda Joslyn Gage, Radical Suffragist*, which will be published in September 2018 by the South Dakota Historical Society Press, just in time for our webinar visit with her! Curator Emerita of the Arne Nixon Center for the Study of Children's Literature at California State University, Fresno, Angelica has authored four other biographies for young people, Frances Hodgson Burnett, L. Frank Baum, Robert Louis Stevenson, and Lewis Carroll. A past president of the International Wizard of Oz Club, she is an advisory board member for the Lewis Carroll Society of North America and a member of the Society of Children's Book Writers and Illustrators and the American Library Association.

This promises to be another fun and informative session, and Angelica's book will be for sale through our on-line gift shop.

October 23

WOMAN, CHURCH, AND STATE



Dr. Kathie Bishop

Kathie will discuss the most crucial writings and work left to us today in Gage's feminist classic, *Woman, Church and State*, which was originally published in 1893. This work was so controversial that the local school library would not allow the book on their shelves, and Anthony Comstock threatened to arrest anyone who allowed young people to have access to it. These writings continue to be controversial today but are central to why women have not gained full rights as predicted by Gage. She understood that it was far more than gaining the right to vote but also included awareness and changing of the power the church and state had over women then (and still do). As an additional feature, Kathie, who is an antique collector, will present her experience of hunting for treasures for the Oz room and the importance of the antiques that she found.

November 5

THE GAGE CENTER GIRL AMBASSADORS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS



Vanessa Johnson

Vanessa is a true renaissance woman. A Griot, a storyteller in the West African Tradition, she is a quilter, fiber artist, community educator, museum consultant, activist, writer, playwright, actor, and vocalist. She uses all her art forms and her voice to tell tales of social change and resistance. And she brings all these skills to her work as the Program Director of the Matilda Joslyn Gage Foundation's Girl Ambassadors for Human Rights Program.

During the 2017-18 program year, The Matilda Joslyn Gage Girl Ambassadors for Human Rights had the opportunity to:

- Facilitate Community Dialogues on social justice issues.
- Participate in the Women's March in Seneca Falls.
- Host State Department visitors from Armenia/India/Uganda/Laos
- Serve on a United Nations sponsored panel as a part of the Commission on the Status of Women Series.
- Visit the Mohawk Nation at Akwesasne for a cultural immersion program.
- Travel to Ghana, July 2018, to interview girls about Women's Rights and the Girls Education Movement in their country, and start a library in a small neighbourhood in Accra.

Vanessa will share highlights of the program with us, and, if we're lucky, she'll gift us with one of her favorite stories.

We hope you will join us for all four fall webinars in this series. Please note that there is a slight chance that there might be an adjustment in dates in the event of conflicts, but each of the sessions will be recorded and available through a dropbox or requested USB.