

GF22
Evening
Reception
(In order of
appearance)

Peter Seligmann CEO, Nia Tero

For more than 40 years, Peter Seligmann has been an influential and inspiring voice in conservation. He works in partnership with communities, governments, and businesses to find innovative solutions to ensure the sustainability of the planet's natural and cultural resources. Peter co-founded Nia Tero in 2017. He is also the Chairman of the Board and former CEO of Conservation International, a global nonprofit organization he co-founded in 1987. Peter began his career in 1976 with The Nature Conservancy as the organization's western region land steward, later becoming the director of the California Nature Conservancy.

Peter earned a Master of Science in Forestry and Environmental Science from Yale University and a Bachelor of Science in Wildlife Ecology from Rutgers University. Peter holds honorary doctorates in Science from Michigan State University and Rutgers University.



Valencia Clement Author, entrepreneur and scholar

Valencia Clement is a Haitian, queer, doctoral candidate, activist and artist. They are a daughter, a sister, a friend, and a leader. She was the first person in her family to be born in the United States and was raised in Queens, New York. Upon being awarded the Posse Foundation scholarship, she attended and graduated from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn. with a BS (2016) and Master of Public Policy (2018). She is currently a doctoral candidate studying Education Policy and Program Evaluation in Mary Lou Fulton Teachers College at Arizona State University, an author of seven independently published poetry books and a vegan cookbook, and an entrepreneur focused on social enterprise, houselessness and food justice. In her spare time, she likes to go to farmers markets, longboard, dance, hike and travel to beaches. Valencia's scholarly work focuses on epistemic justice, blues aesthetics, Black feminist and womanist philosophy, and arts-based methods.

