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## April 9 — Lost Civilizations & Lost Innocence

*Dr. Ken Feder shares the story behind the making of a “documentary.”*

NOTE: This meeting will be held April 9, the second Monday of April instead of our usual third Monday of the month.

On Monday, April 9, at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden, we will celebrate our 23rd anniversary! As is our custom, we will have a potluck (please bring something to share!), an anniversary cake, and a special speaker.

One of our very favorite speakers, archaeologist Kenneth L. Feder, Ph.D., is a professor at Central Connecticut State University. This will be his twelfth talk for us since 1999 — a great time to feature him as our anniversary speaker!

Ken tells us about this talk: “Having been a talking head for a number of television documentaries over the course of the last few years, in 2009 I naively accepted the request for an on-air interview by an independent production company for a video focused on what they called ‘North America’s Ancient Lost Civilizations.’ I thought the video’s intent was to illuminate the archaeological record of America’s indigenous societies. Instead, the

## Calendar of Events

Unless otherwise noted, all programs are held at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden, CT. RSVP for dinners at [meetup.com/cthumanist](http://meetup.com/cthumanist).

### APRIL

Sun., 1	Book discussion: “God’s Harvard” by Hanna Rosin.	3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Mon., 2	Social Dinner at Turkish Kebab House, 1157 Campbell Ave., West Haven. (203) 933-0002	7:00 p.m.
Sat., 7	Humanist Conversations: “What’s the problem?”	2:30 p.m.
<u>Mon., 9</u>	Anniversary Meeting ( <u>Note the date!</u> ) Potluck dinner	7:30 p.m.
	<b>Main program:</b> Ken Feder — “Lost Civilizations and Lost Innocence”	8:00 p.m.
Tue., 24	Hartford Area Dinner at Hanafins Pub, 21 Rankin Rd., Glastonbury. (860) 659-8599. Guest speaker: Daisy Cheng-Milano on building a secular coalition in Connecticut.	6:30 p.m.
Sun., 29	Board meeting	2:30 p.m.

### MAY

Sat., 5	Humanist Conversations: TBA	2:30 p.m.
Mon., 7	Social Dinner at Turkish Kebab House, 1157 Campbell Ave., West Haven. (203) 933-0002	7:00 p.m.
Mon., 21	Monthly Meeting <b>Main program:</b> Doug Peary “David & June Schafer, Humanist Heroes”	7:30 p.m.
Tue., 22	Hartford Area Dinner at Hanafins Pub, 21 Rankin Rd., Glastonbury. (860) 659-8599	6:30 p.m.
Sun., 27	Board meeting	2:30 p.m.

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documentary presented what was effectively a fundamentalist Mormon view of history in which the mound building societies of the American midwest were not Native Americans but, instead, ancient wandering Hebrews. If you have ever trusted television documentaries, this story will convince

you to be far more skeptical of both the process and the result.”

We’ll start our potluck at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 9, at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden, followed by Ken’s fun and informative talk at 8:00 p.m.

Bring a dish and a friend, and plan on having a great time!

## April 1 Book Group: “God’s Harvard”

Our next book is “God’s Harvard: A Christian College on a Mission to Save America” by Hanna Rosin. The discussion will be on Sunday, April 1 at 3:00 p.m. at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden.

Since 2000, America’s most ambitious young evangelicals have been making their way to Patrick Henry College, a small Christian school just outside the nation’s capital. Most of them are homeschoolers whose idealism and discipline put the average American teenager to shame. This school grooms these students, dispatching them to the front lines of politics, entertainment, and science. Hanna Rosin reports on a year and a half she spent embedded at the college, following the students from the campus to the White House, Congress, conservative think tanks, Hollywood, and other centers of influence. We hope to see you on Sunday, April 1 at 700 Hartford Turnpike at 3:00 p.m. for what promises to be an interesting discussion! Refreshments will be served.

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## ***Atheist Blood Drive, May 3***

After much effort to convince the Red Cross, Bill Russell of the Atheist Humanist Society of Connecticut and Rhode Island has arranged a blood drive on the National Day of Reason, Thursday, May 3rd, from 1:30 to 6:30 at the Groton Public Library!

You can schedule your appointment for any time from 1:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. at any 15 minute interval. Please schedule your appointment today by calling 1-800-733-2767, as the event is not online at this time.

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## ***Conversations: What's the problem?***

What important issues/problems do we think may be determined by who wins the Election of 2012? Much media focus has been on the campaigning politicians' ideas about ramifications of the Affordable Care Act — future costs, freedom to refuse to participate, hypothetical decisions. The arguments invoke details that vary from intellectual analysis to deeply personal perceptions but are often involved with women. Are there other issues the development of which affect women and men differently?

Join us on Saturday, April 7 at 2:30 p.m. at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden. Up-to-the-minute source materials will be provided and a lively discussion is sure to ensue!

Refreshments will be served.

## ***Speakers at Hartford Area Dinners!***

We are pleased to announce that our monthly Hartford area social dinners are being expanded to include a guest speaker. Our first expanded meeting will be on Tuesday, April 24, and we are delighted that our speaker will be Daisy Cheng-Milano of the Atheist Humanist Society of Connecticut and Rhode Island. Daisy will be providing us with an update on her efforts to set up a coalition of the various humanist, atheist, and secular groups in Connecticut. The meeting will be at Hanafin's Pub, 21 Rankin Rd, Glastonbury, with socializing and drinks at 6:30 p.m. and dinner at 7:00 p.m.

## ***Friday Night Cinema at USNH April 6 & May 4***

David Schafer has put together a series of movies for discussion for USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden. The evening starts at 6:30 p.m. with an optional potluck dinner, followed by the film at 7:00 p.m. and then a discussion.

The **Friday, April 6** movie will be "How Open the Door? Black Pioneers in a White Denomination." And the **Friday, May 4** movie will be Charles Ferguson's Academy Award winning "Inside Job."

Mark your calendars and drop in for a stimulating evening!

## ***Walk Against Hunger, May 6***

The Humanist Association of Connecticut will once again be participating in this year's Connecticut Food Bank Walk Against Hunger at East Rock Park in New Haven on Sunday, May 6. Registration begins at 1 p.m. and the walk starts at 2 p.m. To join us or make a gift, please visit our team page at on the Connecticut Food Bank's walk site at <http://ctfb.convio.net/goto/wag-nh-2012-hac>. You can also make a donation at any HAC event.

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