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## Common Cause: Citizens United & 2012 Elections

On Monday, November 19, Kim Hynes of Connecticut Common Cause will talk to us about how the Citizens United decision by the Supreme Court in 2010 affected the 2012 election. She will specifically speak to the issue of secretive and special interest spending on political advertising.

Connecticut Common Cause is a nonprofit, nonpartisan citizens lobby dedicated to improving the way state government operates. Whether it is advocating for opening committee meetings to the public or compelling the passage of the strongest campaign finance law in the nation, Connecticut Common Cause has been a leading voice in reforming state government.

Kim joined Common Cause in January of 2008. As its senior organizer, Kim is responsible for outreach to Connecticut residents in an effort to increase civic engagement and enable people to have a voice in the political process. Kim coordinates citizen activism in support of legislation intended to increase government accountability and transparency, and voting rights. She also runs voter registration drives,

## 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).

### NOVEMBER

Sat., 3	United Coalition for Reason Workshop	Postponed
Mon., 5	Social Dinner at Turkish Kebab House, 1157 Campbell Ave., West Haven. (203) 933-0002	7:00 p.m.
Sat., 17	Book Discussion: "She's Not There: A Life in Two Genders" by Jennifer Finney Boylan	3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Sun., 18	Board meeting	2:30 p.m.
Mon., 19	Monthly Meeting	7:30 p.m.
	<b>Main program:</b> Kimberley Hynes of Common Cause on Citizens United & 2012 Elections	8:00 p.m.

### DECEMBER

Sat., 1	Humanist Conversations: TBA	2:30 p.m.
Mon., 3	Social Dinner at Turkish Kebab House, 1157 Campbell Ave., West Haven. (203) 933-0002	7:00 p.m.
Mon., 17	Pot-luck dinner	7:30 p.m.
	Annual meeting and elections, followed by Solstice Party and silent auction.	8:00 p.m.
Tue., 25	Annual brunch at Pacific Buffet, 20 Ives Rd #301C, Wallingford CT. (203) 269-6888	12:00 noon

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coordinates rallies and marches, and manages social media for Common Cause in Connecticut.

Kim holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in biology from Mount Holyoke College. She previously worked as a molecular biologist for Bayer Corporation before transitioning to campaign work

and subsequently her current position with Common Cause.

Join us Monday, November 19 at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden. We will begin with refreshments and conversation at 7:30 p.m. The program will begin at 8:00 p.m., followed by plenty of time for discussion.

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# 400 Thanksgiving Dinners

Since Meals on Wheels does not deliver dinners on Thanksgiving Day, each year the Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen (DESK), affiliated with the Interfaith Cooperative Ministries (ICM), takes three hundred names of elderly people, and ICM volunteers deliver Thanksgiving dinners to them. They also prepare a sit-down dinner for one hundred of New Haven’s homeless and working poor.

If you could prepare or deliver food or write a check to “ICM” and send it to June Schafer, 27 Thornton Street, Hamden CT 06517-1321, it would be greatly appreciated. (June is happy to accept checks in person at HAC events as well.)

To volunteer or ask questions, please call June at (203) 281-6232.

## Book Discussion: “She’s Not There”

Our next book discussion will be held Saturday, November 17 at 3:00 p.m. at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden. We will discuss Jennifer Finney Boylan’s 2004 memoir, “She’s Not There: A Life In Two Genders.”

From the publisher: The provocative bestseller “She’s Not There” is the winning, utterly surprising story of a person changing genders. By turns hilarious and deeply moving, Jennifer Finney Boylan explores the territory that lies between men and women, examines changing friendships, and rejoices in the redeeming power of family. Told in Boylan’s fresh voice, “She’s Not There” is about a person bearing and finally revealing a complex secret. Through her clear eyes, “She’s Not There” provides a new window on the confounding process of accepting our true selves.

# Publicity Workshop Postponed by Hurricane Sandy

The publicity workshop hosted by Connecticut Coalition of Secular Organizations (of which The Humanist Association of Connecticut is a member) for members of secular organizations throughout Connecticut, will be rescheduled due to Hurricane Sandy.

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