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AHA Chapter

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UU Humanists Local Group

## ***Race Politics and Cannabis***

Join us on Monday, November 19, at 7:00 p.m. at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden when Aaron J Romano will present "Race Politics and Cannabis," a presentation that reveals the racially discriminatory origins of cannabis prohibition nationally and within the State of Connecticut.

A criminal defense attorney from Bloomfield, Aaron J. Romano is also legal counsel for CT NORML (the National Organization for the Reform of Marijuana Laws). Aaron is a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania School of Law and has been practicing law for twenty years.

This presentation is based on the research he performed for a case currently in litigation in Connecticut.

We will start with our customary half hour of coffee and conversation at 7:00 p.m. followed by Aaron's presentation at about 7:30 p.m.

Feel free to bring a friend!

## ***Socks Needed!***

SOCKS are the item of clothing MOST NEEDED at homeless shelters in New Haven. Unfortunately, they are also the least often donated item of clothing or food.

For this reason, the main branch of New Haven Free Public Library has this specific ongoing collection again this year. For health reasons, they are only able to accept new socks.

Please bring new warm socks to the front desk of the library on Elm Street or bring them to any HAC event, and I will deliver them to the library for you.

Thank you very much.  
 — Gayle Walter

## ***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 2018**

Sat., 3	Explorations: Immigrant Prisons	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Mon., 5	Social Dinner at Turkish Kebab House, 1157 Campbell Ave., West Haven. (203) 933-0002	7:00 p.m.
Sat., 17	Book Discussion: "The Wizard and the Prophet" by Charles C. Mann	2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Mon., 19	Monthly Meeting  Main program: Attorney Aaron J. Romano — "Race Politics and Cannabis"	7:00 p.m.  7:30 p.m.
Sun., 25	Board meeting	3:30 p.m.
Mon., 26	Dinner Discussion at the Wood-n-Tap, 2100 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden, CT. (203) 248-9663. Topic: Secular Values Voter	7:00 p.m.

### **DECEMBER 2018**

Sat., 1	Explorations: 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.
Sat., 15	Book Discussion: "The Rise and Fall of Adam and Eve" by Stephen Greenblatt	2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Mon., 17	Winter Solstice Potluck Dinner  Annual Meeting and Elections  Main Program: "What is ALEC and why should you boycott the companies that fund it?"	7:00 p.m.  7:45 p.m.  8:00 p.m.
Tues., 25	Annual Lunch or Dinner	TBA

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## ***Six Hundred Thanksgiving Dinners!***

Meals on Wheels does not deliver on Thanksgiving, so Interfaith Volunteer Care Givers (IVCG) and Downtown Evening Soup Kitchen (DESK) have taken 600 of the names of frail and elderly people to prepare and deliver their dinners. We need pies and frozen turkeys, drivers to deliver the dinners, and financial support to buy other necessary items.

If you can provide any of these please call me, June Schafer, at 203-281-6232 by Sunday, November 18, for further instructions. Checks should be written to "IVCG" with "Thanksgiving for all" in the corner below, and mailed to me at 27 Thornton Street, Hamden CT 06517.

Your help will be deeply appreciated!  
 — June Schafer

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# Dinner Discussion: Secular Values Voter

The Secular Coalition for America runs the Secular Values Voter website ([secularvaluesvoter.org](http://secularvaluesvoter.org)). They posit the four values of a secular voter are freedom, inclusion, equality and knowledge. On their website they define each of these values and highlight some key issues. Do you think their four values are good choices or would you pick differently? Do you agree with their definitions? Do you think they're overlooking any key issues?

Join us for this discussion at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, November 26 at the Wood-n-Tap at 2100 Dixwell Avenue in Hamden. Please RSVP via meetup or [programs@cthumanist.org](mailto:programs@cthumanist.org).

# Book Discussion: The Wizard and the Prophet

In November and December we will be reading books by two critically acclaimed authors we have enjoyed at previous discussions.

The selection for November 17 is "The Wizard and the Prophet: Two Remarkable Scientists and Their Dueling Visions to Shape Tomorrow's World" by Charles C. Mann, an incisive portrait of the two little-known twentieth-century scientists, Norman Borlaug and William Vogt, whose diametrically opposed views shaped our ideas about the environment, laying the groundwork for how people in the twenty-first century will choose to live in tomorrow's world. Mann is the best-selling, award-winning author of *1491* and *1493*.

"Mann is a compelling and forensic analyst of big tipping points in human affairs." —Fred Pearce, *The Washington Post*

"Mann's storytelling skills are unmatched. . . . The great virtue of Mann's book—and much of his journalism over many years—is that it raises very large questions . . . that are usually either ignored or answered in slogans. He provides detail enough, and simplicity enough, that anyone who is struggling with these puzzles will be enlightened and informed. And entertained, which, given the subject matter, is no small feat." —Bill McKibben, *The New York Times Book Review*

"Brilliant . . . The author's science journalism shines." —William Easterly, *The Wall Street Journal*

The selection for December 15 is "The Rise and Fall of Adam and Eve" by Stephen Greenblatt, author of "The Swerve."

Light snacks will be provided. Feel free to bring something to share.

# Explorations: Immigrant Prisons

Join us at 2:30 p.m. in the library at 700 Hartford Turnpike on Saturday, November 3, when we will watch the hour-long *Immigrant Prison Series* from Brave New Films to learn more about the immigrant prison industry. This includes four short documentaries: *Immigrant Prisons*, *Immigrants for Sale*, *No More Detention: Free Pastor Noe*, and *Trauma at the Border*. With the current surge of anti-immigrant rhetoric, stock in the immigrant prison industry is skyrocketing and more ICE agents are being hired to patrol communities and lock up immigrants all while giant corporations turn a profit. A discussion will follow.

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! Adult . . . . .	\$35	Address: _____
! Family . . . . .	\$50	_____
! Newsletter Only . . . . .	\$10	Telephone: _____
! Our membership year is 1/1-12/31.		E-Mail Address: _____
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