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The HUMANIST ASSOCIATION of CONNECTICUT



April 2022

UU Humanists Local Group

APRIL MONTHLY MEETING:

Monday, April 18, 6:30pm, USNH Children's Chapel

"Repatriation of Cultural Property: A Social Justice Issue"

We are excited to welcome Dr. Jackie Veninger-Robert as our speaker this month. Dr. Veninger-Robert is the Repatriation Coordinator and Indigenous Cultural Property Steward with the Connecticut Office of State Archaeology at the University of Connecticut. In addition to her repatriation responsibilities, Jackie advises students and provides instruction on issues surrounding Native American cultural property law and advocates for opportunities to decolonize museum anthropology. Before coming to UConn, Jackie worked in heritage management for tribal governments and federal agencies. She is a non-voting member of Connecticut's Native American Heritage Advisory Council. Her research interests include: archaeological ethics, heritage management and conflict archaeology.

Weather permitting, we will begin with coffee and snacks outside on the front "patio", at 6:30. You may bring light finger food to share. The program will begin inside at 7pm, following brief announcements.

Calendar of Events

RSVPs are welcome at [meetup.com/cthumanist/events](https://www.meetup.com/cthumanist/events). You can view the latest newsletter and calendar at www.cthumanist.org.

Note that some programs are held ONLINE this month. Also note USNH has a Covid-19 policy that requires record of vaccination, booster, as well as wearing of an appropriate mask. See page 2 for details.

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Sat. 2	Explorations "Walter Winchell: The Power of Gossip"	2:30pm
Mon. 4	Social Dinner [Zoom]	7pm
Sat. 16	Book Discussion "The Darkening Age" by Nixey	2:30pm
Mon. 18	Monthly Meeting Dr. Jackie Veninger-Robert, "Repatriation of Cultural Property: A Social Justice Issue"	6:30pm
Sun. 24	Board Meeting (all members welcome)	3:30pm
Mon. 25	Dinner Discussion	CANCELLED
Thurs. 28	Dining Out For Life @ Cafe Amici, Hamden	7pm

May 2022

Sat. 7	Explorations	TBA
Mon. 9	Social Dinner	TBA
Sat. 14	Book Discussion	"She Has Her Mother's Laugh"
Mon. 16	Monthly Meeting	Boshis' Travel Show
Mon. 23	Dinner Discussion	@ Wood-N-Tap, TBA

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP - It is that time of year again when we need to remind you to officially renew, or start, your HAC membership by paying dues for 2022. Your membership dues help us meet expenses such as honorariums for speakers, postage and mailing supplies, and monthly space rental payments. In addition, the strength of numbers can enhance the impact of any public statements, in letters to the editor, in testimony at the State Capitol in support of bills supporting humanist values, and, in general, in our strength as a local stakeholder group. Please mail in your check as soon as you are able, to:

Nina Stein
380 Hitchcock Road, #272
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Please print and complete the attached membership form (see page 3 of this newsletter) with your updated contact information and enclose with your check. If you have any questions, or if you need any assistance re attending our programs via zoom, please contact us. We greatly value your participation in our supportive community!

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EVENT OF INTEREST

USNH will be holding a class for potential new members on Saturday, April 30, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at USNH (in person).

Please note that attending the class does NOT obligate you to commit to USNH membership, but we have been especially welcomed by their Membership Coordinator, Jane Ferrell, to attend this class.

There are many advantages to both groups working more closely together. Please let Gayle Walter know if you wish to register for the class.

(At the end of the class, each participant will receive a "to go" box lunch which can be eaten outside, weather permitting.)

Covid Protocol Reminder & Additional Programming Notes

1) USNH Covid Policy: For in-person events at USNH, you must show record of a Covid vaccine AND booster (if eligible), and you must wear a N95, KN95, KF94 or equivalent mask while inside the building. No food can be served and social distancing should be observed.

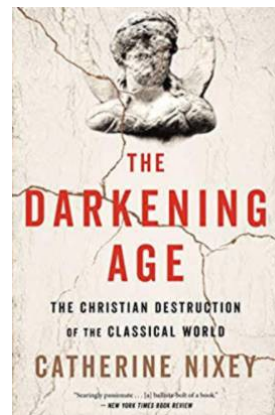
2) The Passover Seder at USNH originally scheduled for April 15 has been cancelled. Apologies for any confusion.

Book Discussion - Saturday, April 16, 2:30pm - USNH

"The Darkening Age" by Catherine Nixey

[T]he largely unknown story of how a militant religion deliberately attacked and suppressed the teachings of the Classical world, ushering in centuries of unquestioning adherence to "one true faith." Despite the long-held notion that the early Christians were meek and mild, going to their martyrs' deaths singing hymns of love and praise, the truth, as Catherine Nixey reveals, is very different. Far from being meek and mild, they were violent, ruthless, and fundamentally intolerant. (Amazon)

"Nixey's elegant and ferocious text paints a dark but riveting picture of life at the time of the 'triumph' of Christianity, reminding us not just of the realities of our own past, but also of the sad echoes of that past in our present." – Michael Scott, author of Ancient Worlds



Humanist Explorations: Walter Winchell - The Power of Gossip

Before the advent of television, and radio before it, Newspaper columnists held sway over public opinion. One of the most notorious of these characters was the famed gossip columnist, Walter Winchell. He also successfully made the transition to radio, and then television. The impact he had on news reporting foresaw the birth and rise of right wing talk radio and operations such as Fox News and the disinformation outlets that cloud our understanding of the world and society today. As a strong advocate of the McCarthy Era, this documentary on him provides a chilling picture of the world he was instrumental in creating.

To whet your interest: <https://youtu.be/aXN3QbdJnbE>

Saturday, April 2, 2:30-4:30, Social Hall

**** DINING OUT FOR LIFE is Back After a Two Year Gap! ****

The annual fundraiser for local HIV-AIDS fighting organizations will be held on Thursday, April 28. The Humanist Association of Connecticut will again be hosting a table (or two!) at Cafe Amici in Hamden to benefit A Place to Nourish Your Health (<https://apnh.org/> - formerly AIDS Project New Haven). 25% of all food and drink purchases will be donated to APNH by the restaurant.

Please RSVP on Meetup or to president@cthumanist.org so we have a count for the restaurant. Weather permitting we will be dining outside. Join us at 7 PM at 1640 Whitney Avenue in Hamden, not far from USNH.

If you can't join us for dinner, there are other restaurants participating on April 28th for breakfast, lunch and/or dinner. Or you can make a donation at <https://www.diningoutforlife.com/city/ct/>

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Adult \$35

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Our membership year is 1/1-12/31.

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