



The Humanist Association of Connecticut

Newsletter for November, 2023

Welcome to November

We are replacing our dinner/discussion in Hamden with a social dinner in the Hartford area on the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Sock collection

While New Haven Public Library is no longer collecting socks, Gayle Walter has found an organization which is a ready recipient of new socks, the most needed item of clothing at shelters, especially during the winter months.

Please bring your contributions of *new* socks, all sizes, to any HAC meeting.

Calendar for November, 2023

Sat, 4	2:30PM to 4:30PM	Humanist Explorations - Cory Doctorow at DefCon 31
Mon, 6	7:00PM to 9:00PM	Social Dinner at Turkish Kebab House, 1157 Campbell Ave, West Haven CT
Sat, 18	2:30PM to 4:30PM	"An Immense World" by Ed Yong at Wilson Branch Library, 303 Washington Ave, New Haven CT
Sun, 19	7:00PM to 9:00PM	Board Meeting (online)
Mon, 20	6:30PM to 8:00PM	Zoning Reform as Catalyst for Happy, Healthy Communities: A Chat with Robert Orr
Tue, 28	7:00PM to 9:00PM	Hartford-Area Social Dinner at Bombay Olive, 450 S Main St, West Hartford CT

Humanist Explorations - Cory Doctorow at DefCon 31



Saturday, November 4, 2023
2:30PM to 4:30PM

An Audacious Plan to Halt the Internet's Ensh*tification

The enshittification of the internet follows a predictable trajectory: first, platforms are good to their users; then they abuse their users to make things better for their business customers; finally, they abuse those business customers to claw back all the value for themselves. Then, they die. It doesn't have to be this way. Cory Doctorow has spent a lot of time thinking about this. Come listen to his 45-minute speech to DefCon 31 and discuss his solutions!

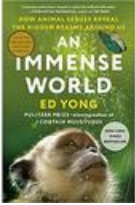
Cory Efram Doctorow is a Canadian-British blogger, journalist, and science fiction author.

DefCon is a hacker convention held annually since 1993.

This event was postponed from October as one of the hosts tested positive for Covid.

USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden CT

'An Immense World' by Ed Yong



Saturday, November 18, 2023
2:30PM to 4:30PM

Our book for November is *An Immense World: How Animal Senses Reveal the Hidden Realms Around Us* by science journalist Ed Yong.

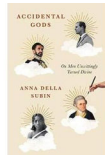
From Amazon: The Earth teems with sights and textures, sounds and vibrations, smells and tastes, electric and magnetic fields. But every kind of animal, including humans, is enclosed within its own unique sensory bubble, perceiving but a tiny sliver of our immense world.

In *An Immense World*, Ed Yong coaxes us beyond the confines of our own senses, allowing us to perceive the skeins of scent, waves of electromagnetism, and pulses of pressure that surround us. We encounter beetles that are drawn to fires, turtles that can track the Earth's magnetic

fields, fish that fill rivers with electrical messages, and even humans who wield sonar like bats.

"Equal parts science and poetry: Yong guides us through the magic of the animal kingdom in ways that have unlocked something inside of me I didn't know was there. I'll never look at our planet the same way again." – Clint Smith, author of *How the Word Is Passed*

Wilson Branch Library, 303 Washington Ave, New Haven CT



"Accidental Gods" by Anna Della Subin
December 16, 2023

Zoning Reform as Catalyst for Happy, Healthy Communities: A Chat with Robert Orr



Monday, November 20, 2023
6:30PM to 8:00PM

Join us for a lecture and conversation on the history of zoning, segregation, housing costs, community, polarization, and the power of place with architect, planner and

leading "New Urbanist" thinker Robert Orr, FAIA.

Trained in architecture at Yale, followed by a ten-year apprenticeship with Philip Johnson and then Allan Greenberg, Robert Orr is the principal of Robert Orr & Associates, an architecture and planning firm based in New Haven, Connecticut. He has been a leading thinker and practitioner in the "New Urbanism" movement since its founding 40 years ago. Robert has served as President of the Congress for the New Urbanism — New England Chapter and taught architecture and planning in the graduate architecture

program at the University of Hartford. He received his M.Arch. from the Yale School of Art and Architecture and his BA from the University of Vermont. He has lectured on architecture, planning, placemaking and urbanism around the world. Robert lives with his wife in New Haven.

This is our monthly meeting, held on the third Monday of the month.

We start with half an hour of coffee and conversation at 6:30 PM, followed by the main program after brief announcements at 7:00 PM.

USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden CT

Hartford-Area Social Dinner



Tuesday, November 28, 2023
7:00PM to 9:00PM

Join us for our Hartford-Area Social Dinner, and discuss a wide range of topics with like-minded people.

For more information, see <http://www.cthumanist.org>

Bombay Olive, 450 S Main St, West Hartford CT

Other events

Social Dinner: Monday, November 6, 2023
7:00PM to 9:00PM

Revised COVID policy

We request that you be as fully vaccinated as possible

Turkish Kebab House, 1157 Campbell Ave,
West Haven CT

Board Meeting: Sunday, November 19, 2023
7:00PM to 9:00PM



To join HAC or renew your membership, visit our membership page.

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