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Meeting the Challenge of Special Needs Children in Ghana

Join us on Monday, July 17 at 7:30 p.m. at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden when we will be visited by Dr. Lesley Hart, a cognitive psychologist, working in a postdoctoral program at Yale. One of Dr. Hart's recent opportunities was to work with special needs children in Ghana as part of a USAID grant. She has generously agreed to share some of her pictures, stories, and videos from Ghana and give an overview of what the program learned concerning the special educational needs of Ghanaian children, some trends in children's performances, and the issues that she and her colleagues found necessary to address when training teachers.

As Humanists concerned with helping others, especially the children around the world, we welcome this opportunity to hear about this important work.

Please join us on Monday, July 17, at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden. Coffee and conversation begins at 7:30 p.m. and Dr. Hart's presentation begins at 8:00 p.m. Bring a friend!

Calendar of Events

JULY, 2006

Sat., 8	Humanist Conversations: <i>Declarations of Rights</i>	2:30 p.m.
Mon., 17	Monthly meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden Coffee and conversation	7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
	Main program: Dr. Lesley Hart — <i>Meeting the Challenge of Special Needs Children in Ghana</i>	8:00 p.m.
Sun., 23	Board meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden	2:30 p.m.
Wed., 26	Dinner at Lisboa, 19 Lafayette St., Waterbury. (203) 754-0789 for directions.	7:00 p.m.

AUGUST, 2006

Sat., 5	Humanist Conversations: topic TBA	2:30 p.m.
Mon., 7	Dinner at Pasta Fair, 262 Boston Post Road, Orange. RSVP at humanism.meetup.com . (203) 799-9601 for directions.	7:00 p.m.
Tues., 15	Dinner at Northern Galapagos, 281 Winsted Road, Torrington. Call the restaurant at (860) 795-0030 for directions	7:00 p.m.
Mon., 21	Monthly meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden Coffee and conversation	7:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.
	Main program: Doug Peary — <i>Conference on Separation of Church and State</i>	8:00 p.m.
Sun., 27	Board meeting, USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden	2:30 p.m.
Wed., 30	Dinner at Lisboa, 19 Lafayette St., Waterbury. (203) 754-0789 for directions.	7:00 p.m.

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Conversations: Rights

Join us at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, July 8, at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden to discuss the Bill of Rights and the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in honor of Independence Day. Documents will be provided and refreshments will be served.

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Dinners

Please plan to join us Wednesday, July 26, and again on Wednesday, August 30, at 7:00 p.m., when we will enjoy another authentic Portugese meal at Lisboa Restaurante, 19 Lafayette Street in Waterbury.

On Monday, August 7, at 7:00 p.m., join us for a delicious Italian dinner at Pasta Fair, 262 Boston Post Road in Orange.

Finally, join us for a special dinner at Northern Galapagos restaurant, 281 Winsted Road, Torrington, on Tuesday, August 15 at 7:00 p.m. Call the restaurant at (860) 795-0030 for directions or visit their web site at <http://www.northerngalapagosrestaurant.com/>

Please RSVP for these events via humanism.meetup.com or by email to editor@cthumanist.org.

Book Group: The Kidnapping of Edgardo Mortara

The next Humanist Association of Connecticut book discussion will be on Sunday, September 10, from 3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden. The book we will be reading this summer in preparation for the discussion is *The Kidnapping of Edgardo Mortara* by historian David I. Kertzer. Copies are available in Connecticut public libraries as well as in book stores and online.

In June of 1858 a Jewish child who had been secretly baptized by a family servant was removed from his parents to be raised in a monastery by order of a Catholic inquisitor. Since this was not an uncommon occurrence in Jewish communities across Europe at the time, there was no reason to anticipate that this particular incident would become the internationally famous case that would turn public opinion against the Vatican.

In 1986 David Kertzer received a Guggenheim Fellowship, and in 1985 and 1990 he was awarded the Marraro Prize from the Society for Italian Historical Studies for the best work on Italian history. Currently he is the Paul Dupee, Jr. University Professor of Social Science and a professor of anthropology and history at Brown University.

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