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CSH Affiliate

Vlad Chituc - Secular Student Alliance at Yale

The Secular Student Alliance is an independent student organization that organizes, unites, educates, and serves students and student communities that promote the ideals of scientific and critical inquiry, democracy, secularism, and human-based ethics. The Yale chapter's current president is Vlad Chituc, and we've convinced him to tell us all about it on Monday, February 21, at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden. Join us at 7:30 p.m. for conversation and refreshments followed by Vlad's presentation at 8:00 p.m.

Bring a friend!

Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone who has renewed, joined or just responded to our annual membership drive.

Although our rent and the cost of postage has risen in recent years, we haven't increased our membership rates. This is largely due to the donations in our collection basket and the donations of food to our "refreshments" table.

Thank you for keeping us going year after year!

Calendar of Events

Unless otherwise noted, all programs are held at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden, CT. RSVP for dinners at meetup.com/cthumanist.

FEBRUARY, 2011

Sat., 5	Humanist Conversations	Canceled
Mon., 7	Social Dinner at Turkish Kebab House, 1157 Campbell Ave., West Haven. (203) 933-0002	7:00 p.m.
Mon., 21	Monthly Meeting	7:30 p.m.
	Main program: Vlad Chituc, President of the Secular Student Alliance at Yale.	8:00 p.m.
Thu., 24	Social dinner: Avon Indian Grill, 320 W Main St. (Route 44), Avon, CT (860) 284-4466	7:00 p.m.
Sat., 26	Book discussion: <i>The Color of Water</i> by James McBride.	3:00 to 5:00 p.m.
Sun., 27	Board meeting	2:30 p.m.

MARCH, 2011

Sat., 5	Humanist Conversations: TBA	2:30 p.m.
Mon., 7	Social Dinner at Turkish Kebab House, 1157 Campbell Ave., West Haven. (203) 933-0002	7:00 p.m.
Mon., 21	Monthly Meeting	7:30 p.m.
	Main program: Ken Feder — "Archaeological Odysseys: The 50 Sites in the United States You Should See Before You Die"	8:00 p.m.
Sun., 27	Board meeting	2:30 p.m.
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The Great Pink Scare ... or Not

You haven't missed "The Great Pink Scare." We will reschedule it later in the spring, when we're less likely to be mid-snowstorm. Since another snowstorm is predicted for February 5, we're going to wait until March to meet for Conversations. Weather permitting, why not join us for dinner at the Turkish Kebab House on Monday, February 9? We'd love for you to join us!

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The AHA Comes to Boston

The American Humanist Organization will be holding its 70th annual conference in Boston, MA, from April 7-10, 2010. Registration is discounted until February 28, and the April 10 tour of Salem is limited to 50 people, so hurry to www.americanhumanist.org to sign up!

Special guests this year include Richard Dawkins, Steven Pinker, Roy Zimmerman and more. And you don't want to miss the always fascinating speeches of the honorees!

"The Color of Water"

The next book discussion will take place on Saturday, February 26, from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden. The book we will be reading is "The Color of Water" by James McBride. This memoir tells two, parallel stories. One is the story of the bi-racial author, son of an African-American father and a white mother, who is an accomplished journalist and musician. The other story is his mother's story, that of a white Orthodox Jewish woman who joins an African-American community and converts to Christianity. This critically acclaimed book published in 1996 spent over two years on the *New York Times* bestseller list, and is assigned reading in many high schools and colleges.

Is there more to this story than revealed in the uniform accolades of reviewers and readers alike? Join us for a lively discussion led by Bonnie Cohen.

You can find the book in bookstores, online <<http://www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/159448192X/humanistassoc-20>>, and plenty copies are available in Connecticut public libraries <<http://iconn.org/FindALibraryInConnecticut.aspx?cat=consortia>>.

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