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The HUMANIST ASSOCIATION of CONNECTICUT

June 2020



UU Humanists Local Group

Monthly Meeting

Intercultural Competence Speaker Manuela Wagner

Monday Jun 15th, at 7 p.m.

Manuela Wagner is a specialist in the integration of Intercultural Competence and Intercultural Citizenship in world language education. In her presentation she will discuss the interplay of theory and the practice of implementing models of related theoretical frameworks (theories of criticality, intercultural communication, social justice, and intellectual humility). A new question she considers is how education can facilitate students' understanding of their own convictions.

If you are interested in some short readings:

<https://blogs.cardiff.ac.uk/openfordebate/2019/10/07/do-intercultural-citizens-need-to-be-intellectually-humble/>

<https://blogs.cardiff.ac.uk/openfordebate/2019/10/21/the-role-of-conviction-in-intercultural-competence-citizenship/>

<https://blogs.cardiff.ac.uk/openfordebate/2019/11/04/addressing-ethical-dilemmas-in-teaching-for-intercultural-citizenship-the-role-of-ih-and-conviction/>

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81751201634>

By phone, call

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

Meeting ID: 817 5120 1634

Calendar of Events

RSVPs are welcome at meetup.com/cthumanist.

All programs are held ONLINE this month. Unless otherwise noted, use the link at www.cthumanist.org

JUNE 2020

Mon 8	Monday Social (Turkish Kebab House)	7:00 p.m.
	Topic: "Speaking Up", with host Carol Siddall	
Mon. 15	Monthly Meeting -- Topic: "Intercultural Competence" Speaker: Manuela Wagner	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 20	Book Discussion: "The Book of Separation: A Memoir" by Tova Mirvis	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Sun. 28	Board Meeting	3:30 p.m.
Mon. 29	Monday Social (Wood-n-Tap) Topic: "Who Destroyed Three Mile Island?" with host Carol Siddall	7:00 p.m.

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Sat. 4	Explorations Topic: TBD	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Mon. 6	Monday Social (Turkish Kebab House) Topic: TBD	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 18	Book Discussion: "Natural Causes: An Epidemic of Wellness, the Certainty of Dying, and Killing Ourselves to Live Longer," by Barbara Ehrenreich	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Mon. 20	Monthly Meeting Topic: TBD Speaker: TBD	7:00 p.m.
Sun. 26	Board Meeting	3:30 p.m.
Mon. 27	Monday Social (Wood-n-Tap) Topic: TBD	7:00 p.m.

"And so in a real sense our nation's summers of riots are caused by our nation's winters of delay. And as long as America postpones justice, we stand in the position of having these recurrences of violence and riots over and over again. Social justice and progress are the absolute guarantors of riot prevention." Martin Luther King Jr.

We Need Your Membership!

Did you forget to pay your dues? It's never too late. Mail your check (\$35 individual, \$50 family) to Humanist Association of Connecticut, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden, CT 06517-2214

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Events, Past and Future

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USNH Event of Interest

GETTING OUT THE VOTE!

USNH has sent out 1,500 postcards through
Reclaim Our Vote in the past two weeks.
These postcards support people of color in
Georgia and Texas whose voting rights are
threatened. 4,000 cards are on the way for the
next big push by the almost 40 congregants
and friends working on this project. You can
also help by purchasing and donating rolls of
postcard stamps. Please contact
UUthevote@usnh.org to join this effort.

GROCERY CARD SALES!

Purchase Stop and Shop or ShopRite gift cards
& have them mailed or delivered to you.
USNH earns 5% of the face value of grocery
card purchases.
This will be applied to Social Justice work as
the reduction in financial contributions forced
a 25% cut in that budget.
Send a check to USNH, noting S&S or
ShopRite in the memo line, and a note with
your address and phone number. If you would
prefer to pay via PayPal (adding the PayPal
service charge), please contact Jamie in the
USNH office, office@usnh.org (203.288.1807,
ext. 201). Distanced drive-by exchanges of
cards, of both kinds, stamps, etc, are
scheduled, usually on Saturday mornings, in
the USNH parking lot.

Monday Social – Speaking Up, with host Carol Siddall

--June 8, 2:30 p.m.

What response to current events would you like from the Humanist
Association of Connecticut? We have traditionally avoided group public
statements. Staying silent may make us appear to support those we very
much do not. Come discuss possible actions for our group.

Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83880835103>

Phone only: +1 929 205 6099, Meeting ID 838 8083 5103

Book Discussion: The Book of Separation: A Memoir, by Tova Mirvis

-- June 20, 2:30 p.m.

“Tova Mirvis’s memoir, beautifully written and fiercely honest, is a moving
reflection on what it means to take responsibility for one’s own life. In the
course of the book Mirvis takes leave of her husband, her religious
community, and her inherited notions of how her life ought to go. By staring
so unflinchingly into her confusions and fears, a portrait of quiet courage
slowly assembles itself, radiating insights and inspiration for all.” – Rebecca
Newberger Goldstein

There is a Zoom link on the Meetup page, but if you are not signed up, don’t
worry, you may contact facilitator Kevin Gough directly at
kvngough@aol.com, and he will send you a Zoom invitation.

Monday Social (Wood-n-Tap) – Who Destroyed Three Mile Island? with host Carol Siddall

-- June 29, 7 p.m.

On March 28, 1979, at exactly 4 o’clock in the morning, control rods
slammed into the reactor core of Three Mile Island Unit #2, halting the
nuclear reaction because of a fault in the reactor cooling system. At 4:02, the
automated emergency cooling system activated as the reactor core
temperature continued to rise. At 4:04, one of the plant operators made the
befuddling decision to switch off the emergency cooling system, dooming the
reactor to partial meltdown. Why?

Please catch the presentation prior to the discussion at

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1xQeXOz0Ncs>

Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89139482514>

Phone only: +1 929 205 6099 US (New York) Meeting ID: 891 3948 2514

Attending Events

Attend the online meetings on your computer or smart phone using the
provided link, which typically contains the login number; this way we can
see each other for a closer meeting experience. Or, you may phone in and
enter the ID number when requested. Be patient! The meeting host will let
you in when the meeting begins.

Out of area? Find a closer number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/kcL7tZnewN>