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# The HUMANIST ASSOCIATION of CONNECTICUT

August 2020



UU Humanists Local Group

## Monthly Meeting *Finding Realness, Meaning and Belonging in our Digital Lives*

Speaker *Chris Stedman*

*Monday August 17, at 7 p.m.*

Chris Stedman is a Minneapolis-based writer, speaker, and community organizer. He has appeared on CNN, MSNBC, PBS, and Fox News, and has written for publications including *The Guardian*, *The Atlantic*, *The Washington Post* and others. He currently writes THREAD, a newsletter exploring the threads connecting online and offline life. The founding director of the Humanist Center of Minnesota, Chris was previously the founding director of the Yale Humanist Community and a fellow at Yale University, a humanist chaplain at Harvard University, and a content developer and trainer for Interfaith Youth Core.

*Details Magazine* named Chris one of “five next-gen gurus who are disrupting religion’s status quo” and Mic called him “the millennial who’s busting every stereotype about atheists.”

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88961328107>

## Calendar of Events

RSVPs are welcome at [meetup.com/cthumanist](https://www.meetup.com/cthumanist). You can find out about events and get the latest newsletter at [www.cthumanist.org](http://www.cthumanist.org).

Programs are held ONLINE this month.

### AUGUST 2020

Sat. 1	Explorations: “Remembering June” With: Doug Peary	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Mon. 3	Monday Social (Turkish Kebab House)	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 15	Book Discussion: “Elmer Gantry” by Sinclair Lewis	2:30 p.m. by 4:30 p.m.
Mon. 17	Monthly Meeting Topic: “Finding Realness, Meaning and Belonging in our Digital Lives” Speaker: Chris Stedman	7:00 p.m.
Sun. 23	Board Meeting	3:30 p.m.
Mon. 24	Monday Social (Wood-n-Tap) Topic: John Lewis, Civil Rights Pioneer	7:00 p.m.

### SEPTEMBER 2020

Sat. 5	Explorations Topic: TBD	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Mon. 7	Monday social (Turkish Kebab House)	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 19	Book Discussion: “White Rage” by Carol Anderson	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Mon. 21	Monthly Meeting Topic: TBD Speaker: TBD	7:00 p.m.
Sun. 27	Board Meeting	3:30 p.m.
Mon. 28	Monday Social (Wood-n-Tap) Topic: C.T. Vivian, A Visionary Project	7:00 p.m.

### June Schafer 1931 - 2020

Obituary: <https://www.legacy.com/obituaries/nhregister/obituary.aspx?n=june-schafer-joslin&pid=196543819>

In memory of June, the HAC donated \$500 to the New Haven Waverly community. You can make a personal donation (see obit., or contact Gayle Walter).

### Humanist Explorations “Remembering June”

*With Doug Peary --August 1, 2:30 p.m.*

This Saturday Doug Peary will lead a memorial service for June Schafer: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84388619469>

### We Need Your Membership!

It’s never too late to be part of this stimulating community. Mail your check (\$35 individual, \$50 family) to Treasurer Nina Stein at 380 Hitchcock Rd., #272, Waterbury, CT 06705

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## Events of Interest

### Electoral Justice

USNH volunteers have written and mailed 3,000 postcards in the past month. These postcards support people of color who have been purged from the voting registry in their state. The cards help them check and secure their voter registration. The national initiative supports the efforts of the NAACP on a state by state basis.

Help by picking up and writing postcards, and/or purchasing rolls of postcard stamps. Contact [UUthevote@usnh.org](mailto:UUthevote@usnh.org) or Gayle Walter for details on how to help.

### Hiroshima and Nagasaki

The annual commemoration of the bombings of Hiroshima and Nagasaki, sponsored by the Greater New Haven Peace Council, will be held at the flagpole on the New Haven Green. The Hiroshima commemoration on August 6 will start at 8:00 am and the Nagasaki commemoration on August 9 will start at 10:45 am. Please bring a mask with you.

### A Conversation on Racism, Social Justice and Humanism

August 10, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Leading African-American Humanists Dr. Anthony Pin and Mandisa Thomas engage us in conversation. This is an HFFC event.

Register in advance for this meeting:  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEpdOuvqjMvGNMvPk48T1yfleHDqIMD53sn>

## Monday Social (Turkish Kebab House)

– August 3, 7:00 p.m.

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

Link to event: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88333863806>

## Book Discussion: “Elmer Gantry” by Sinclair Lewis

-- August 15, 2:30 p.m. (Location online plus possible physical meeting, location to be determined)

From Amazon:

Universally recognized as a landmark in American literature, “Elmer Gantry” scandalized readers when it was first published, causing Sinclair Lewis to be “invited” to a jail cell in New Hampshire and to his own lynching in Virginia. His portrait of a golden-tongued evangelist who rises to power within his church—a saver of souls who lives a life of duplicity, sensuality, and ruthless self-indulgence—is also the record of a period, a reign of grotesque vulgarity, which but for Lewis would have left no trace of itself. “Elmer Gantry” has been called the greatest, most vital, and most penetrating study of hypocrisy that has been written since the works of Voltaire.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4120669052?pwd=S1VQTzFzMERJd2Z0RjBKL2NlUzZGlz09>

## Monday Social (Wood-n-Tap)

Topic: John Lewis, Civil Rights Pioneer

August 24, 7 p.m.

Before he was a U.S. Congressman, John Lewis (1940-2020) was one of the pioneers of the Civil Rights Movement. In this episode of “Oprah’s Master Class” the late American hero reflects on his life of activism and his friendship with Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and offers wisdom for the ongoing fight for justice and equality.

Watch at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tKmanDEy2ZE>

Attend: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82802607595>

## AHA Conference

Aug. 8<sup>th</sup>, 11 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Humanists across the country come together online. Explore our values and principals along with exciting, thought-provoking speakers.

Free to all, register at <https://conference.americanhumanist.org>

## Connecticut Food Bank

Donate online at [www.ctfoodbank.org](http://www.ctfoodbank.org) or send checks to:

Connecticut Food Bank, 2 Research Pkwy, Wallingford, CT 06492

## Tech Tip

Go to <https://www.meetup.com/cthumanist/> for the latest information. Scroll through the Humanist Association of Connecticut listings. This is a good way to RSVP and get a link to the meeting!