



HAC Monthly Meeting A Visit With Eugene Kogan

Monday August 16, 7:00 p.m.

When negotiation fails, mediation seeks other paths to amicable resolution. Eugene B. Kogan, Ph.D., will talk with us about a book he recently co-authored, "Mediation: Negotiation by Other Moves." The book covers models and principles; a mediation framework to prepare for mediation; a step-by-step approach to a mediation session; mediation traps and how to avoid them, for mediators and parties alike; and ethics of mediation and questions of responsibility.

Dr. Kogan has spoken with us in the past:

2004 - *The Case for Multilateralism*

2005 - *Liberalism or Leadership: Debating the Future of the Democratic Party*

2007 - *Truth: The New Agenda for Peace and Security*

2008 - *Change: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly*

2014 - *Nuclear Proliferation*

An expert in coercive negotiations, Dr. Kogan now teaches "Using Power Effectively: A Toolkit for Leaders," a professional development program at Harvard University's Division of Continuing Education. Dr. Kogan regularly trains business, public policy and military leaders at Harvard's Professional Development Programs, Harvard Kennedy School's Executive Education, Harvard Graduate School of Education's Professional Education, Brandeis, Sciences Po, Vienna's Executive Academy, and Salzburg Business School.

The online meeting link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81444530449>

Calendar of Events

RSVPs are welcome at [meetup.com/cthumanist/events](https://www.meetup.com/cthumanist/events). You can view the latest newsletter at www.cthumanist.org.

Some programs are held ONLINE this month.

AUGUST 2021

Mon. 2	Monday Social Zoom (No meeting this month)	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 7	Explorations- Ballet Boys	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Mon. 16	Monthly Meeting -Dr. Eugene Kogan Visit	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 21	Book Discussion: "Free Thinker: Sex, Suffrage, and the Extraordinary Life of Helen Hamilton Gardener" by Kimberly A. Hamlin	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Sun. 22	Board Meeting (all members are welcome)	3:30 p.m.
Mon. 23	Wood-N-Tap Discussion	7:00 p.m.

SEPTEMBER 2021

Sat. 4	Explorations - TBD	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Mon. 6	Monday Social Zoom - TBD	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 18	Book Discussion: "Quicksand" by Nella Larsen	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Sat. 18	Walk Against Hunger in New Haven	8:45 a.m.
Mon. 20	Monthly Meeting - TBD	7:00 p.m.
Sun. 26	Board Meeting (all members are welcome)	3:30 p.m.
Mon. 27	Wood-N-Tap Discussion - TBD	7:00 p.m.

HAC Explorations - Ballet Boys - Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo - Sat, August 7, 2:30 p.m.

This month we'll watch and discuss a documentary on Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo. Founded in the early 1970s after the Stonewall Uprising, the story of this gay male dance company parallels the rise of the LGBTQ movement. As the Harlem Globetrotters related to professional basketball, the Trocks relate to the world of classical ballet. The high level of technical expertise melded with a great degree of humor will allow even non ballet lovers to appreciate their work and the impact on the rising acceptance of the LGBTQ community in our society. We will meet for Explorations in the Social Hall at USNH.

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Events of Interest

- Center for Inquiry – Aug 5
Subject: Mike Rothschild on Skeptical Inquirer
Presents “The QAnon Storm is Upon Us”
Register at <https://centerforinquiry.org/>
- Northeast Conference on Science and Skepticism (NECSS) – August 6-7
Resister at <https://necss.org/>

Save the Date

Walk Against Hunger - Connecticut Foodbank and Foodshare have merged. This year's Walk Against Hunger will be held at the Dunkin' Donuts (Yard Goats) Stadium, 1214 Main Street, Hartford, on Saturday, September 18 with registration starting from 8:45 AM. The after-walk ceremonies should be concluded by noon.

The team web site is now live, so you can donate, or join the HAC team at:
<http://site.foodshare.org/goto/cthumanist>

Book Discussion: “Free Thinker: Sex, Suffrage, and the Extraordinary Life of Helen Hamilton Gardener” by Kimberly A. Hamlin

Hosted by Kevin & Paula – Sat, August 21, 2:30 p.m.

When Ohio newspapers published the story of Alice Chenoweth’s affair with a married man, she changed her name to Helen Hamilton Gardener, moved to New York, and devoted her life to championing women’s rights and decrying the sexual double standard. She published seven books and countless essays, hobnobbed with the most interesting thinkers of her era and was celebrated for her audacious ideas and keen wit. Opposed to piety, temperance, and conventional thinking, Gardener eventually settled in Washington, D.C., where her tireless work proved, according to her colleague Maud Wood Park, “the most potent factor” in the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment. – *Amazon*

“Free Thinker” is as vivid and arresting as its subject. And Helen Hamilton Gardener’s insistent argument, that American women were ‘self-respecting, self-directing human units with brains and bodies sacredly their own,’ still feels as urgent and as radical as it did a century ago. – Jane Kamensky, Harvard University

Upcoming Books:

Saturday, September 18: “Quicksand” by Nella Larsen

Saturday, October 16: “The Evolution of God” by Robert Wright

We will meet for the Book Discussion in the Social Hall at USNH.

Wood-N-Tap Discussion: – Discussion: Power, Corruption and the Olympics

Mon. August 23, 7:00 p.m. indoors at the Hamden Wood-n-Tap

Spectator sports are no stranger to corruption and the Tokyo Olympics added to the Olympic scandal of the 1990s. Catch up with Slate article <https://slate.com/culture/2021/07/international-olympic-committee-jerks-ioc-corruption-covid-tokyo.html> and come prepared to discuss the issues. See the meetup article to attend and entertain questions to consider for discussion.

Tech Tip – How to Combine Probabilities

With the AND operation of Boolean algebra (the algebra of logic), you multiply (not add!) probabilities. If, for example, the effectiveness of a mask is 30%, the effectiveness of social distancing is 60%, and the effectiveness of the vaccine is 85%, your chance of getting or spreading Covid if you are exposed is (1 – 0.3) AND (1 – 0.6) AND (1 – 0.85), or $0.7 \times 0.4 \times 0.15 = 0.042$ or about 4%.

The above probabilities are made up; any mask properly worn will be better than 30% effective, and social distancing at 15 feet is better than at 3 feet. But doing all three things in the face of it is still better than just doing one. It’s logical!