

**Monthly Meeting (Virtual) - Sat. Feb. 12
7pm****Darwin Day Celebration!**

This month we are featuring the annual CT Darwin Day program which this year is organized by Humanists & Freethinkers of Fairfield County. We will hear from Dr. Pincelli Hull whose presentation is entitled "Mass Extinction in our Once and Future World." Dr. Hull is a Yale University Assistant Professor of Earth and Planetary Sciences, & Assistant Curator of Invertebrate Paleontology at the the Yale Peabody Museum.

* Registration Required:
bit.ly/DarwinDayCT2022

**Calendar of Events**

RSVPs are welcome at meetup.com/cthumanist/events. You can view the latest newsletter and calendar at www.cthumanist.org.

Note that some programs are held ONLINE this month. Also note USNH has a Covid-19 policy that requires record of vaccination, booster, as well as wearing of an appropriate mask. See page 2 for details.

February 2022

Sat. 5	Explorations - "Frances Perkins & The General Welfare"	2:30pm
Mon. 7	Social Dinner (Virtual)	7pm
Sat. 12	Darwin Day Celebration! In Cooperation with HFFC Registration Required*	7pm
Sat. 19	Book Discussion - "Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom" [Chapters 1-16 only]	2:30pm
Sun. 27	Board Meeting (Virtual; All members welcome)	3:30pm
Mon. 28	Dinner Discussion (Virtual) The story of two medieval queens you've either never heard of or heard them being ridiculed: https://www.smithsonianmag.com/history/medieval-queens-daring-reigns-quickly-forgotten-180979246/ (Look at the area they controlled and the length of their power!)	7pm

March 2022

Sat. 5	Explorations - TBA
Mon. 7	Social Dinner
Sat. 19	Book Discussion - "Frederick Douglass" by David Blight
Sun. 20 (1pm*)	Monthly Meeting - It's Time to Pivot (*special date/time)

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP - It is that time of year again when we need to remind you to officially renew, or start, your HAC membership by paying dues for 2022. Your membership dues help us meet expenses such as honorariums for speakers, postage and mailing supplies, and monthly space rental payments. In addition, the strength of numbers can enhance the impact of any public statements, in letters to the editor, in testimony at the State Capitol in support of bills supporting humanist values, and, in general, in our strength as a local stakeholder group. Please mail in your check as soon as you are able, to:

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Please print and complete the attached membership form (see page 3 of this newsletter) with your updated contact information and enclose with your check. If you have any questions, or if you need any assistance re attending our programs via zoom, please contact us. We greatly value your participation in our supportive community!

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USNH Covid Policy Update

For in-person events at USNH, you must now show record of a vaccine AND booster (cards will be checked), and you must wear a N95, KN95, KF94 or equivalent mask while inside the building. No food may be served and social distancing should be practiced. We will have a small supply of appropriate masks available for those who do not have their own.

Thank you for your cooperation!

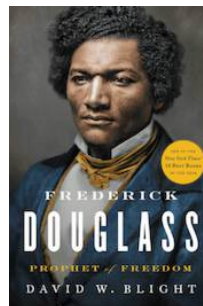
Explorations - Sat. February 5, 2:30pm

We will be watching a documentary about FDR's Labor Secretary Frances Perkins and discussing. In-person at USNH

Book Discussion - Sat. Feb. 19, 2:30pm

The book this month is the award-winning biography "Frederick Douglass: Prophet of Freedom" by Yale Professor David Blight. This will be the book for both Feb. and March. For February we will be discussing chapters 1-16.

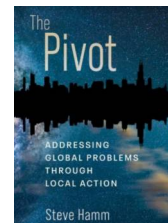
The February discussion will take place Saturday, Feb. 19 at 2:30 pm at the Unitarian Society of New Haven, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden. This will be a 'hybrid' meeting so participants will be able to join this discussion via Zoom if they cannot attend in person. (Details on Meetup.)



SAVE THE DATE: March 20 - Special Event with USNH

"It's Time to Pivot" w/ guest speaker Steve Hamm

Sunday, March 20, 2022, 1 PM
Unitarian Society of New Haven
700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden, CT
(There will also be a Zoom option, details TBA)



The IRIS Run for Refugees is back in-person! Join us on Super Bowl Sunday (February 13) for a flat 5K run/walk through New Haven's East Rock neighborhood! Registration is limited to 2/3 of the usual number of participants to allow for increased distancing due to Covid.

The Run for Refugees 5k supports IRIS (Integrated Refugee and Immigrant Services). IRIS helps close to 2,000 refugees and immigrants each year. During the pandemic, IRIS helped more than 120 refugees and immigrants find work, provided \$200,000 in rental assistance, taught students English, art, and music, helped adults with immigration legal needs, and fed 300+ families per week with essential groceries from their food pantry.

We are already 2/3 of the way to our fundraising goal of \$1000 -- help us get all the way!

Fundraising link: <https://runsignup.com/humanistassociationofconnecticut>

Your donation of any amount will be greatly appreciated.

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