



The Humanist Association of Connecticut

Newsletter for April, 2024

Welcome to April

There are several changes to HAC events this month. Our social dinner on the first Monday moves to a different location, and our Humanist Explorations meeting moves to the second Saturday of the month, for April only.

Calendar for April, 2024

Mon, 1	7:00PM to 9:00PM	Social Dinner at It's Thai Time Restaurant, 181 Orange St, New Haven CT
Sat, 13	2:30PM to 4:30PM	Humanist Explorations - She Loves Me
Mon, 15	6:30PM to 9:00PM	Monthly Meeting - Earth Month Program with Gary Yohe
Sat, 20	2:30PM to 4:30PM	"The Last Temptation of Christ" by Nikos Kazantzakis at Wilson Branch Library, 303 Washington Ave, New Haven CT
Sun, 21	7:00PM to 9:00PM	Board Meeting (online)
Tue, 23	7:00PM to 9:00PM	Northern Social Dinner at Butterfly Restaurant, 831 Farmington Ave, West Hartford CT

Humanist Explorations - She Loves Me



Saturday, April 13, 2024
2:30PM to 4:30PM

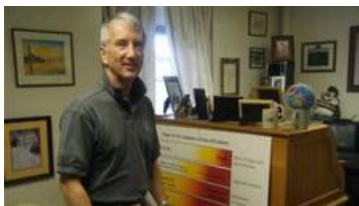
Please note we have changed the date of this meeting to the **second** Saturday of the month!

"She Loves Me" is based on the 1938 play "Parfumerie." A tale of two people who work in a small shop and are constantly at odds with one another, are unaware that they are romantically involved via a lonely-hearts club, writing to each other as "Dear Freind." Several film incarnations of this story are well known ("The Shop

Around the Corner" and in the nineties, Nora Ephron's "You've Got Mail"). This version, the Broadway Musical from 1963, is not well known but achieved the status of a "cult" show following its short original run. This production from 1978 by the BBC is stunning and charming and perfect for an early spring afternoon when love is in bloom.

USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden CT

Monthly Meeting - Earth Month Program with Gary Yohe



Monday, April 15, 2024
6:30PM to 9:00PM

Please join us for a very special Earth Month event when Gary Yohe will tell us what a prominent climate researcher wishes the average person understood about climate change.

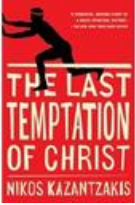
Gary Yohe is the Huffington Professor of Economics and Environmental Studies, Emeritus at Wesleyan University. He served as a senior member of the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC), sharing its 2007 Nobel Peace Prize. His primary research, assessment and communication efforts have been focused on describing the economic and social risks from climate change and elaborating ways to defend against them. He has published over 175 peer-reviewed papers and more than 75 opinion and communication pieces in reputable media outlets. Yohe served as Vice-Chair of the 2014 Third National

Climate Assessment in the Obama Administration and on many panels for the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering, and Medicine and has testified multiple times before both houses of Congress. He is currently Co-Editor-in-Chief of Climatic Change.

We will start with half an hour of coffee and conversation at 6:30 PM, followed by the main program after brief announcements at 7:00 PM.

USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden CT

"The Last Temptation of Christ" by Nikos Kazantzakis



Saturday, April 20, 2024
2:30PM to 4:30PM

Our book for April is *The Last Temptation of Christ*, the controversial novel by Nikos Kazantzakis.

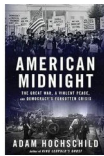
From Wikipedia: *The Last Temptation of Christ* (or *The Last Temptation*) is a historical novel written by Nikos Kazantzakis, first published in its original Greek in 1955 before being translated into English in 1960. The novel depicts the life of Jesus and his struggles with various forms of temptation, including fear, doubt, depression, reluctance, and lust.

Upon its publication, the book was condemned by the Catholic Church and the Greek Orthodox Church; it has since been challenged by numerous Christian groups and conservative organizations.

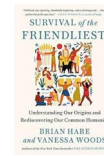
The 1988 film adaptation directed by Martin Scorsese was similarly controversial.

"Kazantzakis struggled mightily to find truth in the fiction of the Gospels. The truth he sought eluded him... The most prominent truth... is one he would likely be loath to own; the truth told by his fiction is that the Gospels are a fiction." – Stephen R. Welch, *Free Inquiry*

Wilson Branch Library, 303 Washington Ave, New Haven CT



"American Midnight" by Adam Hochschild
May 18, 2024



"Survival of the Friendliest" by Brian Hare & Vanessa Woods
June 15, 2024

Northern Social Dinner



Join us at Butterfly Chinese Restaurant on Farmington Avenue in West Hartford for some friendly and interesting conversation!

Butterfly Restaurant, 831 Farmington Ave, West Hartford CT

Tuesday, April 23, 2024
7:00PM to 9:00PM

Other events

Social Dinner: Monday, April 1, 2024 7:00PM to 9:00PM

It's Thai Time Restaurant, 181 Orange St, New Haven CT

Board Meeting: Sunday, April 21, 2024 7:00PM to 9:00PM



Revised COVID policy

We request that you be as fully vaccinated as possible

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