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UU Humanists Local Group

## Monthly Meeting: Secular Transcendence With Tom Krattenmaker

Monday, February 17, 7:00 PM  
at USNH

Join us on Monday for an engaging evening with Tom Krattenmaker. We will meet in the Social Hall of the Unitarian Society of New Haven at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden.

Tom Krattenmaker is an author and columnist specializing in beliefs and values in public life. His most recent book is "Confessions of a Secular Jesus Follower."

Tom is also the Director of Communications for the Yale Divinity School.

Tom will discuss "A New Vision for Secular Transcendence". As religion has faded from importance in contemporary life, so has the sense of transcendence, which is traditionally described as the experience of "rising above" the mundane, ordinary aspects of our lives. Tom will present his vision for a secular transcendence that does not depend upon belief in any deity or other supernatural ideas.

## Calendar of Events

Unless otherwise noted, all programs are held at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden, CT. RSVP for dinners at [meetup.com/cthumanist](https://www.meetup.com/cthumanist).

### FEBRUARY 2020

Sat. 1	Explorations, "Bombing Auschwitz"	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Mon. 3	Social Dinner at Turkish Kebab House 1157 Campbell Ave., West Haven	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 15	Book Discussion: "In a Different Voice" by Carol Gilligan	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Mon. 17	Monthly Meeting, "Secular Transcendence," Speaker Tom Krattenmaker	7:00 p.m.
Sun. 23	Board Meeting	3:30 p.m.
Mon. 24	Dinner Discussion at the Wood-n-Tap 2100 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden Topic: "The Emergence of the Global Citizen"	7:00 p.m.

### MARCH 2020

Mon. 2	Social Dinner at Turkish Kebab House 1157 Campbell Ave., West Haven	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 7	Explorations, "TBD"	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Mon. 16	Monthly Meeting, "TBD" Speaker TBD	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 21	Book Discussion: "The Pillars of the Earth" by Ken Follett	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Sun. 22	Board Meeting	3:30 p.m.
Mon. 23	Dinner Discussion at the Wood-n-Tap 2100 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden Topic: TBD	7:00 p.m.

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**12<sup>th</sup> Annual Darwin Day Dinner**  
**Saturday, February 8, 6:00 PM**  
Yale clinical neurologist Dr. Steven  
discusses how evolution impacts issues  
confronting proponents of science-  
based thinking, including vaccines,  
GMOs, and pseudo-medicine.  
<https://www.darwindayct.org/>

**IRIS Run for Refugees, February 2**  
**at 10:00 a.m.**

Walk/run with our HAC team or  
donate to support refugee aid.  
[https://runsignup.com/Race/69148/Donat  
e/5aZlnKt7pWBcu005](https://runsignup.com/Race/69148/Donat/e/5aZlnKt7pWBcu005)

### **Upcoming Social Action**

Make a note that March 9-16 is the  
week that USNH will operate an  
Overflow Shelter, "Abraham's Tent," in  
the Social Hall. HAC has offered to  
assist with a dinner and/or an overnight  
supervision shift. See Gayle for details.

**USNH Social Cinema**  
**Saturday Feb 1, 6:30 p.m.**

The U-Turn: Immigrant women and  
children transform their lives through  
courage to speak out. Potluck at 6:30 pm,  
Film at 7:15 pm.

## **Explorations: Bombing Auschwitz**

-- February 1, 2:30 p.m.

The liberation of the most notorious of the Nazi death camps  
happened seventy-five years ago on January 27<sup>th</sup>, 1945. The PBS  
documentary we will see addresses an uncomfortable moral question--  
Should Allied forces have destroyed the camps early on, dooming the  
inmates to certain death in order to save the hundreds of thousands  
who followed. This issue raises no easy answers, and engenders much  
deep thought worthy of consideration today.

## **Book Discussion: In a Different Voice: Psychological Theory and Women's Development, by Carol Gilligan**

-- February 15, 2:30 p.m.

Gilligan believes that psychology has persistently and systematically  
misunderstood women – their motives, their moral commitments, the  
course of their psychological growth, and their special view of what is  
important in life. Here she sets out to correct psychology's  
misperceptions and refocus its view of female personality.

– Amazon

"Gilligan's book is feminism at its best... Her thesis is rooted not only  
in research but in common sense... Theories of human development  
are never more limited or limiting than when their bias is invisible,  
and Gilligan's book performs the vital service of illuminating one of  
the deepest biases of all."

– Boston Globe

Snacks will be served.

## **Wood-n-Tap Dinner Discussion: The Emergence of the Global Citizen**

-- Feb 24, 7 p.m., Hamden

What does it mean to be a Global Citizen? How do we accept shared  
responsibility for the state of the world? A growing worldwide  
movement has begun that seeks to find solutions to these and other  
pressing issues. Australian humanitarian Hugh Evans started a  
movement that mobilizes "global citizens," people who self-identify  
first and foremost not as members of a state, nation, or tribe but as  
members of the human race. In this uplifting and personal TED talk,  
he describes how this new understanding of our place in the world is  
galvanizing people to take action.

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ODLg\\_00f9BE&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ODLg_00f9BE&feature=youtu.be)