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Archaeological Odysseys: The 50 Sites in the United States You Should See Before You Die

We are pleased to welcome back Connecticut State University archaeology professor Dr. Ken Feder at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, March 21.

In his work, *The Go Between*, English novelist L.P. Hartley phrased it this way: "The past is a foreign country; they do things differently there."

Following this metaphor, in a sense, an important goal of every archaeologist is to serve as a tour guide to non-archaeologists who hope to visit the "foreign country" that is the past. In this lecture, Ken will attempt to serve as your tour guide and direct you to at least some of the 50 sites that he thinks are the most important and the most interesting for you to experience first hand.

Join us on Monday, March 21, at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden at 7:30 p.m. for conversation and refreshments. Ken's archaeological tour will follow at 8:00 p.m.

Bring a friend!

Calendar of Events

Unless otherwise noted, all programs are held at USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden, CT. RSVP for dinners at meetup.com/cthumanist.

MARCH, 2011

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| Sat., 5 | Humanist Conversations: CBS <i>60 Minutes</i> — health-related issues | 2:30 p.m. |
| Mon., 7 | Social Dinner at Turkish Kebab House, 1157 Campbell Ave., West Haven. (203) 933-0002 | 7:00 p.m. |
| Mon., 21 | Monthly Meeting | 7:30 p.m. |
| | Main program: Dr. Ken Feder, Professor of Archaeology at Central Connecticut State University — "Archaeological Odysseys: The 50 Sites in the United States You Should See Before You Die" | 8:00 p.m. |
| Sat., 26 | Book discussion: <i>Monkey Girl</i> by Edward Humes. | 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. |
| Sun., 27 | Board meeting | 2:30 p.m. |
| Thu., 31 | Social dinner: Avon Indian Grill, 320 W Main St. (Route 44), Avon, CT (860) 284-4466 | 7:00 p.m. |

APRIL, 2011

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| Sun., 3 | Sean Faircloth, Executive Director of the Secular Coalition for America | |
| | At Yale University, exact location TBA | 2:00 p.m. |
| | At USNH, 700 Hartford Turnpike | 4:30 p.m. |
| Mon., 4 | Social Dinner at Turkish Kebab House, 1157 Campbell Ave., West Haven. (203) 933-0002 | 7:00 p.m. |
| Thu., 7 -
Sun., 10 | American Humanist Association Conference in Boston, MA | |
| Mon., 18 | Monthly Meeting | 7:30 p.m. |
| | Main program: Doug Peary — "David Hume, Humanist Hero" | 8:00 p.m. |
| Sun., 24 | Board meeting | 2:30 p.m. |
| Thu., 28 | Social dinner: Avon Indian Grill, 320 W Main St. (Route 44), Avon, CT (860) 284-4466 | 7:00 p.m. |

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Conversations

On Saturday, March 5, we'll meet at 700 Hartford Turnpike in Hamden at 2:30 p.m. to watch and discuss one or more segments from a 2010 CBS *60 Minutes* broadcast related to health. Segments include: the current cost for end-of-life care delivered in hospitals, the issue of recognizing patents on human genes, and questions about the safety or danger from a chemical that is found in every-day products that may be leaching into our food. Join us and choose which segments to watch and discuss.

Refreshments will be served.

"Monkey Girl"

The next book discussion will be held March 26 at 3:00 pm and the book will be *Monkey Girl: Evolution, Education, Religion, and the Battle for America's Soul* by Edward Humes. This book discusses the 2005 Kitzmiller vs. Dover Area School District trial in which a school board's efforts to introduce intelligent design into the curriculum was successfully challenged in federal court. In addition, you can read the court decision here: www.pamd.uscourts.gov/kitzmiller/kitzmiller_342.pdf. You can find the book in bookstores, online at www.amazon.com/exec/obidos/ASIN/0060885491/humanistassoc-20 and plenty copies are available in Connecticut public libraries iconn.org/FindALibraryInConnecticut.aspx?cat=consortia.

This discussion will be led by Dan Blinn, a Connecticut lawyer who specializes in consumer law. Dan is quick to point out he has no special experience with separation of church and state issues. However, he did grow up near the Dover community in Central Pennsylvania.

Refreshments will be served.

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