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UU Humanists Local Group

## Special Notice

Events are not canceled! But...due to the current necessity for social distancing, we are not meeting in person at any of the normal events this month or next. You may attend any event by internet or phone. The board is experimenting with different meeting platforms and invitations to each event, including our monthly meeting, will be sent to you by email link. Attending a meeting will then hopefully involve only the simplest and most familiar internet maneuvers. Meetings will retain their regular names, locations and times in the Calendar of Events.

Snacks will not be served; science has yet to solve this problem.

There are challenges ahead but we will meet them together. Good health to you.

## Monthly Meeting

### Diversity: Retraining Our Biases

Monday April 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7 p.m.

This month's program will be a Workshop led by Wendy Mcleod. The current political and social environment has many of us talking and thinking about racism, sexism, and transphobia more than ever before, and in more places. With no recently developed races, sexualities, genders, or creeds, the conversation remains tied to a few key questions: How do we respond to diversity? How do we welcome and encourage diversity in our spaces? Are we supportive or destructive in our actions, commitments, or investments?

This experience will focus on identifying individual bias, its impact on daily life events, and defining new ways of engaging with known and unknown differences.

Wendy, a former boarding school administrator, is a native of New Haven who has travelled around the country and abroad. As an African/Caribbean American, musician, math

## Calendar of Events

Unless otherwise noted, all programs are held online.

RSVPs are welcome at [meetup.com/cthumanist](https://www.meetup.com/cthumanist).

### APRIL 2020

Sat. 4	Explorations, "TBD" ONLINE	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Mon. 6	Social Dinner at Turkish Kebab House <del>1157 Campbell Ave., West Haven</del> ONLINE	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 18	Book Discussion: "The Pillars of the Earth" by Ken Follett ONLINE	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Mon. 20	Monthly Meeting, "Diversity: Retraining Our Biases", Speaker Wendy Mcleod via Zoom	7:00 p.m.
Sun. 26	Board Meeting ONLINE	3:30 p.m.
Mon. 27	Dinner Discussion at the Wood-n-Tap <del>2100 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden</del> ONLINE Topic: TBD	7:00 p.m.

### MAY 2020

Sat. 2	Explorations, "TBD" ONLINE	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Mon. 4	Social Dinner at Turkish Kebab House <del>1157 Campbell Ave., West Haven</del> ONLINE	7:00 p.m.
Sat. 16	Book Discussion: "Zealot: the Life and Times of Jesus of Nazareth" by Resa Aslam ONLINE	2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Mon. 18	Monthly Meeting, "Before You Know It", Speaker John Bargh ONLINE	
Sun. 24	Board Meeting ONLINE	3:30 p.m.
Mon. 25	Dinner Discussion at the Wood-n-Tap <del>2100 Dixwell Avenue, Hamden</del> ONLINE Topic: TBD	7:00 p.m.

nerd, technology geek, Zen Buddhist, social activist, grant writer, yogi, and pastry chef, she has a lifetime of experience establishing comfort and success in a wide variety of settings, inviting and exclusionary. Join us as she leads us for a self-revealing and inspiring evening.

The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. Join at <https://zoom.us/j/621219847>

If you have any questions, call Gayle Walter at 203-640-3694.

## We Need Your Membership!

Did you forget to pay your dues? It's never too late. Mail your check (\$35 individual, \$50 family) to Humanist Association of Connecticut, 700 Hartford Turnpike, Hamden, CT 06517-2214

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## Events, Past and Future Abraham's Tent

Good news! 6 HAC members stepped up to help provide dinner or support at USNH-sponsored Abraham's Tent on that Tuesday evening:

Margaret Ariori  
Frank Avitable  
Deidre Kennedy  
Tom Kennedy  
Steve Mooser  
Gayle Walter

Thanks for supporting our community!

## Monthly Meeting

The March Monthly meeting with social psychologist John Bargh was not held along with just about everything else in our world of events. Carol is making arrangements to see if John will see us at an online event in May.

## USNH Event of Interest

USNH Seder is back online at 6 p.m. on Saturday April 4. Seder leaders Jesse and Ellen Greist will be hosting a Zoom Seder service. Write to Jesse Greist at [family@usnh.org](mailto:family@usnh.org) if you want to attend, and he will send you the service. Then, just before 6, join the tradition at <https://zoom.us/j/668673561>

## Explorations: TBD

-- April 4, 2:30 p.m.

Stay tuned to your email for an HAC announcement. A link to this event will be provided with the option for video and audio. A phone number will be provided for just audio connection.

"Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, Nothing is going to get better. It's not."

— Dr. Seuss, The Lorax



## Book Discussion: Pillars of the Earth, by Ken Follett

-- April 18, 2:30 p.m.

"The Pillars of the Earth" tells the story of Philip, prior of Kingsbridge, a devout and resourceful monk driven to build the greatest Gothic cathedral the world has known . . . of Tom, the mason who becomes his architect—a man divided in his soul . . . of the beautiful, elusive Lady Aliena, haunted by a secret shame . . . and of a struggle between good and evil that will turn church against state and brother against brother.

"...[An] historical novel of gripping readability, authentic atmosphere, and memorable characterization. Beginning with a mystery that casts its shadow, the narrative is a seesaw of tension, suspense, impeccable pacing . . . action, intrigue, violence, passion, greed, bravery, dedication, revenge, and love. A love that entertains, instructs, and satisfies on a grand scale." —Publishers Weekly

Stay tuned to your email for an HAC announcement with interactive audio-visual link and optional phone number.

## Wood-n-Tap Dinner Discussion: TBD

-- April 27, 7 p.m.

The Wood-n-Tap is regrettably closed for the remainder of the Coronavirus season, but that is no reason not to get together and discuss the topics that challenge us to be better Humanists. Stay tuned to your email for HAC announcements that will contain click-to-attend links that will take you to our events.

## Attending Events

You may easily attend events on your laptop computer or smart phone. If you wish to attend by desktop, you may need to invest in headphones and webcam, inexpensively available on Ebay and other places. You can always call in on any type of phone using the phone number which will be provided when the event is announced.