#### **Sunday Platforms**

In April, the Sunday Ethical Education for Kids (SEEK) program will be meeting during platforms on the 2nd and 23rd. If you have questions, please contact Nick Sanders, nick@phillyethics.org

#### Sunday, April 2, 11:00 AM The Diversity of Islam Hugh Taft-Morales, Leader, Philadelphia Ethical Society



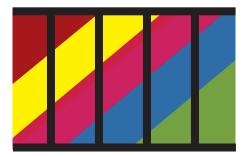
As intolerant p o l i t i c a l ideologues whip up anti-Islam hysteria, one lesson we can all teach the world is that Islam is incredibly

diverse. Targeting nearly a quarter of the human race – 1.6 billion people – for harassment violates ethical standards and makes the world less safe. Let's stand up to ignorance and fear. Hugh Taft-Morales, who admits that he has a lot to learn, urges all of us to join him in exploring the rich world of Islam at this time of rising bigotry.

To complement Hugh's talk, Jordanian virtuoso and peace activist Farah Siraj will deliver an encore performance of Middle Eastern music. An international musician she has given voice around the world to women and children living in war and poverty as well as performances at the Kennedy Center, Lincoln Center, the United Nations, Nobel Prize Hall, and the Philadelphia Ethical Society.

#### Sunday, April 9, 11:00 AM And Justice For All: LGBTQ individuals in Criminal Legal Systems, Nellie Fitzpatrick, Former Director, LBGT Affairs for City of Philadelphia

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) people face discrimination in employment, housing, and public accommodation. LGBTQ individuals face rejection, harassment and violence in their relationships, homes, schools, places of worship and even when walking down the street. The inequality and disparity of treatment does not end when LGBTQ individuals find themselves within the criminal legal systems. Learn about the barriers to safety and equality LGBTQ people face as victims, witnesses, and defendants as they merely seek "justice for all."



Nellie Fitzpatrick served as the Director of the Mayor's Office of LGBT Affairs for the City of Philadelphia under Mayors Michael Nutter and Jim Kenney. In this role she worked to further develop deep and meaningful relationships with a diverse representation of LGBTQ communities and allies throughout our city. She led the effort to amend the City of Philadelphia's Home Rule Charter through a ballot question to make permanent the Office of LGBT Affairs.

In October 2015, Nellie Fitzpatrick was instrumental in creating and championing legislation requiring all single-stall bathrooms in Philadelphia to be gender-neutral. Prior to her appointment in the Mayor's Office, she served for six and a half years as an Assistant District Attorney for the City of Philadelphia.

#### Sunday, April 16, 11:00 AM Questions Hugh Taft-Morales, Leader, Philadelphia Ethical Society

One of the most profound characteristics of the human race is our ability to question. This talent is fundamental to the scientific

method and the construction of knowledge. It is fundamental to liberating skepticism and free thought. Persistent

questioning can confuse and vex us and can liberate us. Questions can provoke oppression by authorities devoted to defending the status quo. Just ask Socrates? Hugh Taft-Morales will explore this topic by asking more questions than you may want to hear!

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#### LEADER'S COLUMN



Hugh Taft-Morales, Leader, Philadelphia Ethical Society

#### Together We Can Be More –

#### BMORETHICAL 2017

I'm excited about our upcoming American Ethical Union (AEU) gathering slated for June 8-11 in Baltimore! Working with the AEU Assembly Committee, I am currently combing through many wonderful proposals for workshops submitted from around the country. When the program is unveiled in April, I hope that many of you will register to attend Bmorethical 2017. It's a great opportunity to learn more about our movement, develop new skills, and build relationships with other Ethical Culturists. Also, the theme of the Assembly, Communities Confronting Systemic Racism, is even more important given current political realities.

I know many of you who have been active in the American Ethical Union for decades will naturally register to attend. Those of you who have served on national committees and the AEU Board appreciate our national network of mutual support. Since most of you have not had this opportunity, however, I want to share more about why our AEU is so important to me.

Of course, my commitment to the AEU is no surprise. Having chosen Ethical Culture Leadership as my vocation, I appreciate the support and training given me by the Leadership Committee and a wide variety of volunteers. I've been able to get to know my wonderful colleagues who choose to serve particular Societies – or society at large – through Ethical Culture Leadership. I've been to nearly thirty multi-day Leader retreats, where my colleagues supported each other and coordinated national projects through the National Leaders Council (NLC), which I now serve as President.

I've been able to visit many Ethical Societies. After joining the Washington Ethical Society and then serving three Ethical Societies, (Philadelphia, Baltimore, Northern Virginia), I've been able to speak



at Ethical Societies in Manhattan, Brooklyn, Long Island, Northern Westchester, North Carolina, Chicago, Mid Rivers Missouri, St. Louis, and Austin, Texas. I got to attend Lay Leadership Summer School four times – once as a student and three times as staff – and met Ethical Culturists of all ages from all places. No wonder I feel deep connection to the AEU and to our small but idealistic collection of Ethical Societies.

I have witnessed from the inside AEU efforts to support local

initiatives and enhance our national voice. I attend bi-monthly AEU Board meetings in New York, chaired by President Andra Miller, and see first-hand the tremendous work being done by the Board and by Bart Worden, our Executive Director, and L. Miller and Larissa Perez, the

staff in our national office. I see them manage the Mossler Fellowship, which this year was given to our own PES member Christian Hayden so he could create programs for outreach to other groups, especially younger folks. I see the work it takes to coordinate four national conferences – for our youth group (YES), for our young adults (FES), and for our committees working on Ethical Education and Membership Growth.

worked with our AEU Communications Director, Emily Newman, who ensures that there is a strong Ethical Humanist presence in social media and helps maintain the AEU's website so it is more open and accessible for newcomers and more useful as an interactive resource for Society lay leaders and members. I know how Ethical Culturists act as an important force in the Humanist movement by serving on boards of the Humanist Institute, the Institute for Humanist Studies, the Secular Coalition for America, and the International Humanist and Ethical Union.

But most of all, I am inspired by seeing how other Ethical Culturists share our unique philosophical worldview and work to contribute to the larger society. So no wonder I am excited to prepare for *Bmorethical 2017*, our national Assembly. I hope you will join me there and deepen your connection to Ethical Culture.

Yours, Hugh



Assembly location: In the center of Baltimore at the Holiday Inn, 301 W Lombard St, Baltimore, MD 21201 Reservation information will be available in April.

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Sunday, April 23, 11:00 AM In re Gault at 50: A look at Access to Counsel for Children's Defense Sandra Simkins, Director, Children's Justice Clinic and Distinguished Clinical Professor of Law, Rutgers University, Camden

In re Gault, 387 U.S. 1 (1967), was a landmark U.S. Supreme Court decision that ensured the right to a lawyer for children accused of crimes in juvenile court. Prof. Sandra Simkins will discuss the current national landscape of access to counsel for youth.

Sandra Simkins is the Director and co-founder of the Children's Justice Clinic and a nationally-recognized expert in juvenile defense. A published author, she was selected by the McArthur Foundation to participate in a juvenile justice reform initiative and is the Due Process Monitor in the settlement agreement between the Department of Justice and the Juvenile Court of Shelby County, Tennessee.

Her book, When Kids Get Arrested: What Every Adult Should Know, was released in 2009. Areas of expertise include post disposition representation, conditions

confinement and solitary. Prior to becoming a professor, Sandra Simkins was a juvenile defender at the Defender Association of Philadelphia. Simkins received her B.A. degree summa cum laude from the University of Delaware and her J.D. degree is from Rutgers University School of Law.

#### Sunday, April 30, 11:00 AM **Becoming White Hugh Taft-Morales, Leader,** Philadelphia Ethical Society

Race is a social construction. But it is also a profoundly powerful, frightening, and omnipresent part of our current public conversation about the future as a nation. Hugh Taft-Morales shares development of his racial identity as a white person and his evolution towards more consistent dedication to anti-racism activism intended to help deconstruct white supremacy.

#### Mrs. Gault:

Judge McGHEE has set Monday June 15, 1964 at 11:00A.M. as the date and time for further Hearings on Gerald's delinquency



### HAPPENINGS

#### PES Members showing up and making their voices heard . . . Photos by Lelah Marie



Arnold and Temma Fishman demonstrate against immigration restrictions.



Sylvia Metzler outside Sen. Toomey's office at a "Tuesdays with Toomey" protest.



## MAY 7, 3:00 PM

On Sunday, May 7, a second piano will be brought into the Ethical Society auditorium for an all-piano concert by Kasia Marzec-Salwinski and Rollin Wilber. The entire program will be works for two pianos, which can be one of the most exciting and dynamic performances an audiences can see and hear. The program will include what are considered two of the finest pieces composed for two-piano performance, by Johannes Brahms and Sergei Rachmaninoff. Program:

Brahms - Variations on a Theme by Haydn

Prokofiev - Ballet Suite from Romeo and Juliet

Barber - Souvenirs (arranged for two pianos)

Rachmaninoff - Suite #2 for Two **Pianos** 



#### Sunday, April 2, 7:00 PM Art Exhibition in the Collier Gallery: Patterns and Waves, Artist Gerald Fossis

Gerald Fossis a Philadelphia-based artist. These selected works, the culmination of several years of development, were rendered with technical pens and were constructed to give the audience an alternative view of structural sanity. The underlying concept is that we are all represented by patterns and waves; everything else is just the semantics of existence.

#### Sunday, April 2, 7:00 PM Introduction to Ethical Humanism

- Focus on free thought, skepticism and paradigms Newcomers and visitors are encouraged to attend an Introduction to Ethical Humanism with PES Leader Hugh Taft-Morales and member Christian Hayden on Sunday, April 2, from 7:00-8:30 PM. Come learn about Ethical Culture's unique brand of humanism and what it could mean to you during a relaxed 90 minutes. We will focus on Ethical Culture's place in the historical context of free thought, skepticism and traditional religious paradigms.

RSVP to LeaderHugh@phillyethics.org

#### Monday, April 3, 7:00 PM

National Youth

Violence Prevention Week

Youth Voices on Youth Violence: A Conversation with Public Officials and Faith Leaders. In honor of National Youth Violence Prevention Week, April 3-7 Hosted by the Philadelphia Ethical Society and Philadelphia CeaseFire

How do we stop the plague of gun violence in Philadelphia? Let's start by listening to those most adversely affected by this cultural disease: our young people. Come to the first in a series of civic dialogues between local youth, public officials, and faith leaders. By offering

opportunities for candid, respectful conversation, the Ethical Society and Philadelphia CeaseFire hope to unlock the democratic and creative energy necessary to transform our city into its ideal: a city of brotherly and sisterly love.

Join Hugh Taft-Morales and Marla Davis Bellamy for this free event open to the public. For more information, contact Hugh Taft-Morales, Leader of the Philadelphia Ethical Society (<u>LeaderHugh@phillyethics.org</u>), or Marla Davis Bellamy, Director of Philadelphia CeaseFire (<u>marladb@temple.edu</u>).

## Tuesday, April 18, 7:00-8:30 PM The Constitution and Executive Power Today – A discussion with Kim Roosevelt

In the midst of travel bans and conflicts of interest, how are we to judge the constitutionality of the President's actions? Is he violating due process and/ or advancing his self-interest at the expense of the country? Are our legislators or courts likely to act? What might the future hold? Come join Hugh Taft-Morales in a discussion with Prof. Kim Roosevelt about these important questions.

#### Monday, May 1, 7:00 PM Greater Philadelphia Thinking Society event: The Vital Role of Shifting One's Perspective: Don't Trust The Truth!

Co-sponsored by the Greater Philadelphia Thinking Society and the Philadelphia Ethical Society, this dialogue is stimulated by a profound 52 minute video presentation by Tricia Wang entitled Don't Trust The Truth! (watch it on YouTube: <a href="http://y2u.be/gw3SddWa9DQ">http://y2u.be/gw3SddWa9DQ</a>).

Inspired by Wang's guidance, we will explore the importance shifting our perspective to build understanding we can improve our work, our designs, What policies. and our the benefits, prospects, techniques, and challenges of shifting one's perspective? Are the dangers of failing to consider and incorporate more perspectives into our thinking as embarrassing and damaging as Wang's story suggests?

Can these penetrating ideas help us start to heal our currently divisive national discourse? Can Wang's thoughts about how different perspectives collide help us understand controversies about fake news? Is assuming truth based on a single perspective without the hard work of considering multiple and sometimes conflicting perspectives ever trustworthy? Can Wang's insights help us navigate the post-truth era to build broader understanding and more effective action?

RSVP via the Philadelphia Ethical Society Meetup page ( <a href="https://www.meetup.com/Ethical-Humanist-Society-of-Philadelphia">www.meetup.com/Ethical-Humanist-Society-of-Philadelphia</a>) where you will find more information and links.

# Uniting Word with Deed: The Work of the Education Committee Betsy Lightbourn, Education Committee Chair

Trump may be good for Ethical Culture. As Timothy Egan writes in The New York Times, since Trump's election there has been something of a Third Great Awakening – "an unexpected renaissance" in humane values that has prompted many people to respond by looking for a larger meaning in their lives as well as a renewed sense of urgency in their actions. Ethical Culture is well positioned to respond to today's civic crises by offering educational programs with an intellectually challenging and inspiring framework that encourage reflective thought and social justice action. Indeed, this has inspired me to write about the work of the Education Committee.

The Education Committee develops programs that reflect Ethical Culture, support Leader Hugh's platform addresses, and enhance both the Society's social justice mission and the personal ethical perspectives of its members. The Sunday morning platform program is a clarion call to explore in greater depth and complexity what it means to be an Ethical Culturist and to challenge our ethical assumptions about what constitutes an ethically meaningful life. While Leader Hugh is responsible for providing approximately half the year's platforms, the committee seeks a diverse group of presenters who will offer timely, original ethical explorations along with



Medea Benjamin, peace advocate and co-founder of CODEPINK, spoke last April on "Why is the US in Bed with Saudi Arabia and What We Can Do About It," the subject of her new book. She is one of two Nobel Peace Prize nominees who have recently spoken at the Society. The other is Jonathan Granoff, who spoke on "Universal Principles of Peace."

music, art, poetry, and drama that provide an aesthetic and spiritual component to our mornings.

The committee identifies and recruits guest speakers for approximately 18 weeks from September through May as well as mostly in-house talent for 12 Summer Sunday programs. Member suggestions and serendipitous discoveries help us recruit presenters from a variety of sources —



Drexel law professor Adam Benforado engages with member Harry Thorn during coffee hour following his address. Benforado, author of Unfair: "The New Science of Criminal Injustice," spoke to us about how true fairness is often undermined by cognitive forces operating beyond our conscious awareness.

from our area's many institutions of higher education and social justice organizations. Ideally, we plan 3-6 months or more ahead, and work from a catalog of suggestions that far exceeds the number of speakers invited. In choosing whom to invite, we consider a variety of factors, including demonstrated speaking ability, subject matter, proximity to Philadelphia, and diversity. Although we pay modest honoraria, most speakers accept our invitations because they support our mission or are simply curious about us.

Other aspects of the committee's work include working with Leader Hugh to create inspiring festivals – Fall and Spring Equinoxes and the Winter Solstice as well as Ethics on the Square public programs. Our committee serves as the umbrella for the music and our Sunday School programs.

If you are interested in any aspects of our work, you can become involved by taking the following actions:

1) Attend monthly program planning

meetings on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 PM. (Free street parking is available around the society beginning at 6:30 through the Society placard).

- 2) Suggest a speaker. (See Betsy for the specific information needed.) In selecting speakers, the committee considers program priorities, balance, and availability as well as the speaker's expertise. Since we do not have a large travel reimbursement budget, we prioritize speakers within the Philadelphia area. Because we plan 3-6 months in advance, it is especially difficult to consider last minute speaker recommendations.
- 3) Offer to help with program publicity particularly if you are adept at using social media. Offer to assist at Ethics on the Square programs, (i.e. registration, passing the mic during Q&A, and other administrative tasks).
- 4) Serve as an assistant for the Sunday school program, which meets on Sundays during platform from 10:45-12:15.

Many thanks to committee members who have been the authors of many creative suggestions as well as faithful sloggers. They include Eric Clausen, Ron Coburn, Nina Diamond, Temma Fishman, Christian Hayden, Daniel Hoffman, John Marshall, Pat McGeever, Nick Sanders, and Harry Thorn. Apologies if I missed anyone!

For further information, or if you would like to work on the committee, contact Betsy Lightbourn, chair, at 215-575-1128 or <a href="mailto:elisalight726@gmail.com">elisalight726@gmail.com</a>.

All photos by Betsy Lightbourn



PES Talk Show Host and Leader Hugh Taft-Morales interviews nationally recognized urban planner Alex Garvin, guest on our year-long "Capitalism In Crisis" series.

## From the PES Anti-Racism Task Force: BEYOND VIETNAM

Kate Esposito shares some excerpts from "Beyond Vietnam," Martin Luther King's first public antiwar speech, given at the Riverside Church in New York City on April 4, 1967, exactly one year before his assassination. This month marks the sermon's 50th anniversary.

An audio recording and transcript of the complete sermon can be found at: <a href="http://kingencyclopedia.stanford.gov/edu/encyclopedia/documentsentry/docbeyond\_vietnam/">http://kingencyclopedia.stanford.gov/edu/encyclopedia/documentsentry/docbeyond\_vietnam/</a>

"... I am convinced that if we are to get on the right side of the world revolution, we as a nation must undergo a radical revolution of values. We must rapidly begin the shift from a "thing-oriented" society to a "person-oriented" society. When machines and computers, profit motives and property rights are considered more important than people, the giant triplets of racism, extreme materialism, and militarism are incapable of being conquered.

"A true revolution of values will soon cause us to question the fairness and justice of many of our past and present policies. On the one hand we are called to play the good Samaritan on life's roadside; but that will be only an initial act. One day we must come to see that the whole Jericho road must be transformed so that men and women will not be constantly beaten and robbed as they make their journey on life's highway. True compassion is more than flinging a coin to a beggar; it is not haphazard and superficial. It comes to see that an edifice which produces beggars needs restructuring...

"A true revolution of values will soon look uneasily on the glaring contrast of poverty and wealth. With righteous indignation, it will look across the seas and see individual capitalists of the West investing huge sums of money in Asia, Africa and South America, only to

take the profits out with no concern for the social betterment of the countries, and say: "This is not just."

"The Western arrogance of feeling that it has everything to teach others and nothing to learn from them is not just.

"A true revolution of values will lay hands on the world order and say of war: "This way of settling differences is not just." This business of burning human beings with napalm, of filling our nation's homes with orphans and widows, of injecting poisonous drugs of hate into veins of people normally humane, of sending men home from dark and bloody battlefields physically handicapped and psychologically deranged, cannot be reconciled with wisdom, justice and love.

"A nation that continues year after year to spend more money on military defense than on programs of social uplift is approaching spiritual death...

"This call for a world-wide fellowship that lifts neighborly concern beyond one's tribe, race, class and nation is in reality a call for all-embracing and unconditional love for all... This oft misunderstood and misinterpreted concept—so readily dismissed by the Nietzsches of the world as a weak, cowardly force—has now become an absolute necessity for the survival of man.

"When I speak of love I am not speaking of some sentimental and weak response. I am speaking of that force which all of the great religions have seen as the supreme unifying principle of life. Love is somehow the key that unlocks the door which leads to ultimate reality.

"This Hindu-Moslem [sic] -Christian-Jewish-Buddhist belief about ultimate reality is beautifully summed up in the first epistle of Saint John: "Let us love one another; for love is God and everyone that loveth is born of God and knoweth God. He that loveth not, knoweth not God; for God is love. If we

love one another, God dwelleth in us, and his love is perfected in us."

"Let us hope that this spirit will become the order of the day.

"We are now faced with the fact that tomorrow is today. We are confronted with the fierce urgency of now.

"Over the bleached bones and jumbled residue of numerous civilizations are written the pathetic words: "Too late." There is an invisible book of life that faithfully records our vigilance or our neglect We still have a choice today; nonviolent coexistence or violent coannihilation.

"We must move past indecision to action. If we do not act we shall surely be dragged down the long dark and shameful corridors of time reserved for those who possess power without compassion, might without morality, and strength without sight.

"Now let us begin. Now let us rededicate ourselves to the long and bitter, but beautiful, struggle for a new world. The choice is ours, and though we might prefer it otherwise we must choose in this crucial moment of human history."



# JAZZ APPRECIATION MONTH CONCERT SERIES

Three Sunday afternoon concerts on Sundays, April 9, 23, and 30, at 3:00 PM. Band leader Henry Laws brings a wide-ranging jazz program to our Auditorium on Sunday afternoons in April, in celebration of national Jazz Appreciation Month. To listen to a sample of the music, visit YouTube at this link: https://www.youtube.com/

watch?v=idATjmk601M

If this pilot project is well received, future Sunday jazz concerts may be scheduled next season, as a complement to the Fine Art Music classical series.

Tickets: \$20/general; \$10/members, seniors, & students. Information: 507-990-3535



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## Becoming White 3:00 PM Jazz Concert

11:00 AM

7:00 PM Don't Trust The Truth!

## WHAT'S GOIN' ON? Other public events at the Ethical Society Building in April.

• Awake movie screening. Awardwinning documentary about Paramahansa Yogananda, presented by the SRF Philadelphia Meditation Group. Sat., April 8, 7:30 PM. Snacks at 6:30. Admission is free. SRF.Philadelphia@gmail.com

#### **BOARD OF TRUSTEE VACANCIES**

Nominations are now open for the following Board of Trustees positions:

Treasurer, Secretary
– plus three other Trustee positions

All positions have two-year terms. Elections will take place at the May membership meeting.

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#### Flowers Coordinated by David Ralston

Apr 2 - Sylvia Metzler, "In memory of Elisabeth Leonard and her work for justice and peace."

Apr 9 - Garry O'Rourke, "Looking forward to spring."

Apr 16 - Betsy Lightbourn, "In loving memory of my dad, Francis C. Lightbourn, aka Pancho"

Apr 23 - Bob Bueding, "For World Peace"

Apr 30 - Nick Sanders, "Happy Birthday Molly."

#### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- Aissia Richardson
- 21 Henry Pashkow
- Kate Esposito

- Christian Hayden
- Nina Diamond



#### Coffee Hour Coordinators

Apr 2 - John Marshall

Last names: A-E

Apr 9 - Ken Greiff

Last names: F-K

Apr 16 - Garry O'Rourke

Last names: L-R

Apr 23 - Harry Thorn

Last names: S-Z

Apr 30 - TBD - it's your chance! :)

#### Hosts Coordinated by John Marshall Sunday hosts greet

and orient members and visitors and make a valuable contribution to the community. If you'd like to help

out, please contact John Marshall.

For suggestions regarding this newsletter, contact Steve Bremner: stevebremner@fastmail.fm

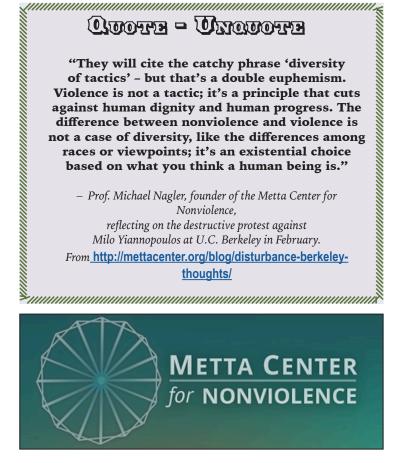
#### Quotes – Vinduotes

"They will cite the catchy phrase 'diversity of tactics' - but that's a double euphemism. Violence is not a tactic; it's a principle that cuts against human dignity and human progress. The difference between nonviolence and violence is not a case of diversity, like the differences among races or viewpoints; it's an existential choice based on what you think a human being is."

- Prof. Michael Nagler, founder of the Metta Center for Nonviolence,

reflecting on the destructive protest against Milo Yiannopoulos at U.C. Berkeley in February.

From http://mettacenter.org/blog/disturbance-berkeleythoughts/





The winter/spring beauty of Hellebore David Walthur UC Agriculture and Natural Resources