



ETHICAL VIEWS



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Sunday Platforms

Sunday, April 1, 11:00 AM

The Moral Insight

**Hugh Taft-Morales, Leader,
Philadelphia Ethical Society**



Ethical Culture was greatly shaped by rationalism, and today Ethical Societies are part of a humanist movement dedicated to reason, and are skeptical of blind passion

and magical thinking. But Ethical Culture also calls for empathy towards others – for holding others in our hearts. While respecting the role of emotion in a meaningful life, Hugh Taft-Morales believes reason is important in supporting “the moral insight” – the deep realization that other people are conscious creatures living lives full of pain, pleasure, suffering and joy. How do Immanuel Kant, Josiah Royce, and Martin Luther King Jr. help us understand the rational nature of this insight?

Sunday, April 8, 11:00 AM
Religion and Political Contempt
**Nathan C. Walker, Executive
Director, 1791 Delegates**

When officials use religion as a wedge issue, they erode a necessary component of a healthy democracy: political tolerance. We will examine how the United States has become not merely a politically intolerant society, where leaders shut down their opponents’ access to power, discredit their legitimacy, and deny them basic legal protections. There

is evidence that our democracy exhibits political contempt—the refusal of those in power to acknowledge vast segments of society whose identities or viewpoints differ from theirs, and that segments of society are worthless, suitable for scorn, and beneath their consideration.



Named after the year the Bill of Rights was ratified, 1791 Delegates are constitutional and human rights experts that consult on issues of religion and public life. Nathan C. Walker, their Executive Director, is a First Amendment educator and previously served as the executive director of the Religious Freedom Center at the Newseum in Washington, DC and the senior minister and executive director of the historic First Unitarian Church of Philadelphia

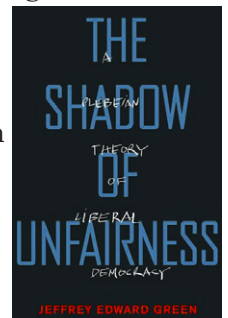
Sunday, April 15, 11:00 AM
***Are we Owners, Stewards, or
Children of the Earth?***
**Hugh Taft-Morales, Leader,
Philadelphia Ethical Society**

How should we relate to our planet? Ethical Culture, and humanism in general, has been criticized for being too humanocentric. Some say that we too readily subordinate the earth to human projects, seeing ourselves as owners or stewards, when we are more like children utterly dependent on mother earth. How can we balance humanist emphasis on responsibility for

our planet with the reality of our utter dependence? Is there room in Ethical Humanism for a transcendent environmentalism of awe and reverence? What kind of an environmental ethic should we embrace?

Sunday, April 22, 11:00 AM
Democracy Beyond the Vote
**Jeffrey Edward Green,
Director, Andrea Mitchell
Center for the Study of
Democracy**

Voting in elections is often considered the paradigmatic act of modern democratic citizenship. Without denying the importance of the vote, Green argues that we mistakenly forget about a richer and more ambitious program of democratic empowerment if we limit our focus to voting and electoral



outcomes. Jeffrey Edward Green is associate professor of political science at the University of Pennsylvania, where he is also the director of the Andrea Mitchell Center for the Study of Democracy. He is an award winning of two books, *The Shadow of Unfairness: A Plebeian Theory of Liberal Democracy*, and *The Eyes of the People: Democracy in an Age of Spectatorship*.

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Sunday Ethical Education for Kids (SEEK) will meet during platforms on April 8th and 22nd. If you have questions, please contact Nick Sanders, nick@phillyethics.org

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Sunday, April 29, 11:00 AM
The Hamlet Fire and the Hidden
and Deadly Costs of Cheap in
Recent American History

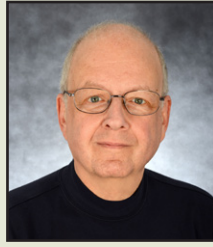
Bryant Simon, Professor of
History, Temple University

In his new book and in this talk, Bryant Simon investigates the tragic 1991 chicken processing plant fire in the small town of Hamlet, North Carolina. This was one of the worst accidents in recent American history, causing 25 deaths behind their locked doors. Simon's interviews with survivors, first responders, workplace safety experts, and local business professionals give a hard-hitting social autopsy of this gruesome event.

The book shows in vivid detail how this fire was the nearly inevitable product of what we eat, the rush for deregulation and the even larger American obsession and devotion to the values of cheap, values that we can't seem to shake in the 'Wal-Mart world' of today.

Bryant Simon is the award-winning history professor from Temple and author of two other books.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



Primal

*Bob Bueding,
President,
Philadelphia
Ethical Society*

This month I wanted to comment about the #Me Too and #Time's Up movements, but I wasn't sure where to start. So, I consulted the wisest (and most easily accessible) woman I know – my wife. She told me to chew for awhile on this quote from the novelist Margaret Atwood: "Men are afraid women will laugh at them. Women are afraid men will kill them".

Sound a little over-the-top to you? How about re-watching some 2016 presidential campaign tapes featuring our Dear Leader practically frothing at the mouth trying to defend the size of his

paws, swiftly followed by furious chants of, "Lock her up"? Maybe Ms. Atwood is on to something.

Ever since the recent sex allegations have come to light, the equality movement has begun to pick up steam. It's long overdue. My question is, what does it take to exact change? We've known for a long time that women have a hard time breaking the glass ceiling. It's my firm belief that the overriding reason Hillary lost the election is because she is a woman.

With the #Me Too movement rolling along, I think we actually have a chance to push the needle forward. We all have to do our part, but for Ethical Humanists that's as natural as breathing. Let's get out there and do what it takes so that the human race can finally fly with both wings.

~ Bob

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Happy Spring!

Young Hare,
Albrecht Dürer, 1502

**From the PES
Ending Racism Task Force:**

**APRIL 4, 1968 AT 6:01 PM CST,
ROOM 306 LORRAINE
MOTEL, MEMPHIS, TN
A TIME OUT OF TIME**

submitted by Kate Esposito

If we are of a certain age, we will certainly remember certain incomprehensible events... where we were, what we were doing and how we reacted to... the assassinations. In the 60s: Medgar, Jack, Malcolm, Martin, Bobby. And some years later, imagine, so hard to do, Beatle John in New York; and in San Francisco, where I lived at the time, Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk.

On Wednesday, April 4, 2018 it is fifty years since Dr. King was cut down on the Lorraine Motel balcony in Memphis. He was there to support the black sanitation workers who went on strike on February 12. Dr. King saw this strike as an important fight in the Poor People's Campaign, announced by the Southern Christian Leadership Conference on December 4, 1967. One of the many precipitating events was the deaths of Echol Cole and Robert Walker, two workers who were crushed in a garbage compactor where they were taking shelter from the rain. AFSCME Local 1733 was in solidarity with the workers who are forever memorialized by the slogan "I Am A Man" echoed by Rev. James Lawson addressing them on February 24, saying: "For at the heart of racism is the idea that a man is not a man, that a person is not a person. You are human beings. You are men. You deserve dignity."

On the night prior to his assassination, at the Mason Temple in Memphis, King delivered his Mountaintop Speech when he eerily predicted his fate: **"Like anybody, I would like to live a long life. Longevity has its place. But I'm not concerned about that now. I just want to do God's**

will. And He's allowed me to go up to the mountain. And I've looked over. And I've seen the Promised Land. I may not get there with you. But I want you to know tonight, that we, as a people, will get to the promised land! And so I'm happy, tonight. I'm not worried about anything. I'm not fearing any man! Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord!!"

As you know there are theories about those who were involved in the assassination, but there can be no disagreement about what Dr. King was doing in Memphis. Also from the Mountaintop Speech: **"Now we're going to march again, and we've got to march again, in order to put the issue where it is supposed to be -- and force everybody to see that there are thirteen hundred of God's children here suffering, sometimes going hungry, going through dark and dreary nights wondering how this thing is going to come out. That's the issue. And we've got to say to the nation: We know how it's coming out. For when people get caught up with that which is right and they are willing to sacrifice for it, there is no stopping point short of victory."**

The march Dr. King alluded to was to take place on April 5th the day after he was killed. However on April 8th, 42,000 marchers showed up in Memphis including Coretta Scott King. Her husband's funeral in Atlanta was the following day. The strike ended on April 16th with a settlement that included union recognition and wage increases. The stopping point of this victory, Dr. King's life, was a very high price to pay.

So here we are 50 years later. What do we do to honor that high price and his legacy? Where is our march?

In my role as POWER's Economic Dignity Team Co-Chair, with Terri Burgin from St. Vincent's Catholic Church, I have had the opportunity to work with folks from the union UNITE

HERE. I have learned that hotel workers in Philadelphia are largely underpaid, overworked and need the protection of a union. The housekeeping departments are largely comprised of Black and Brown women trying to keep up with unrealistic demands of management and provide for their families, much like the sanitation workers Dr. King was so concerned about.

Philadelphia is the country's poorest large City with over 25% of our citizens, most of them people of color, living in poverty. *To address that, POWER is planning Philadelphia's Poor People's Campaign on Wednesday, April 4th at City Hall starting at 5 PM. We will CALL FOR passing the 21st Century Living Wage Legislation for the City of Philadelphia's multiple thousands of contract and sub-contract workers, raising their wages to \$15 by July 1st 2020, which will be introduced at City Council the next day, April 5th. (The press conference is at 9 AM, City Hall Room 401. Come!) And DEMAND that the hotel industry be fair to their workers and let them unionize.*

So it is time to ask ourselves the question, "Now, are we going to march again?" Are we going to honor Dr. King in a way he would want us to, as he asked us to, the night before he died, in the *Mountaintop Speech*? **"Now, let me say as I move to my conclusion that we've got to give ourselves to this struggle until the end. Nothing would be more tragic than to stop at this point in Memphis. We've got to see it through. And when we have our march, you need to be there. If it means leaving work, if it means leaving school -- be there. Be concerned about your brother. You may not be on strike. But either we go up together, or we go down together."**

This is our Memphis. See it through.

So... I hope to see you at City Hall on Wednesday at 5 PM and on Thursday morning, Room 401 at 9 AM. Because for those living in poverty in Philadelphia, the urgency of now is indeed fierce.

LEADER'S COLUMN

A POWERful Relationship



*Hugh Taft-Morales,
Leader,
Philadelphia
Ethical
Society*

As Leader of the Philadelphia Ethical Society, I am thrilled that our community is a member of Philadelphians Organized to Witness, Empower, and Rebuild (POWER). When we joined the POWER coalition a few years ago, we did so despite the theistic elements of their mission statement. We joined because we believe in “deed before creed,” and POWER was all about deed. We joined because those most active in POWER invited us to help make the world a better place. Since its birth in 2010, POWER has grown into one of the most effective social justice organizations in our area. POWER members advocate in the legislative halls of Harrisburg and at Philadelphia City Council meetings for smarter, more compassionate policies. They call attention to the plight of the disempowered in our city and state, and demand that our elected officials serve all citizens, regardless of economics, religion, or identity.

POWER is part of PICO, a national network of faith-based community organizations founded in 1972 to increase access to health care, improve schools, build affordable housing, and revitalize

democracy. Kate Esposito serves on the PICO National Organizing Committee that pulls her away from Philadelphia for multi-day meetings on a regular basis. PICO, soon switching to the new name of Faith in Action, represents over 1000 member organizations and more than one million families - many families that are economically and politically marginalized. They come together to demand compassionate and responsible civic programs.

Power, led by Executive Director, the Rev. Greg Holston, a staff of about 15 full or part-time employees work hard to bend the arc of history toward justice. As they declare on their website, “POWER believes

that people should have a say in the policy decisions that shape their lives and therefore should not shy away from the exercise of power to promote justice and advance the common good.”

I attend the POWER Clergy Caucuses when I am in town, and find them inspiring. Just being around so many clergy committed to serving those in need through activism and advocacy fills me with positive energy. Current POWER work focuses on raising the minimum wage, assuring that all citizens have health care, reforming the criminal justice system, funding Pennsylvania’s schools, and promoting a transition to sustainable energy.

Some of the highlights of my work with POWER include:

- Marching the streets of Philadelphia with Ethical Society members to promote the POWER agenda, such as the Anti-Poverty event of March 3rd, 2014;
- Martin Luther King Day Leadership Assemblies and Teach-ins;
- Participation in planning discussions with Lorraine Marino on creating a “Whites Confronting Racism Workshop Series,” something Sylvia Metzler found useful in preparing to co-chair our own Society’s Ending Racism Task Force;
- Meeting at PES with our State Rep Brian Sims and other POWER members to discuss strategy to fund public education;
- Trips to the State House in Harrisburg to sing social justice songs and speak about our legislative concerns with various General Assembly offices, usually staffers, unless ever-vigilant Kate corners an unsuspecting real live elected official in the hallway for a little politician education!

During one of those trips, I spoke from the podium in support of full fair funding of schools throughout the Commonwealth. I shared that those at the Ethical Society are “committed to the inherent worth of each and every person – we strive to treat every person as unique, irreplaceable, and sacred. That’s how parents see each child – as unique, irreplaceable, and sacred. This commitment to the worth of

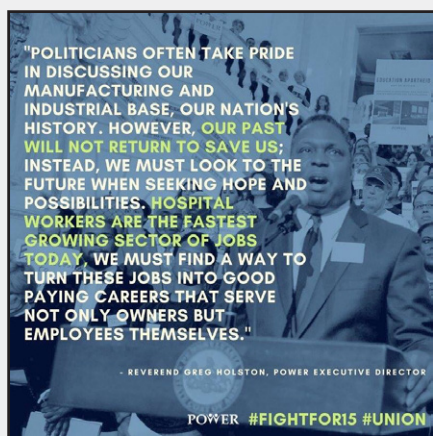
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POWER
PHILADELPHIANS ORGANIZED TO WITNESS,
EMPOWER AND REBUILD

POWER LINES:

Join PES folks in one of the
POWER teams!

Kate Esposito is co-chair of POWER's **Economic Dignity** team focusing on raising the minimum wage for City and State workers and in solidarity with the unions SEIU 32BJ (airport, security, service workers) and UNITE HERE (hotel workers) and reversing state pre-emption that prevents minimum wage raises for all of Philadelphia.

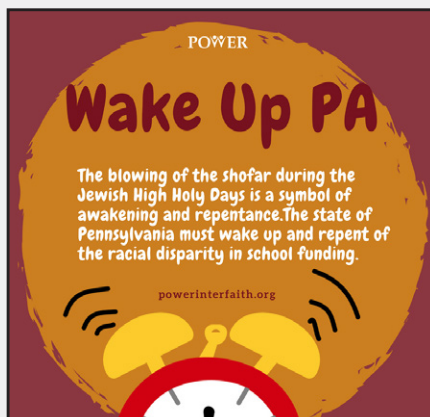


Sylvia Metzler and **Marta Guttenberg** are members of the **Live Free** team that works for transparency and accountability in the criminal justice system of Philadelphia, and is now focused on ending the cash bail system, curbing “stop and frisk,” and strengthening the Civilian Police Advisory Commission. Prior



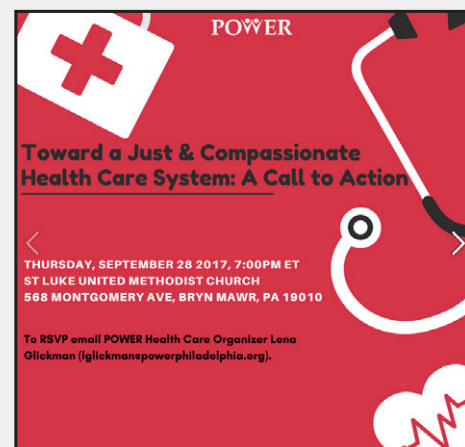
to the election the team also interviewed all District Attorney candidates and were pleased that Philadelphia now has a DA committed to reform!

Nick Sanders is on POWER's **Education Justice** team, which informs citizens about current extreme racial inequity in Pennsylvania Commonwealth's public education funding and advocates for fair funding by state officials. The team also works with other groups to establish and



monitor local representative control of Philadelphia's school district.

Michael Heaney is on POWER's newest team, **Climate Justice** - a joint venture with EQAT (Earth Quaker Action Team) to promote a just transition to a sustainable energy, holding energy corporations accountable for creating green jobs. Their current campaign is focused on PECO increasing their amount of solar energy to 20% by 2025.



POWER also has a **Healthcare Team** that works on preserving and expanding Medicaid, Medicare and the Affordable Care Act. Currently there are no PES members on this committee. Interested? Talk to a POWER team member about it today!

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every person is why I am at the Ethical Society, and why I am here today. Our State budget, and the political priorities that drive it, do not treat every child as unique, irreplaceable and sacred. Year after year of deficit budgets are harming our children – it's fiscal child neglect. This is simply unethical." By promoting ethical

thinking regarding social change, PES adds something of value to POWER. By demonstrating that humanists and non-theists can link arms with member of traditional faith institutions, PES demonstrates the importance of a welcoming, inclusion culture within POWER.

But more than anything, POWER needs our PES members to show

up at POWER events. Look for announcements of how you can be one of the foot-soldiers for justice. Consider joining one of the POWER teams described below by current PES members active in POWER. Now more than ever, we need to work together to bring ethics and compassion back into the center of political power!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Sunday, April 1, 7:00 PM

Intro to Ethical Humanism

Bring your friends to this special "April Fools" edition in which Hugh Taft-Morales explores ways to introduce Ethical Humanism. Hugh Taft-Morales explores ways that human beings are fooled into believing things that turn out to be false. How do Ethical Societies support critical thinking? What are the most constructive ways to understand the quest for truth? And what does that have to do with being a member of the Ethical Society? Come find out while enjoying wine and cheese! Please RSVP to LeaderHugh@phillyethics.org.

Monday, April 2, 7:00 PM

Book discussion – The Common Good, by Robert Reich

In preparing for a May platform, titled 'Common Sense and Common Good,' Hugh Taft-Morales invites you to read this short primer on the concept of "the common good" by Robert Reich. How does the loss of a sense of community put our nation and our world in danger

Sunday, April 1, 10:00 AM

and May 6, 10:00 AM

Music Team meetings Do you like the new Sunday morning energy of the PES Pop-up Chorus? Have you enjoyed the talents of our guest musicians? Want to help update our PES songbook? Then join the PES Music Team! Come to brief organizational meetings.

Special SEMINAR

Saturday, April. 22, 2:00-3:30

The Economics Lens for a More Ethical Society - Part II Srikant Gopal - Member, Philadelphia Ethical Society

In these times of social polarization, can we agree on shared, objective realities? The field of economics offers a way: most social, political and cultural problems can ultimately be distilled into fundamental economic questions.

Viewing issues through an economics lens could allow us to agree on which choices lead to the most effective outcomes for society as a whole. With this objective, shared view of reality, debates on which ethical choices society should make can hopefully become more constructive.

In this second 90-minute seminar style class, we will tackle some core economic choices that societies make, leading to different social and ethical outcomes. Should goods be produced for profit or provided as a service? Should the reins of production be in the hands of individuals or society as a whole?

Who does a better job in different areas of the economy – markets or government? Can societies live without socialism or capitalism? Why is the US an outlier in areas like military superiority, guns, high-speed rail and business innovation?

The tone of the class will be more intellectual than academic, and the style will be informal and highly participatory. No pre-reading is required, just bring your interest and perspectives! You need not have attended the first class to

participate in and benefit from this class – there will be a quick recap of the key points from the previous session.

The class is free and open to the public, but you must register

by emailing course leader Srikant Gopal

at srikant.gopalakr@gmail.com by April 18th.

Srikant has a managerial economics and business background with several global companies, and has lived and worked in several countries around the world. He holds an MBA from the Kelley School of Business at Indiana University



FROM THE AMERICAN ETHICAL UNION

Sunday, April 1, 5:00-6:00 PM
Self-Compassion Meditation Call
in by phone: 641-715-3580 (Access
Code: 366348)

We need to be kind of ourselves so that we can go and do good work in the world, and to be compassionate with people in our lives. Self-compassion meditation gives us the opportunity to provide good care for ourselves. No experience is needed for Community Meditation and you can't do it wrong. You just need to join us and be prepared to be as kind to yourself as possible. The meditation will start at 10 minutes after the hour and will last for about 20 minutes. Following the meditation, we'll have opportunity for discussion looking at meditation from an Ethical Culture perspective. For more information, go to aeu.org/event/community-meditation-1/

Sunday, April 8, 7:00-9:00 PM
Living Ethics: the Core of
Ethical Communities Webinars
by Jone Johnson Lewis, Leader
of Riverdale-Yonkers Society
for Ethical Culture & Brooklyn
Society for Ethical Culture

Sessions with Dates and Times: (all sessions are scheduled for 7-9 pm)

- The Context of the Ethical Movement: April 8
 - Ethical Society Organization (local and national): May 13
 - The Future of Ethical Societies and the Ethical Movement: June 10
- Each session will include some time for presentation of information, discussion and dialogue, including small groups (still online). Each session also has handouts that will be emailed to you. For more information, go to aeu.org/event/living-ethics-seminars/

Thursday, June 7- Sunday, June 10
 Come to the beautiful Albuquerque for the 2018 American Ethical Union Assembly, *Seeds for the Future: Environmental Justice and Ethical Culture*. **Make the trip so that you can:**

- **LEARN** social media tools and ways to best attract millennials to Ethical Societies;
- **DIALOGUE** with Hugh Taft-Morales and guests from many non-believer groups of humanists, skeptics, and atheists how we can best work together while remaining true to our missions;
- **DANCE** to the social justice rock music of Son Of Hwéeldi.
- **EXPLORE** with Leader James Croft how visioning about "what sort of a world we want" can help us hone our environmental activism.
- **VOLUNTEER** on a pre-conference environmental restoration project in the forest site in the Rio Grand Bosque in Albuquerque.
- **HEAR** from grassroots environmental activists how marginalized communities can fight back against corporate and fossil fuel interests to protect their neighborhoods and our planet.
- **SPEAK** with leaders of interfaith groups weaving their religious fervor into their ecological work.
- **CONNECT** with indigenous leaders. Connect their unique perspective to contemporary environmental justice campaigns.

All that while meeting Ethical Humanists from around the country. Register today at aeu.org!

Tell Us a Story

As Ethical Humanists, we share a belief in principles of behavior. Sometimes circumstances preclude our acting in accordance with our basic beliefs. Sometimes there is a clash between what you may be required to do on the job and what your personal ethics tell you to do.

The example given by Judith Levine in her platform address on March 11th illustrated the lack of trust between caseworkers in the welfare system and clients they were hired to serve. That was due to a clash of interests. The welfare workers in her example were required by their job to act in the interest of the bureaucracy and not the people they were there to serve. That is just one example of how requirements can lead to distrust and conflict.

Was there an experience that really put you to the test of the principles you stand by and led you into a conflict you weren't prepared for? Or perhaps an experience that went right to the root of your belief systems and broadened your perspective? It need not be limited to experience on the job. Whatever it is, write it up for the newsletter.

400 words or less. Please submit to: hpashkow@gmail.com (Submissions are limited to PES Members-only.)

HAPPENINGS

PES Members being active through a winter full of activity



Left: A cold winter day didn't dampen the will of Tom DiNardo (member of the Peace Day Philly Board), Hugh Taft-Morales, Bob Bueding and Sylvia Metzler, as they showed their solidarity with students at the March 14th *March for Our Lives* anti-gun violence rally.



Right: At the same rally were Bob Bueding, Sparkler, Sally Redlener, and Henry Pashkow. Henry's sign reads, #NEVERAGAIN.



Left: Book discussion group having a lively conversation on March 5th, about author Roy Speckhardt's *Creating Change through Humanism*. Seated, from left, are Betsy Lightbourn, Stan Horwitz, Drew Snider, Jack Schwar, Michael Heaney, Mostafa Younesie, Harry Thorn, Christian Hayden, and John Marshall.

HAPPENINGS *continued*

The winter brought a stimulating range of speakers, including Richard Kiniry (right) on January 28, asking, *Did God Give Us Trump?*; and Jonathan Zimmerman on February 11, speaking on *Impolitic Politics: Free Speech, Censorship, and Civility on Campus in the Age of Trump*



Right: March 11th Talk Back session with Speaker Judith Levine, on the *Trust Gap: the Hidden Barrier to Successful Poverty Policy*. Nick Sanders is to the left, Bob Bueding on the right.



Above: Henry Pashkow making a point at the same Talk Back session. PES Member Drew Snyder is on the right.

Right: The PES Pop-Up Chorus rehearsing for a March platform, including Robert Steinfert at the piano, with Ron Coburn, Drew Snider, Chuck O'Neil, Hugh Taft-Morales, Henry Pashkow, and Kate Esposito.



FROM THE EDITOR

Reverberations

Years ago, when I was living in the East Oak Lane section of Philadelphia, I got into a car accident. I was driving north on Rising Sun Avenue and took a left when the light changed. An oncoming driver hit me on the passenger side. No one was injured and there was little damage. We exchanged information but I insisted it was his fault.

A few weeks later he came around to my house and challenged what I had insisted on. He offered to settle it for \$100 to pay for the damage to his car.

I kept on insisting it was his fault. I don't remember the rest of the conversation that led up to his saying, "You're not the type." That stuck in my mind. Later, I came to realize he was saying I was not the type to own up to what I had done and accept his fair offer. This became clearer to me when my insurance agent said that taking a left into oncoming traffic, no matter how I saw it, was my fault. I accepted that and settled the claim and never heard from him again.

I chalked it up to 'lesson learned' until a few years later, when I read in the local paper that he had committed suicide. Suddenly I felt hollow in the pit of my

stomach. What was my part in the concatenation of events that led him to take his own life? I went through an uncomfortable succession of feelings trying to find the scale by which to measure my responsibility.

It amazes me how random experiences get buried in the memory vault waiting for an opportunity to spring to life and take new meaning. Responsibility is not the issue. I'm not making another useless foray into the murk of guilt or remorse. Don't we beat ourselves enough as it is? But what he had said was correct. I wish I could have shared that with him before he made his fateful decision.

What's Goin' On?

Other public events at the Ethical Society Building in April

- Vegan [Passover Seder](#) hosted by Jewish Veg
Tuesday, April 3, at 6:30 p.m.

Fighting oppression and yearning for liberation are central themes of Passover. Join Jewish Veg as we unpack these ideas in the context of embracing a plant-based diet to uphold our Jewish ideals.
Info and tickets [HERE](#).

- *Morning Musicales*, in support of the Philadelphia Orchestra,
Wednesday April 4, 2017, 11 am. Recital featuring the young violinist Danbi Um, and the pianist Orion Weiss, performing works by Richard Strauss, George Enesco, and Erich Korngold. Tickets available at the door.

- Humming and Strumming – Guitar Songs with Allen Krantz.
A mini –concert presented by Lyric Fest,
Wednesday April 4, 2017, 5:30 pm. More info [HERE](#).

- Save our Sites Illustrated Lecture: Mt. Vernon Cemetery and its siblings in the 1850s, Aaron Wunsch, PhD.
Wednesday, April 11, 7:30 pm. davidstraub@verizon.net Free admission.

- Dance Medicine Philly presents:
Ecstatic, transcendental free form dance.
Sunday, April 15, 3 to 6:30.
More info and tickets at facebook.com/Dance-Medicine-Philly


- *Momma Knows Best*, an original play by Rick Watson.
Sunday, April 22, performances at 4 pm and 7 pm. [More info here](#), tickets \$35 at the door

- Voter Registration and Canvasser Workshop with Protect & Elect.
Hear presentations by Swing Left and Turn PA Blue.
Wednesday April 25, 6-8 PM. Free event.



APRIL 2018



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 10:00 AM <i>Music Team Meeting</i> 11:00 AM <i>The Moral Insight</i> Hugh Taft-Morales 7:00 p.m.: <i>Intro to Ethical Humanism</i>	2 7:00 PM Book Discussion <i>-The Common Good</i>	3	4 PES MEETING: 6:30 PM Education Committee	5	6	7
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QUOTABLE

Every great advance
in science has issued
from a new audacity
of imagination.

John Dewey

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

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Tour of Mother Bethel AME

Are members of our congregation interested in a tour of the Mother Bethel AME museum and church in the spring? If so, please contact me by email, sylmetz2@gmail.com. Once I get a list, Stan Horowitz and I will conduct a Doodle Poll to find the best date and time. Please indicate if you prefer a week day or a Saturday.



SUNDAY SERVICES

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Coffee Hour Coordinators



April 1 - Kate Esposito.
Last names: A-E
April 8- Ken Greiff
Last names: F-K
April 15 - Garry O'Rourke
Last names: L-Q
April 22 - Harry Thorn
Last names: R-Z
April 29 - TBD

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.



Flowers Coordinated by Sally Redlener



April 1 - From Richard Kiniry
"Dedicated to all of us who admit
to making fools of ourselves on
occasion."

April 8 - From Vince Russo
"Dedicated to the Philadelphia
Ethical Society."

April 15 - Carol Love " in loving
memory of my Grandmother
and my Father in the beautiful
month of their births."

April 22 - From Sylvia Metzler,
"Dedicated to the bees and other
pollinators who are in danger of
extinction. Let's save them."

April 29 - "Happy Birthday, Molly"
from Nick Sanders

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