



ETHICAL VIEWS

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Sunday Platforms

Sunday, May 6, 11:00 AM

Common Good and Civil War
Hugh Taft-Morales, Leader,
Philadelphia Ethical Society



Given the civil discord evident from Capitol Hill to street protests to social media, what can be done to revive the concept of “the Common

Good?” Is it possible to heal the social division between groups from different areas with different backgrounds and political philosophies? Hugh Taft-Morales explores the cultural antipathy between southerners and northerners during the Civil War of the 19th century and suggests some lessons we can learn to help us in the 21st century.

Sunday, May 13, 11:00 AM

The Death of Carbon:
Or the Reincarnation of the
Low-Carbon City
Daniel Aldana Cohen,
Asst. Professor of Sociology,
University of Pennsylvania

Climate change and the housing crisis are the two great existential threats of the 21st-century city. Daniel Aldana Cohen will argue, based on research in São Paulo and New York, that the two crises are linked: movements for affordable housing led by working class people can help decarbonize urban life. Cohen will also revisit his childhood, dominated by talk

of the Holocaust and Guatemalan genocide. He will argue that the moral and emotional lessons of genocide suggest precisely the kind of pragmatic, incrementally transformative, and life-protecting approach to climate politics exemplified by housing movements.



Daniel Aldana Cohen is a writer and professor of sociology at the University of Pennsylvania, where he directs the Socio-Spatial Climate Collaborative, or (SC)2. He conducts qualitative and quantitative research on the politics of climate change, social movements, and cities. His research and writing have appeared in publications including *Nature*, *Public Culture*, *Metropolitics*, *Jacobin*, *Dissent*, the *NACLA Report on the Americas* and the *UTNE Reader*. He is the co-host of *Hot & Bothered*, a podcast on the politics of climate change. He is also the co-editor of *Notes from Canada's Young Activists* (Greystone Books). www.aldanacohen.com | @aldatweets

Sunday, May 20, 11:00 AM

To Welcome and To Belong
Hugh Taft-Morales, Leader,
Philadelphia Ethical Society

When you walk into the Philadelphia Ethical Society for your first Sunday program, we hope you feel welcomed. Should our values mesh with yours, we hope that you will soon feel that

you belong. How can Ethical Humanists do better at welcoming visitors into our building? What can we do to help you learn about our community? Should you want to become a member, how may we assure that you feel you truly belong? Hugh Taft-Morales explores these questions and invites your suggestions about ways to deepen a sense of belonging that enriches your life.

Sunday, May 27, 11:00 AM

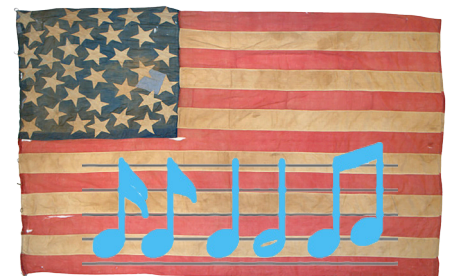
Patriotism

Facilitators: John Marshall
and Pat McGeever

Music:

Robert Edwin Steinfort

Patriotism has taken on many meanings over time. It is often associated with risking one's life for one's country. As we prepare to observe Memorial Day - the annual salute to those who have died for our country, join us in reflecting on some of those meanings through readings and music in an original colloquy. You will have an opportunity to share your own observations.



Sunday Ethical Education for Kids (SEEK) will meet during platforms on May 6th and 20th. If you have questions, please contact Nick Sanders, nick@phillyethics.org

PHILADELPHIA ETHICAL SOCIETY KIVA ACCOUNT REPORT *by Eric Clausen*

Perhaps you have already seen the Kiva display the children in the SEEK program recently prepared. If not, take the time to look at the second floor bulletin board outside the Weston Room to get an idea of the types of small loans the Philadelphia Ethical Society (PES) supports. Kiva is a non-profit organization that allows people and organizations to lend money via the Internet to low-income entrepreneurs and students in over 80 countries. Kiva's mission is "to connect people through lending to alleviate poverty." As one of the Society's ethical action projects, PES members contributed funds to establish and then to maintain a Kiva account from which PES joins with other Kiva account holders to make small loans in developing countries throughout the world.

If you have not explored the Kiva website I encourage you to do so. The website lists hundreds of small loan requests that Kiva account holders can support. These loan requests generally range from a few hundred dollars to a few thousand dollars, and support people and projects without access to other means of credit. Kiva field partners select the people and projects listed on the Kiva website and then actually make the loans and collect the repayments. On the Kiva website each of the loan requests identifies the country where the loan will be made, includes a picture

of the person(s) or group requesting the loan, and a description of what the loan will support. Anyone with a Kiva account can easily identify loans they want to support. Usually the amount requested is more than a typical Kiva account holder will want to commit, so the Kiva website is designed to collect multiple \$25 contributions from many Kiva account holders until the loan has been fully funded. Assuming the loan is repaid in full (most are), the repayments go back to the Kiva account holders who made the loan

countries. Most PES loans have been in the amount of \$25 and have been repaid, so the Society's Kiva account currently has a value of \$966.01, most of which is invested in recently made loans. The difference between what Society members have contributed and the current value is because not all loans have been repaid. PES has lost some money due to currency transactions, and the Society has made contributions to help cover Kiva administrative costs.

I currently manage the PES Kiva account, only as the most recent of several PES account managers. To manage properly, I wait until enough of the past PES loans have been repaid so the Society's Kiva account has enough credit to make ten or more new \$25 loans. I then scroll through the Kiva website looking for loans that address PES priorities (most Kiva loan requests do, so that task is not hard). One PES priority is to support women and approximately 90% of PES loans have supported loans requested by women or groups of women. Another PES priority has been to support subsistence farmers (especially women), although over

the years PES has made loans to support many other types of small development activities and projects. One option available on the Kiva website is the ability of Kiva account holders to work as teams. Each Kiva account holder can identify a team they wish to support, so the designated team also gets credit for each new loan that team member makes. Two years ago I



Some SEEK kids, and teacher Kim McKay.

Photo by Nick Sanders

possible, and the repaid amounts can then be lent again to support new loans the account holders select.

To date PES members have contributed a total of \$1571 into the Society's Kiva account, and over a period of years that modest investment has enabled the Society to lend a total \$6625 to support 197 loans in 52 different developing

established an Ethical Society-Philadelphia Kiva team and to date that team has three members in addition to Society itself. Since being established the Society team account has lent \$5550 in 49 different countries. Countries where the team has made the greatest number of loans include Nicaragua, Kenya, El Salvador, and Guatemala. If you are interested in becoming an Ethical Society-Philadelphia Kiva team member, you first need to establish your own Kiva account. Once you have a Kiva account you can designate the Ethical Society-Philadelphia as your preferred team and then any loans you make from your personal Kiva account will also be credited to the team account.

Members of our Sunday Ethical Education for Kids (SEEK) program along with member teachers Kim McKay and Nick Sanders have followed a suggestion Leader Hugh made: Map out our Ethical Society's contributions to development in the world's poorest countries, by way of Kiva.

You can see the SEEK display on the bulletin board on our building's second-floor landing. It locates and describes the 15 most recent projects that our Society has funded. In January, as you may remember, we devoted half our Sunday platform collection to increasing the amount in our Kiva account by \$161, so it continues to grow. Maybe you will be interested in contributing to the Society's Kiva account.

Contact nick@phillyethics.org for details

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN



The Children's Crusade

*Bob Bueding, President,
Philadelphia Ethical Society*

We should be ashamed of ourselves. We're the adults in the room, yet we've left it to a bunch of grieving kids to finally move the needle on one of the thorniest issues of our day – gun control.

So, where do we start to find a solution? There are many components to this problem: the NRA, political pressure, and public perception. The first problem is the NRA. The vast amount of money they've put in politicians' pockets spills out as political pressure. Our elections are being bought; that's why sensible gun legislation is dead on arrival.

I really thought when the Sandy Hook tragedy happened a few years ago that things might start to change. We offered our "thoughts and prayers". The politicians said the shootings didn't happen because of easy access to guns, it happened because of mental health issues. Yes, mental health is a major component, but if guns, especially assault weapons, were not so readily available, the damage done by the mentally ill would be far less devastating.

The Parkland shooting in March has been a game-changer. The reaction is the start of a ground swell that can begin to make changes to our gun laws. The young students of Parkland have opened the conversation. The kids have had the courage to express their outrage, and I hope nothing will silence them. These youngsters are our leaders of the future and many of them are ready to cast their votes. They're ready to make a difference. Look at what's happened so far, the TV coverage, the interviews, and the #NeverAgain demonstrations on March 24. Hundreds of thousands of folks came out to show their support.

Here's how each of us can do our part: get out and vote in the mid-term election in November. Find the candidate (Democrat or Republican) who supports realistic gun control and isn't beholden to the NRA. Use your vote to put an end to this mindless slaughter.

I want to thank our students and youth leaders for speaking out. Let's keep the pressure on. In the run-up to the election, let's get out there and let our elected representatives know that we've had enough of this and for the sake of our children, WE'RE NOT GOING TO TAKE IT ANYMORE.

~ Bob

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**Primary Day in PA is on May 15
and in NJ on June 5. VOTE**

LEADER'S COLUMN

A Bridge to Freedom or a Bridge to Nowhere?

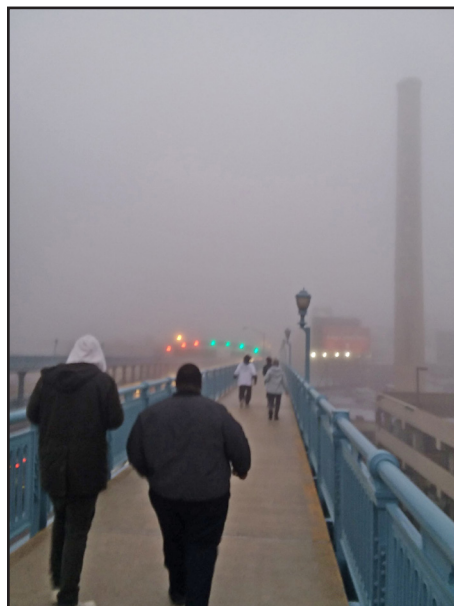


*Hugh Taft-Morales,
Leader,
Philadelphia
Ethical Society*

The fog was so thick that as we walked it felt that we were on a bridge to nowhere. Given that this walk was to honor the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., it felt a little ominous. There was no dramatic sunrise to herald a new day, as I imagined there would be when I signed up on-line. It made me wonder about where we as a nation were going in our efforts to build racial justice. Not only could I not see a final destination on the other side of the Delaware, I could see little more than a few dozen yards ahead. Where were our efforts to end racism taking us in the world, and at PES?

I know that King himself did not know what the future held. While he preached certainty about how we, as a people, will get to the promised-land, privately he had as many worries and doubts as any person. Too often we think that history is inevitable – that the north had to win the Civil War, that the Supreme Court had to rule that separate is not equal, and that the arc of the moral universe will bend toward justice. But history can take turns we least expect, and it is up to the living to determine the future. We have to walk the walk.

That's what my better side was telling me when I dragged myself out of bed on the morning of April 4th. When I arrived at 6:00AM for the 11th Annual Bridge Walk for Peace hosted by Global Citizen there was a small group gathering at the north walkway entrance of the Ben Franklin Bridge. It was a diverse group – men, women, black, white, old, young. One grandmother with a walker brought her 6-year-old grandson because she felt she had to do something to mark such an important and worrisome anniversary.



Obviously it is worrisome because 50 years after this icon of civil rights and social justice was gunned down, blacks are still being gunned down in our country. It is important because we must leverage King's legacy to carry on his work, otherwise his death will have been in vain. Most who did the walk with me seemed to feel that the work will contribute to real change.

When after our walk we gathered for conversation in the basement of the first Methodist Church in America, St. George's United Methodist Church, most

participants drew optimism from the multi-ethnic nature of the group. "It's good to know that there are so many people of different colors who want to end racism," one registered nurse shared. I will admit that I was feeling a little less optimistic. Perhaps it was because we were in the church that denied Richard Allen freedom to worship and preach as did whites simply because he was black. Although his dynamic preaching drew many people to St. George's, the white church officers forced the new black faithful to sit in the back of the church. It was only after an elder denied Allen's request to form a black Methodist church using what Allen called "very degrading and insulting language" that Allen decided to found the AME Church, Mother Bethel, our POWER ally in carrying on King's legacy. This has become a major religious denomination in our country.

I felt a little more positive after speaking with the organizer of the Bridge Walk, Todd Bernstein, founder and director of the annual Greater Philadelphia Martin Luther King Day of Service that PES has participated in during my time here. Bernstein is also president of Global Citizen, promoting "sustainable civic engagement through volunteer service, locally and globally." He founded MLK365 so that work typically reserved for the day of service is carried on throughout the year. My hope is that he will come to PES next year some Sunday morning to share some of his vision with us. In the mean time, despite any fog we may run into, we have to "keep on a-walkin', keep on a-talkin', marching up to freedom land."



ANNOUNCEMENTS

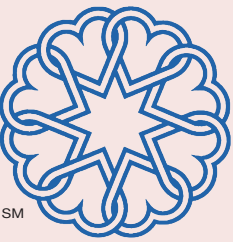
Sunday, May 6, 10:00 AM

Music Team meetings Want to help PES become more musical? Come to our next Music Team Meeting to discuss updating our songbook, our Sunday morning guest musician program, and next fall's "Ethical Folk Night" series.

Sunday, May 6, 5:00-8:00 PM

Dances of Universal Peace

Come to 1906 S. Rittenhouse Square for a singing, dancing meditation honoring the earth and many sacred traditions. All are invited to participate. "Toward the Unity of Love, Harmony and Beauty" is sponsored by the Philadelphia Ethical Society and is led by Alice Elle Rader, certified leader of Universal Dances of Peace. For questions call Alice at 484-466-4182. Light refreshments. Donation gratefully accepted!



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Reserve your place through the Philadelphia Ethical Society on Meetup or contacting Hugh

Taft-Morales at LeaderHugh@phillyethics.org.

Sunday, May 6, 7:00 PM

Intro to Ethical Humanism

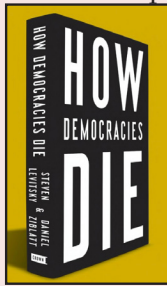
Come for a power point overview of the Ethical Culture movement, the PES, and how Ethical Humanism fits into the spectrum of freethought groups. Light refreshments. Please RSVP to LeaderHugh@phillyethics.org.

Monday, May 7, 7:00 PM

Book discussion –

***How Democracies Die* by Steven Levitsky and Daniel Ziblatt**

This book is a warning about the fragility of our system of government. If we are going to change our political system, will it be to improve democracy so it



functions better, or will we drift towards chaos or a more entrenched oligarchy? Come for this follow up to similar books discussed earlier this year: *On Tyranny*, by Timothy Snyder, and *The Common Good*, by Robert Reich.

Saturday, May 12, 11:00 AM Visit to Mother Bethel AME Museum and Church.

Meet at 6th and Lombard 10:45 and go for lunch afterwards if able. Contact Sylvia Metzler sylmetz2@gmail.com

Sunday, May 20, After Platform – PES Annual Membership Meeting.

Immediately following our platform we will vote for Board of Trustee positions:

President, Vice President

Board Trustee x2

Names of the nominees will be posted by May 1st.

Tuesday, May 22, 7:00 PM

Discussion and book signing:

William Howard Taft: The American Presidents Series: the 27th President 1909-1913

CEO of the National Constitution Center Jeffery Rosen discusses his new book, *William Howard Taft: The American Presidents Series: the 27th*



President 1909-1913,

followed by a book signing. A limited number of books will be available for sale. Ethical Society Leader Hugh Taft-Morales will interview Rosen and call on questions from the floor. What is it about William Howard Taft as President and as Chief Justice that may help us navigate the political turmoil of our age? Come find out! Free and open to the public.

Jeffrey Rosen guides the National Constitution Center in educating the public about the U.S. Constitution. The Center engages millions of citizens as an interactive museum, national town hall, and provider of nonpartisan resources for civic education. He is professor at The George Washington University Law School and a contributing editor of *The Atlantic*. His essays and commentaries have appeared in the *New York Times Magazine*, the *New Republic*, *The New Yorker*, and on *National Public Radio*. Rosen's other books include Louis D. Brandeis: *American Prophet*, and *The Supreme Court: The Personalities and Rivalries that Defined America*. Rosen is a graduate of Harvard College; Oxford University (as a Marshall Scholar); and Yale Law School.

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Retrospective

I had just brought in a client for his psychiatrist review at the community mental health center, where I worked. I was a social worker there, and the doctor was a general M.D., and he was disinclined to answer questions. The office was in a satellite building of the agency, and while I sat with him in the crowded waiting area I saw the doctor pass the nurse and feel her breasts and walk on. I couldn't believe what I had seen. He went about his business as if that was a routine part of his day, and the nurse walked on as if nothing had been transgressed.

I looked around to see if anyone else had noticed, but nobody seemed to; or if they did I saw no evidence of it.

I saw her stripped of her dignity and I was sickened. I imagined her having to face this degradation every workday and I was sickened. An hour later I told the nurse I would stand witness to this if she wanted to report the incident and register a complaint. She said, "no, I need this job." This happened in the early 1990s. That was before the vast, sordid history of sexual abuse in our society (and many others)

seared the front pages of newspapers. This was before we talked about it openly and before we took to the streets to demonstrate. Recently, some predators have lost their jobs, and others are on trial or will go to trial. They are being brought to justice in increasing numbers, and this will go on for a while.

But back then it was a quotidian event and we normally looked the other way. She was an African American nurse, and not an R.N. He was an African American doctor, not a psychiatrist, doling out psychiatric medication to clients. The agency had hired him to do psychiatry, but he knew next to nothing about it.

I would be lying to you if I said I didn't feel a sense of relief that she didn't press forward with her complaint.

Yes, I would have kept my word, but I can only guess at what would have happened had she followed through. It would have gone up the chain to management and the board, and they would have reached into their bottomless bag of evasions and tricks. The inevitable surface investigation would have followed: a series of denials and apologies and the doctor would have harrumphed his way through their pathetic inquiry and come out whole. She would have been kicked

to the curb, and I would have been labeled a whistle blower in a business where the proscription against sounding alarms is as strong as any in government practice, and I would have gone down with her.

So I did the right thing, and I got away without having to suffer the consequences endured by those called upon to stand by their principles, and take real heat for it. Yes, I felt a sense of relief, and a hollow feeling in the pit of my stomach. I needed the job, too.

Yet I think of the doctor, and what he had to go through as a black man working for his medical degree. By no means do I excuse his behavior. I think of the agencies scrambling for funds to pay expenses, hiring an M.D. to do psychiatry without the necessary training. By no means do I excuse them. Perhaps even less so, because those at the top make out quite well (thank you very much) while those at the bottom, doing the hard work required by the positions they hold, do not make out well at all.

I think about all those powerless people jostled along in the succession of treatments by workers who know they can do only so much for any one of them. I think about them to this day.

~ Henry Pashkow

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 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 limited to PES Members-only.)

AMERICAN ETHICAL UNION HAS MOMENTUM! *by John McCormick*

You often hear fellow members say, “if only more people knew about us, there would surely be a lot more Ethical Humanists”. Last summer our national federation of Ethical Societies, the American Ethical Union, sent out a questionnaire, polling members on a number of issues. One question focused on identifying the primary purpose of the AEU. The overwhelming response was that the AEU should serve as the national face of the Ethical Culture Movement. This is especially true at this critical time when so many people are looking for ways to join together to protect the ideals we hold dear.

With this in mind, the AEU Board decided to seek professional help

getting our name out to the media. Momentum, a public relations firm specializing in serving non-profits, was hired for an initial five-month period. The Board members contributed 70% of the cost and the remaining 30% will come from the Board Fund. Not one dollar for this experiment will come from society apportionments or the general operating account.

Momentum has already been working with the New York Society for three years. They are thoroughly familiar with Ethical Culture and are ready to take off running. It is important to remember that public relations is not advertising. We are not selling a specific product, there is no catchy jingle, no clever

message. Momentum will use its expertise to select appropriate stories to be pitched to media targets that are likely to be receptive. These are stories that will come from the societies themselves, stories that are related to current hot topics and that have a strong element of human interest. Our job is to be imaginative and pass along to Momentum any stories we think might be of interest to the public. If you have an idea, talk it over with Leader Hugh, myself or a PES Board member so that the idea can be forwarded for consideration. The more ideas, the better. Don't let this opportunity pass us by. Let's get the Philadelphia Ethical Society out in front of the public as soon as possible.

FROM THE AMERICAN ETHICAL UNION

Sunday, May 6, 5:00-6:00 PM
Self-Compassion Meditation Call
in by phone: 641-715-3580 (Access
Code: 366348) 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, May 13, 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
 For more information, go to aeu.org/event/living-ethics-seminars/

Friday, May 25-Monday, May 28
Future of Ethical Societies
Conference in St. Louis, MO
 Between the Trump administration and movements in support of progress, we're in the midst of some tense social and political times. At this year's Future of Ethical Societies Conference in St Louis, we will workshop our ability to dialogue with those we disagree with, and effectively do the work to bridge the deep socio-political divide we're facing in the US. Join us for our 15th annual conference. Our conference is open to all people aged 18-35. You need not be a FES Member to attend. Please email fesconference@gmail.com with any questions. Schedule subject to change.

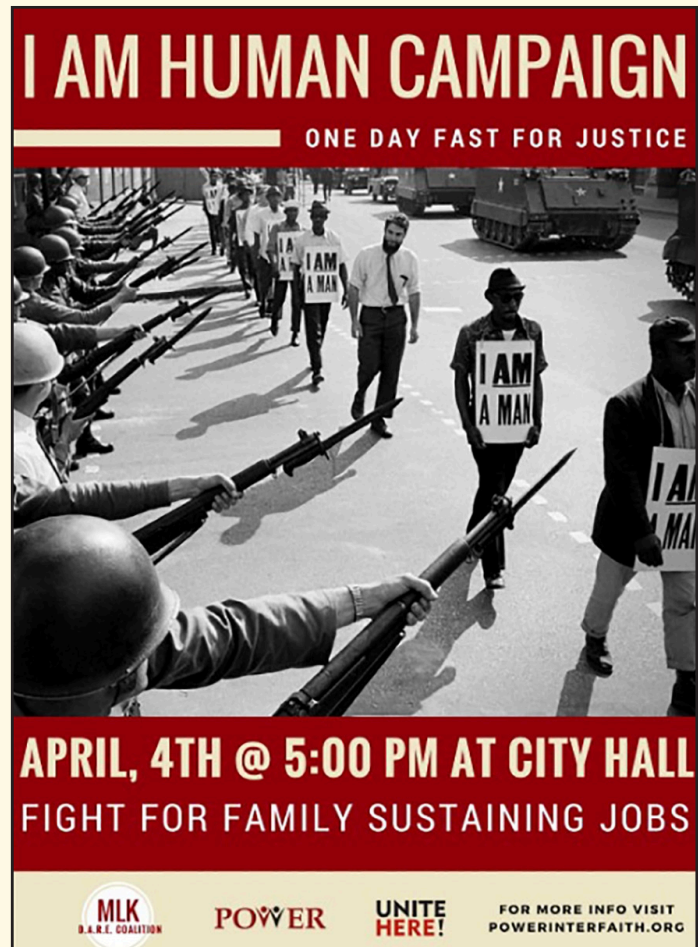
Full Registration = \$85/person (includes lodging at lovely Hazlet Cottages on Carlyle Lake, 5 meals, transportation, workshops & activities)
 Registration w/o lodging = \$35 (includes 2 meals, transportation, workshop & activities)
 Registration w/o lodging or transportation = \$15 (includes 2 meals, workshop & activities)

Thursday, June 7-Sunday, June 10
AEU 103rd Assembly in
Albuquerque, New Mexico
 It's not too late to attend the 2018 American Ethical Union Assembly, “Seeds for the Future: Environmental Justice and Ethical Culture,” in Albuquerque. Register today at aeu.org!

HAPPENINGS

On April 4th, PES Members join the POWER and MLK D.A.R.E. Coalition "I Am Human" Rally for Justice

At 5:00 p.m. on April 4th, the 50th anniversary of the assassination of Reverend Martin Luther King Jr, was acknowledged by participants in the "I Am Human" Rally for Justice at Philadelphia's City Hall. Organized by POWER and the MLK D.A.R.E. Coalition, the Rally was created to address the belief that profit has taken precedent over people, and that it is critical to support workers as they unite to assert their human rights and dignity. Many PES members participated in the Rally.



Above right: Campaign poster for the Rally.

Right: PES Members Nick Sanders, Kate Esposito, John Marshall, Sylvia Metzler, Betsy Lightbourn and Hugh Taft-Morales, confirming their humanity in multiple languages.



HAPPENINGS *continued*



Above: At the press conference at City Hall

Below: PES Members Arthur Pielli and David Ralston, at the Rally



From the PES Ending Racism Task Force:

THE PAST AS PROLOGUE

submitted by John Marshall

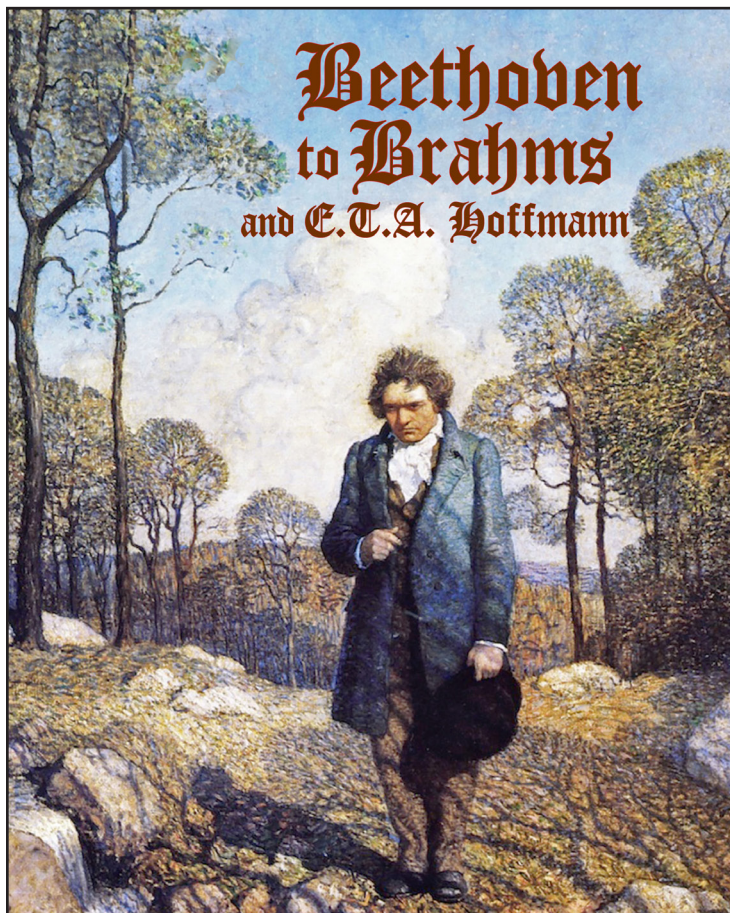
During childhood my perception of racism was affected by my parents' backgrounds. During WWII they met at an Army base in Texas. My mother was a WAC officer from the Pittsburgh area and my father was from a small town in Arkansas. After the war they moved to the Pittsburgh area. In the early 1950's we visited my father's hometown in the foothills of the Ozarks.

I was exposed to racism by the signs fronting the restrooms, water fountains, and stores. When I asked why this was so, my father replied, "That's just the way it is." He never expressed racist views, except to say that during his childhood there were no Blacks in the county. In 1957 we visited relatives in Little Rock, Arkansas during the National Guard deployment in reaction to the school integration unrest led by Governor Orville Faubus. The relatives did not express racist views to us; but perhaps it was because we were "Yankees".

My mother occasionally displayed racism. While watching the *Nat King Cole Show* she referred to him as a "jigaboo." That was one example. I couldn't understand why she would degrade such a gifted performer. My father's best friend was also raised in Arkansas. I felt disturbed when overhearing him spouting racist epithets. Later I declared to my father "He's a racist". My father was very upset. At the time, I was confused by his reaction. Later, I realized that he must have felt extremely conflicted.

During the Civil Rights Movement I was inspired by the courage of the Freedom Marchers and horrified by the violent resistance to them; and the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King was an abomination to me.

In summary, I have continued to experience what our leader Hugh Taft-Morales termed the "moral insight". This has helped to sustain me during these painful times.



Beethoven and Nature, N.C. Wyeth, 1919

Sunday, May 20, 2018 at 3:00 pm

CONCERTS AT ETHICAL: In collaboration with PES, Fine Art Music is presenting a special concert about the birth of musical romanticism – with Piano, Violin and Cello

This concert goes back to the dawn of the 19th century to visit a fascinating series of connections around the explosion of musical romanticism. It will be highlighted through the lens of the influential E.T.A. Hoffmann, (creator of the story of *The Nutcracker*), an artist, writer and composer who deeply loved music and exalted Beethoven. Expanded with historic imagery and commentary, this concert aims to thoughtfully blend splendid music with perceptions about the highly charged nature of art.

Beethoven: *Piano Sonata in E major, op.109*

E.T.A. Hoffmann: *Grand Piano Trio in E major*

Schumann: *Adagio and Allegro for cello and piano*

Brahms: *Piano Trio #1 in B major*

1906 S. Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia, 19103

Admission: \$27/general; \$22/seniors;

\$15/PES members; \$10/students

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What's Goin' On?

Other public events at the
Ethical Society Building in May

- Chamber Music Benefit Concert. Tuesday,
Monday May 7, 6:00 p.m.
Musicians from the Philadelphia Orchestra
present a concert to benefit
the Syrian refugee community in Philadelphia
(through HIAS). Tickets and Info:
<http://www.pomusicians.org/news>

Breaking the Bond with Suffering:
Yoga of the Bhagavad Gita and Teaching of Gurdjieff.

Friday, May 11th, 8:00 pm

An exchange with Dr. Ravi Ravindra,
presentation followed by questions.

Information and rsvp

<http://gurdjieff-philadelphia.org/ravindra/>

 MAY 2018						
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11:00 AM The Death of Carbon - Daniel Aldana Cohen			6:30 PM PES Board of Trustees			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
11:00 AM To Welcome and Belong Hugh Taft-Morales Post-Platform Membership Meeting 3:00 Music at Ethical Brahms/Beethoven		7:00 PM Discussion and Book Signing - William Howard Taft	PES MEETING 5:30 PM Camp Linden Committee	 7:00 PM Amnesty International Meeting amnestyeastpa.org		
27	28	29	30	31		
11:00 AM Patriotism Facilitators John Marshall and Pat McGeever; Music Robert Steinfort						

QUOTABLE

"The great end of all human industry, is the attainment of happiness. For this were arts invented, sciences cultivated, laws ordained, and societies modeled, by the most profound wisdom of patriots and legislators."

- David Hume

MAY BIRTHDAYS

1 Jim Gummings
 7 Pat McGeever
 7 Nick Sanders
 14 Marta Guttenberg
 20 Doris Dabrowski
 28 Bob Kay

Tour of Mother Bethel AME

Are you interested in a tour of the Mother Bethel AME museum and church? The tour is now scheduled for May 12, 11:00 a.m. Please contact Sylvia Metzler by email, sylmetz2@gmail.com.



SUNDAY SERVICES

11:00 A.M.

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May 6 - From Stan Horwitz- 'To
commemorate the Spring Season.'

May 13 - - "Happy Mother's Day,
Valerie Wexler Ralston," from
David Ralston

May 20 - From Sharon Wallis
"Dedicated to Rollin Wilber in
appreciation for sharing his love of
fine music at our Platforms and
his concert series."

May 27 - From Irene Putzer "In
appreciation of all who voted in the
primary elections."

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.

Coffee Hour Coordinators



May 6 - Kate Esposito.

Last names: A-E

May 13- Ken Greiff

Last names: F-K

May 20 - Garry O'Rourke

Last names: L-Q

May 27 - Harry Thorn

Last names: R-Z



Summer is on
its way . . .
put the PES
Annual Picnic
at Camp
Linden on
your calendar
- Sunday,
July 15th,
Noon - 5:00;
Rain Date:
July 22nd

For suggestions regarding this
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