

ETHICAL VIEWS

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Sunday Platforms

Sunday, May 5, 11:00 AM

Cultivating Character

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



The bylaws of the Philadelphia Ethical Society say we exist as an organization to “cultivate character.” To what degree are our efforts to “cultivate

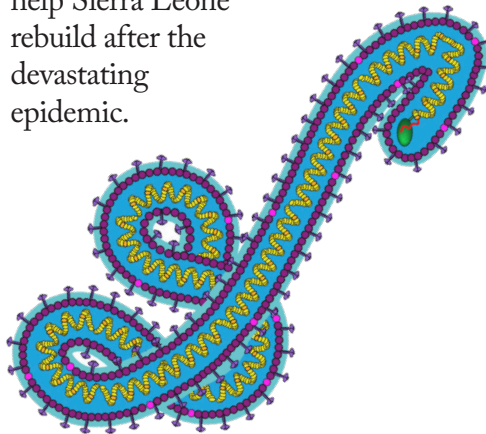
character” similar to those of farmers who decide what crops to plant? They, of course, are dependent on natural forces outside their control. What does “cultivate” mean to you? What does it mean in Ethical Humanism? How do you try to grow “goodness?” Come explore this with Hugh Taft-Morales and members of the Ethical Society who will share their ideas during our morning program.

Sunday, May 12, 11:00 AM

What’s a Westerner to Do Now? Ethical Considerations in Responding to the Ebola Epidemic, Hannah Lawman, Philadelphia Department of Public Health

Over 10,000 West Africans lost their lives during the 2014–2015 Ebola epidemic, the largest in history. This talk will focus on ethical considerations of Western Intervention brought into sharper view by the Ebola epidemic. It will consider the economics of drug and diagnostics development and the role of modern consumerism. Dr. Hannah Lawman will discuss

her experiences and the impact they continue to have on her today. Hannah Lawman received her PhD in clinical-community psychology from the University of South Carolina and specialized in health psychology. An epidemiologist at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, she worked in Sierra Leone as part of the emergency response. She now directs research for the chronic disease prevention division at the Philadelphia Department of Public Health. She founded and directs the 501(c)(3) Welbodi Sierra Leone, which provides comprehensive high school scholarships for girls, to help Sierra Leone rebuild after the devastating epidemic.



*Schematic of Ebolavirus,
Justin D. McKay, PhD*

Sunday, May 19, 11:00 AM

Be Here Now

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

So much of our lives are lived in distraction. We are constantly reacting to the world around us. We get sucked into regrets of the past or anxiety about the future. We forget where we are in time and space. What if we accept some simple profound advice: be...here...now.

How can we set aside constantly “doing” so as to cultivate respect for “being”? Can we remember the amazing fact of our existence on this fragile planet hurtling through space? Can we bring ourselves more fully present so we can be in the moment, comfortable with ourselves and with others? Hugh Taft-Morales explores how this all fits into Ethical Humanism.

Sunday, May 26, 11:00 AM *Social Architecture for Resilient & Sustainable Communities* **Jerome Shabazz, Executive Director, Overbrook Environmental Educational Center**

The Overbrook Environmental Education Center (OEEC) works to demonstrate strategies that promote healthier, more resilient communities in Philadelphia’s vulnerable neighborhoods with the use of sustainable practices. The OEEC has trained thousands of students on the Clean Water Act and Toxic Substances Control Act, and other topics that reduces human exposure to toxic substances at home and school. Philadelphia is the sixth largest city in the United States, with a racially and ethnically diverse population (estimated at 1,567,442, in 2015). According to the city’s Health Department, 23.6 percent of Philadelphians rated their health as poor or fair,

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Sunday Ethical Education for Kids (SEEK) will meet during platforms on May 5 and 19. Contact is Nick Sanders, nick@phillyethics.org See note on page 5.

LEADER'S COLUMN

For All the AEU does

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

As I get ready to head down to Tampa in June to attend the American Ethical Union annual assembly, I am reminded of all that the AEU does for our movement. This column is just my way to say “thank you” to the AEU staff for all they do! Operating out of a small office at the New York Society for Ethical Culture on 2 West 64th Street in New York City, Executive Director **Bart Worden**, Director of Administration **Law'nence Miller**, and Administrative Assistant **Larissa Perez** are the hub of the wheel.

Working from remote locations are Dean of Leadership Training, **Susan Rose** (in Boston), Youth of Ethical Societies Coordinator, **Trish Cowan** (in St. Louis), and Communications Coordinator, **Emily Newman** (in Washington). Susan, who is battling some health challenges, is taking a sabbatical and **Randy Best**, Leader of the Northern Virginia Ethical Society, will be stepping in on a temporary basis. These folks, many of whom are extremely part-time on paper, work long hours to help the federation of Ethical Societies. They are supported by three loyal volunteers, **Eva Yachnes**, **David Combs**, and **Rita Wilson**, who come into the AEU office every week!

This group helps coordinate the extensive training and support to our Ethical Culture Leaders. I found my three years of training extremely important in developing my leadership skills and improving my knowledge of Ethical Culture. Happily this work is a bit heavier this year as we now have four Leaders-in-Training in our program! They are **Jé Hooper**, **Christian Hayden**, **Sarah Tielemans**, **Carolyn Tabak**, and **storæe michelle**.

The AEU staff plans our Annual Assemblies full of keynote speeches, workshops, colloquies, meals, social events, and the AEU business meetings where local societies can shape our national budget and strategy. AEU staff coordinates awards, including the **Elliott-Black Award** to individuals or groups sacrificing to advance the values we

I haven't even touched on the support the staff gives our American Ethical Union board headed by Philadelphia Ethical Society member **John McCormick**. The AEU Board, by the way, has just hired Momentum, a Public Relations firm that will help us become better known. Now more than ever, as our nation and world seem to be leaning toward authoritarian governance and climate collapse, we need to share our unique philosophical worldview and offer our relational approach to problem solving.

It is the relationships I have with the AEU staff, however, that make me deeply committed to our federating organization. Respect for these relationships is hard to convey to you in a newsletter article. Relationships take time and experience to grow strong. I can't fully share with you the calming advice I've received from Bart or L Miller as I oversee the National Leaders Council, or the details Larissa juggles.



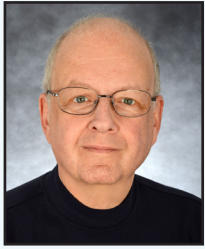
share in Ethical Culture, the **Anna Garlin Spencer Award** for outstanding volunteer contributions to Ethical Societies, and the **Mossler Fellowship** for creative work in advancing our movement. The AEU staff also coordinates skills summits and national conferences, such as those for our youth, YES (Youth of Ethical Societies), and for young adults, FES (Future of Ethical Societies.) They maintain the AEU's website and social media platforms so there is a strong Ethical Humanist presence in the media. The AEU also supports the work of National Ethical Service, our very own NGO at the United Nations, and the AHA Center for Education.

I can't convey adequately Susan's mentoring support for me, Emily's candid advice and efficiency, Trish's contribution to a youth program that benefited my children. All these relationships mean a lot to me, as does the health of our national movement.

I hope you are willing to get to know the AEU better by visiting their website (aeu.org), attending national and regional meetings, and consider serving on any one of the AEU committees or on the Board. I believe such contribution will both help advance Ethical Humanism as well as reap rewards for the Philadelphia Ethical Society!

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Music Music Music



*Bob Bueding,
President,
Philadelphia
Ethical Society*

I decided this month to talk about the music here at 1906, which quite frankly, is amazing.

For those of you who don't know me well, let me give you a brief history. My father was a scientist with a love for classical music. My grandmother wanted him to be a classical violinist, but he had other plans. He made his life a meeting place for both science and music. He specialized in medicine and infectious diseases, but he never lost his strong desire for chamber music. Dad played his violin and

was quite good. In my childhood we moved to several cities in furtherance of my father's medical career. But in every city, Dad left his mark on the classical music scene. In our last stop in Baltimore he founded the Johns Hopkins Shriver Hall Concert Series. After fifty-five years it's still thriving.

Some of my best memories involve meeting many well-known concert artists in our home, where my mother often entertained the musicians with a light dinner after their performance. I had the pleasure of meeting Murray Perahia, Jean-Pierre Rampal, Claude Frank, and many others.

Now that you know about my passion for music, I want to talk a little about what we offer at The Philadelphia Ethical Society. Every Sunday we include music in our program. Our musician-in-residence is Rollin Wilber, founder of Fine Art Music. Each week we hear music from Bach to Mozart to Chopin and others, like Scott Joplin. Occasionally we invite guest musicians to perform, giving us a wide variety of material.

I talk with many folks who attend Sunday services and they tell me they love the music. I can assure you, if you join us some Sunday, you won't be disappointed. Our Leader loves to sing and often he'll play the guitar and lead our congregation in song. Several of our members are skilled musicians too, and they contribute to our presentations.

If music moves your heart and lifts your spirits, come and join us any Sunday. See you at 1906!



Left, pianist Rollin Wilber and flutist Elivi Varga; Above, actor/singer Robert Edwin and violinist Adelya Shagidullina; Right, members of HLAS.



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and those with the poorest health disparities can be tracked by race, ethnic background and zip code. Also included are details one center's latest youth initiative, the Overbrook Youth Environmental Stewards (OYES) program. Jerome Shabazz is the founder and Executive Director of JASTECH (Juveniles Active in Science and Technology)

Development Services, Inc., a not-for-profit organization developed in 1998 to promote environmental justice; encourage sustainable design and to promote public health in urban communities. In 2002, JASTECH applied for and received a US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) grant under the Clean Water Act to establish the Overbrook Environmental Education Center

(OEEC), a community-based center dedicated to preserving our built and natural environments. Under Mr. Shabazz's direction, the OEEC completed a Targeted Brownfields Assessments (TBA) and remediated environmental hazards from a Brownfield site in West Philadelphia.

For further information: <https://www.nrs.fs.fed.us/partners/oec>

FROM THE
EDITOR'S DESK

Seeing with the Heart

by Henry Pashkow

Last month I wrote about presenting my skit on the trauma I had experienced as a stuttering child who'd been belittled for it. This month I'm writing about an experience I had at the Bagels & Dharma event at the Shambhala Meditation Center.

B&D takes place in the Shrine Room, where art and ritual objects are displayed in a space used for offerings, rituals, and contemplation. Seen in this way B & D combines meditation practice with a dharma talk on Buddhist teachings and a discussion. Eight people besides the teacher showed up at the March 31st get-together. The topic was direct and immediate experience of reality or seeing from the heart.

The minute you talk about an experience that might signify as heart-felt, the mind intervenes and sorts thoughts about it into correlatives. Words can forage around the edges but can't get down into the felt essence. That's a feeling that's yours and yours alone.

An example was given about standing in front of a beautiful painting and the rich and sensory experiences of it. You can get an expert to talk about the medium or the palette and the composition, how and where it stood in the traditions, but that painting is not irreducible to component parts no matter how much you address it that way. The painting and its effect on you are your experience. It's one of those paradoxes that befuddle the senses.

At the very last minute a woman came in and she was clearly distraught. When asked to introduce herself she started crying and told a distressing story of loss that dampened the mood in the room. She'd

lost her son to drugs and her life was a shambles and nobody knew what to say. It seemed every response was a re-opening of the wounds.

As part of the program we were to be paired off and each would be given three minutes to talk about the topic without interruption and then listen to the other under the same directive. When I saw I'd be paired with her, I felt fear. I had no solutions and wasn't going to offer any she'd probably already thought of. I feared getting submerged in her ocean of grief and left adrift with no adequate response. I didn't want to be there and then I worried about how I would be seen and judged by others.

I feared getting submerged in her ocean of grief

She went first and I listened and it occurred to me that we shared the terror that arises when feeling entirely alone, separated from everyone else, cut off by circumstances, unprotected. And that nothing was worse.

So, without making a conscious decision, I slipped into deep listening, becoming the vessel of steadiness and compassion as described by Teya in her workshop that I had recently attended. That was part of the HeART Stories program I wrote about last month, where we focused on strengthening and expanding the practitioners' ability to bear witness, 'find the medicine' and work creatively with stories of suffering and transformation.

I encouraged her to go on as long as she felt comfortable with it. I remember asking a few questions but made no attempt to control the narrative. I was relieved when I saw I did not have to provide answers. When her three minutes were up I encouraged her to take my three minutes and go on. This was entirely unplanned and unscripted. It simply happened.

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Later I described my experience of it to the group as a gift. She shared her story allowing herself to be

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Seeing with the Heart

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seen in way that would frighten me were I in her shoes, and that was a risk. An act of bravery on her part. An act of trust to which I was beneficiary.

Whatever the experience was, it was unreproducible and distinct. Even if I could do it again, it wouldn't be the same. Maybe I made her feel that she counted for something just as she was, that she wasn't a point of argument between opposing sides, and didn't have to defend her position.

She seemed much relieved at the end and thanked me for my "therapy" and jokingly asked me to send her a bill. But it wasn't a billable service and it wasn't therapy, it was a good feeling, more than anything.

SEEK *Sunday Ethical Education for Kids* – from the Nick Sanders

Participation as a helper in our Society's Sunday Ethical Education for Kids (SEEK) program has been a joy for me. I love to see our four regularly-attending children and other occasional young visitors react to stories from value-related kids' books, give their own insights, and get into the crafts projects that teacher Kim McKay presents. With Leader Hugh's involvement, I have enjoyed working with Kim and the children on projects like the Kiva display, the kid's Tree of Knowledge, and the current members' baby photos displays, which keep us SEEKers connected with the grown-ups in the Society.



2019 SERVICE AUCTION EVENT

THE SERVICE AUCTION EVENT IS A FUND RAISING PESTRADITION WHERE MEMBERS OFFER AN EVENT, AS SUGGESTED IN THE LIST BELOW. ALL MEMBERS HAVE A CHANCE TO SELECT AN EVENT THAT INTERESTS THEM AND MAKE A BID ON IT. ALL PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY TO THE PHILADELPHIA ETHICAL SOCIETY.

EVENTS INCLUDE:

• Ice Cream & Game Party



• Sporting Events



• Computer Help

• Movie Night Outings

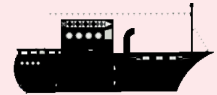


• Museum Tours

• Garden Tours



• Boating excursion on the Schuylkill



• Knitting Instruction

To learn more, contact Sally Redliner at sredlener110@gmail.com

Also, if you have another event you would like to host, or a service to contribute, please contact Sally.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

All taking place at the PES Building 1906 Rittenhouse Square, Philadelphia, PA 19103

Sunday, May 5, Noon NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES ELECTION

Please plan to attend our annual meeting to elect the following members to The Board of Trustees, for 2019-2020:

- Secretary: John Marshall
- Treasurer: Vince Russo
- Trustees:
 - Susan O'Connell
 - Mike Black-Smith
 - Ron Coburn
 - Drew Snyder

In addition, we will present our budget for 2019-2020.

Sunday, May 5, 7:00 pm

INTRO TO ETHICAL HUMANISM

Do you have friends curious about the history, philosophy, and community of the Philadelphia Ethical Society? Bring them to the next Introduction to Ethical Humanism and

RSVP to leaderhugh@phillyethics.org

Monday, May 6, 6:00 - 8:00 pm ETHICAL EVOLUTION

Are you striving to live closer to your ethical ideals? Do you want to express your values through action? Come to another "Ethical Evolution," a support circle led

by Hugh Taft-Morales that offers tools and support to help you bring out your ethical best. An Ethical Evolution introduction will occur from 6:00-7:00PM.

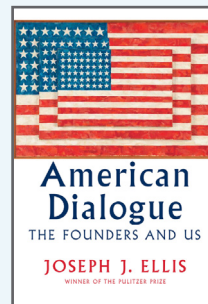


If you have already come to an introductory session, come for a larger discussion of personal progress from 7:00-8:00PM. All interested can share a casual dinner afterwards at 8PM at a nearby eatery.

Tuesday, May 7, 7:00 pm

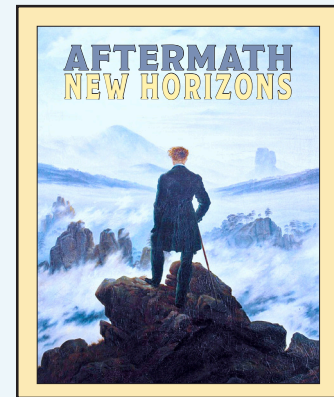
BOOK DISCUSSION ON *AMERICAN DIALOGUE: THE FOUNDERS AND US*

Hugh Taft-Morales hosts a discussion of the second half of *American Dialogue: The Founders and Us*, by Joseph J. Ellis (2018). What is the answer to our many current cultural divides? Ellis suggests that the founding generation's "greatest legacy is the recognition that argument itself is the answer." Come join Hugh in this ongoing conversation between past and present. We will discuss Chapters 3 and 4 and the Epilogue.



Sunday, May 19, 3:00 pm

MUSIC AT ETHICAL CONCERT
Fine Art Music Company will present its annual all-piano



concert with *Aftermath: New Horizons*. This is the final concert of the *War of the Romantics* series, which has explored the disagreement over the diverging directions of classical music emerging in the 1800s. In *Aftermath*, classical music moves ahead into a brave new world of expression, in some ways foreshadowed, and in some ways unforeseen by the music that preceded it. Program includes Scriabin *5th Piano Sonata*, Ravel *Valses Nobles et Sentimentales*, Debussy *Preludes*, and Stravinsky *Petrouchka for piano four-hands*. PES member tickets: \$15
www.FineArtMusic.com

Sunday, May 19, 5:30 pm

(approximately) RECEPTION AND DIALOGUE ABOUT MUSIC AT PES

Following the last Fine Art Music concert of the season, join Hugh Taft-Morales in his office for an informal happy hour reception and discussion of "Music at PES." Come share hopes and dreams about how to promote more music at our Sunday morning and as part of the Ethical Society and as a part of our life at 1906 in general!

ANNOUNCEMENTS continued

Monday, May 20, noon-1:00pm or 6:30-7:30 pm

TWO CHANCES IN ONE DAY TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT THE AMERICAN ETHICAL UNION!

Want to know more about our federating organization, the American Ethical Union? Want to know more how you can support Ethical Culture nationally? Join Hugh Taft-Morales either at 12:00 noon or at 6:30 PM for an hour-long PowerPoint presentation about the AEU with a special preview of the Assembly program!

For the noon presentation, bring a brown bag lunch. After the 6:30 PM presentation, join Hugh for a casual dinner at a local restaurant. Wine and other libations will be provided at both presentations.



Sunday, May 26, 4:00 pm

**PHILADELPHIA STOICS MEETING
STOIC TRAINING:
THE 3 DISCIPLINES**

The 3 disciplines of Stoicism are practical areas of training that deal with what is appropriate or not to desire, how best to act toward others, and how to make good judgments. We will examine

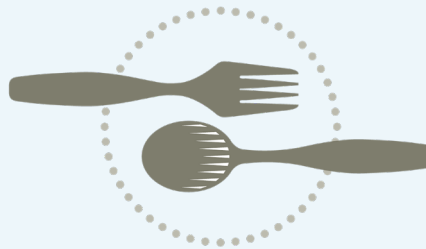


these disciplines and related exercises to facilitate progress in living an excellent and consistently satisfying life. A suggested reading can be found here: <https://howtobeastocic.wordpress.com/2016/09/08/the-three-topoi-and-the-three-disciplines/>.

Wednesday, May 29,

6:30 -8:30 pm

PLATFORM TOPIC BRAINSTORMING + POTLUCK DINNER Come share a potluck dinner with Hugh and help brainstorm topics for his talks next year. Come share your ideas so he can start putting together his words of wisdom while he is away for the summer! Let the Social Team Captains (Ken Greiff + Jeff Dubb) know what you'll be contributing to the potluck so that we have a balanced meal.



Saturday, May 25-Monday, May 27

FUTURE OF ETHICAL SOCIETIES CONFERENCE, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

Contact office@aeu.org or

LeaderHugh@phillyethics.org

Future of Ethical Societies (FES) is a community of 18-35 year olds across the country that connects online, through local gatherings, on various service projects, and during national conferences. Established

in 2004 as an affiliate of the AEU, FES maintains and builds ties with the Ethical Culture Movement despite time and geographical constraints.

Thursday, June 20, 7:00 pm –

Sunday, June 23, 3:00 pm

AEU 104TH ASSEMBLY

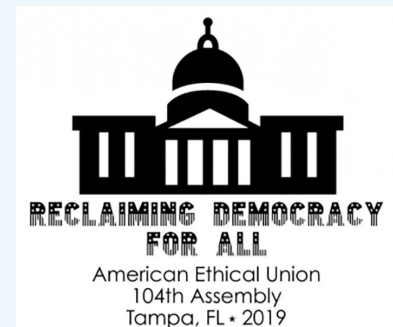
RECLAIMING DEMOCRACY

FOR ALL, TAMPA BAY, FLORIDA

If government of the people is to be by and for the people, then we, the people, need to reclaim it before it slips away. Marginalized groups and women already are denied equitable influence in social polity. Voter suppression targets people of color, women are underrepresented, and money in politics threatens democracy by giving corporate interests such as the NRA disproportionate power. As Ethical Humanists, we commit ourselves to democratic process in our lives, our local societies, and our global community. Join us at the AEU's 104th Assembly to consider the issues and strategies to reclaim democracy.

For information and reservations:

<https://aeu.org/event/aeu-104th-assembly/>



PAST EVENTS

Activities at PES, and out and about



Left: OEEC Fair *Environmental Justice and Community Wellness Fair* at the Overbrook Environmental Education Center on April 13th. City, state and local organizations provided resource information to the public to help residents understand what tools are available to become stewards of their environment. Left to right are Hugh Taft-Morales, OEEC E.D. Jerome Shabazz, Kate Esposito, Eric Clausen, Bob Bueding, John Marshall, and Nina Diamond.

Below: Picture of us gorging ourselves at Camp Linden Volunteer Workday.
Photo by Chief



Above: *Walk in My Shoes*, a dramatic film produced by Theater of Witness Artistic Director Teya Sepinuck and Inspector Altovise Love-Craighead was discussed with an audience of over 60 people. \$1565 was raised and donated to Theater of Witness and the EMIR (Every Murder is Real) Healing Center to help family members and friends who have been affected by homicide.



Above: The performers of March's sell-out concert by Fine Art Music Company taking a bow. PES member Robert Steinfort, playing Gerhard Denhoff, is second from right.
Photo by Bob Bueding

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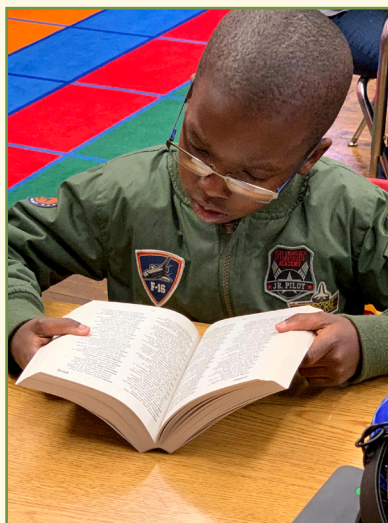
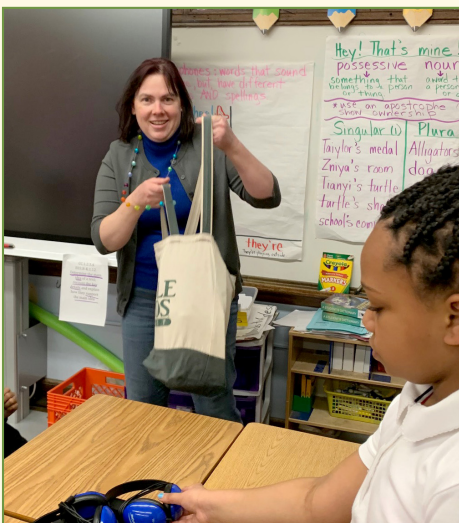
Making connections with a wider community



Left: At the end of a National Leaders Council meeting at the Washington Ethical Society in March, some of the remaining leaders gathered outside to relax in the spring sunshine. Top row, left to right: Jone Johnson Lewis, Richard Koral, Carolyn Tabak, Randy Best, Bart Worden, Jé Hooper, Hugh Taft-Morales. Bottom row: Christian Hayden, Kate Lovelady, Sarah Tielemans, Amanda Poppei, Anne Klaeyen, and the reclining James Frey Croft.

Photo courtesy of Christian Hayden

Below: Spring Garden Elementary School Dictionary Project. Two classrooms and 37 enthusiastic kids share words to look up in their dictionaries. Our membership pays for dictionaries donated to the kids at the school. This is a project The Ethical Society has supported for many years. Many thanks to Kim McKay for once again delivering the dictionaries. *Photos by Bob Bueding*



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

**WORLDWIDE
PERSPECTIVE ON
RACISM**

submitted by Nick Sanders

Every year since 1966, March 21 has been an "International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination." It was proclaimed in a resolution of the United Nations General Assembly in remembrance of that day in 1960 when police killed 69 people in Sharpeville, South Africa at a peaceful demonstration against that country's apartheid laws.

Although South Africa's apartheid system has been dismantled and in many other countries racist laws and practices have been abolished, the U.N.'s General Assembly continues to recognize that too many individuals, communities and societies suffer from racial discrimination. Since 1966, there have been U.N. conferences to assess progress in the elimination of racial discrimination. In September 2011, world leaders met in New York City and adopted by consensus a declaration proclaiming their "strong determination to make the fight against racism, racial discrimination, xenophobia and related intolerance, and the protection of the victims thereof, a high priority for (their) countries."

Of course, like many other proclamations of the U.N., nation members cannot be compelled to take specific actions. The U.N. succeeds only by moral suasion and whatever peer pressure the nations exert on one another. Promotion of this International Day to U N member nations is a responsibility of the U.N.'s Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights <https://www.ohchr.org/EN/AboutUs/Pages/WhoWeAre.aspx>

Some years this UN office has also conducted targeted studies and organized specific events. Most recently the Office commissioned research on contemporary forms of racism as manifest in "nationalist populism that advances exclusionary or repressive practices and policies that harm individuals or groups on the basis of their race, ethnicity, national origin and religion..." (<https://www.un.org/en/events/racialdiscriminationday/>)

The principal researcher for this study, UCLA Professor E. Tendayi Achiume, reports instances of racism fostered by national populism from many nations,

Last month there was documentation of the increasing use of the Internet to incite deadly violence by individuals operating without direct coordination in an organization, referred as "lone wolves." It appeared on April 3rd in the *New York Times*: **"Attacks by White Extremists Are Growing. So Are Their Connections."**

This article illustrates the influence on others around the world of perpetrators of hate-driven violence, using perps' own social media descriptions of the inspirations from earlier perps for their acts of violence.



The mass burial displayed the enormity of the Sharpeville Massacre on March 21, 1960. Picture: Alf Kumalo

including—but not at all focused on—the United States. In summary, she writes: "Perhaps the most visible impact that resurgent nationalist populism has had on racial equality has been to escalate incidents of racist and xenophobic violence, crimes and speech all over the world. It has also aided the spread and mainstreaming of messages of intolerance that had typically been confined to marginal, extremist platforms."

Pursuant to this last statement, she devoted another report completely to the role of the Internet in the relatively instantaneous worldwide reach of hate speech. <https://undocs.org/en/A/73/312>

In her report on hate speech on the Internet, Professor Achiume not only recounts the particulars of hate speech worldwide. She also suggests how counties and companies should be engaged in establishing laws and codes of conduct to reduce the occurrence of hate speech on the Internet.

As you may have heard, in the wake of the massacres by an Australian of Muslims

in New Zealand, the government of Australia did pass sweeping legislation that threatens huge fines for social media companies and jail for their executives if they fail to rapidly remove "abhorrent violent material" from their platforms.

This dramatic action can be seen as a trial run for strong governmental response to hate speech on the Internet, clearly a major problem in need of a solution. I hope we will learn quickly how this Internet-influenced development in racial and other xenophobic violence can be countered ... most difficult, I think, in the case of the "lone wolf" type.



MAY 2019



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QUOTABLE

"There are two things
that are important
in politics. The first
is money and I can't
remember what the
second one is.

Mark Hannah

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CORRECTION

In the April issue of *Ethical Views*, a mistake appeared in the listing of the nation's Ethical Societies on page 3. The listing indicated that the Chicago Ethical Humanist Circle had closed. We received a message from CEHC, confirming that they are "alive and well and a proud AEU member. The new CEHC was formed after the Ethical Humanist Society of Chicago left the AEU. At that time we were very saddened but now have a new path."



SUNDAY SERVICES

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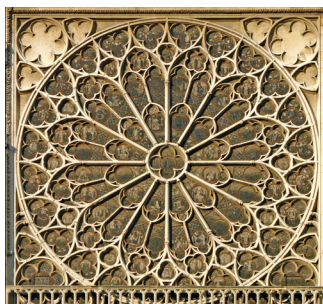
Coffee Hour Coordinators



May 5 - Kate Esposito
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May 12 - Ken Greiff
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May 19 - Garry O'Rourke
Last names: L-Q
May 26 - Harry Thorn
Last names: R-Z

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



May 5 - from Maureen & Arthur
Pielli - "Welcome to the newborn
baby joining our family."

May 12 - from Garry O'Rourke - "For
all mothers' everywhere."

May 19 - from Ruth Ann & Jeffrey -
"To the memory of our dear friend,
Barbara, whom we remember
every day."

May 26 - from Irene Putzer - "For
Memorial Day, let us remember the
children who perished as a result of
war."

For suggestions regarding this
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Left: Exterior of surviving north
rose window of Notre Dam
Cathedral, Paris. Front page shows
interior view.

Wider Community

What other presenters are doing at the
Ethical Society Building in May

• **Protect and Elect** will host a free public educational forum "Gun Violence:
What Can Be Done" on Thursday, May 2nd from 5-7PM. This is an action-driven forum with a
prestigious panel of experts who will provide you with insights on how to push this issue forward
for a safer PA. The panel will be moderated by Shira Goodman, Executive Director of CeaseFirePA.
PANELISTS: Erica Harris, M.D., Medical Director of the Trauma Intervention Program at Einstein
Healthcare Network; Dr. Dorothy Johnson-Speight, Executive Director of Mothers in Charge,
Senator Sharif Street, State Senator, Third Senatorial District.
More info at: <https://www.facebook.com/events/1462590990538969/>

• **Classical pianist Stephanie Ben-Salem** Classical pianist Stephanie Ben-Salem will be
performing works by Ravel, Couperin, Chopin, Tchaikovsky, Rachmaninoff and more.
Sunday, May 5th, 3:00 PM.

Tickets are on sale now at \$20.00 per person, available through
<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/stephanie-ben-salem-pianist-tickets-59983665759>

• **Isaac Young and friends** are proud to present "Songs For A New World" by
Jason Robert Brown, an evening of musical variety and stories ranging from a Spanish ship
in 1492 to the long lost love found in modern day America. Friday, May 10th, 7:30pm, free of charge.
<https://www.facebook.com/events/1986225858152757/?ti=cl>

• **Susan K. D'Alessio Art Exhibit** The work of long-time PES member
Susan K. D'Alessio will be exhibited from May 8 till June 2 at
The Cerulean Arts collective 1355 Ridge Ave. Phila. PA 19123.
267 514 8647 www.ceruleanarts.com
Reception May 11, 2 - 5PM