



# ETHICAL VIEWS

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## THE SUMMER EDITION

### Summer Sundays on the Square

The Philadelphia Ethical Society – a popular summertime destination for members, friends, and visitors – offers relaxed but stimulating summer programs presented by PES members and friends, coordinated through the Education Committee. While we seek to inspire and inform all year around, we try especially hard during the summer months to offer more informal (and sometimes lighthearted) programs.

### JUNE

**Sunday, June 2, 11:00 AM**  
*“Sing Out Louise!”*

**Facilitator: Robert Edwin (Steinfert), professional musician and PES member**

Many of us know that famous line delivered by Mama Rose to her young daughter Louise in the Broadway musical, *Gypsy*. “Sing out, Louise!” will be the mantra for the June 2 summer platform as Robert Edwin (Steinfert), Director of The PES Pop-Up Chorus, will show us how to better use our voices at PES. Music plays a major role in our community and the quality of our speaking and singing certainly impacts our interactions. Be ready to “Sing out, Louise” along with Drew and Henry and Kate and Ron and Lelah and Bob and Maureen and Chuck and...



**Sunday, June 9, 11:00 AM**  
*Omar Khayyam, An All Around Man, Facilitator: Javad Mohsenian, MD, PES member*



Dr Javad Mohsenian, an Iranian-American author/psychiatrist, will look at Khayyam’s life and Edward

Fitzgerald’s translation of his poetry. He will examine the poet’s complicated life and his psyche through the window of his poetry.

**Here with a loaf of bread beneath the bough.**

**A flask of wine, a book of verse - and Thou**

**Beside me singing in the wilderness.**

**And Wilderness is Paradise anew.**

**- Omar Khayyam, *The Rubaiyat***

**Sunday, June 16, 11:00 AM**  
*Locating Our Ethics: An Exercise in Discovering and Living Out Our Values and Principles, Christian Hayden, Leader in Training*

What’s your ethical framework-- is it Kantian, utilitarian or relativist? What can we learn from feminist ethics? How are values different than principles? Part teach-in, part share-out, learn about various approaches to Ethics and leave with a better understanding of your values and your own guiding principles.

**Sunday, June 23, 11:00 AM**  
*Ethical Page Turners – Lives of Others*  
**Facilitator: Betsy Lightbourn, PES member**

Ethical issues are often creatively explored through fiction. Literary fiction especially can illuminate ethical issues and enhance an understanding of the lives of others. This summer, our reviewers will briefly review books that have led them to a better understanding of those who are not like them – i.e. race, gender, ethnicity, class, values, and historical time. How can an enriched understanding of the lives of others help us honor the worth of every individual?



**Sunday, June 30, 11:00 AM**  
*Drawing for Everyone: Basic Principles*  
**Arthur Pielli, Artist, Art Educator and PES member**

Learn how to create a 3D image from a 3D object, on a 2D format. If you bring something edible to draw, you can eat it at the end of the platform. :)



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**SEEK (Sunday Ethical Education for Kids) will not be offered during the summer. For further information, contact Nick Sanders [nick@phillyethics.org](mailto:nick@phillyethics.org)**

# JULY

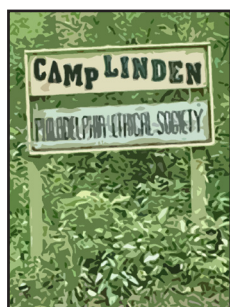
**Sunday, July 7, 11:00 AM**  
*Stories from the AEU Assembly, 2019 Edition*  
**Facilitator: Bob Bueding, PES President**

Bob and other PES members who attended the AEU Assembly in Tampa, Florida will share their take-aways and moments of inspiration.



**Sunday, July 14, 11:00 AM**  
*Annual Picnic at Camp Linden* Rain date is July 28th

(For details, see announcements)



If the picnic rained out, Richard Kiniry will offer a colloquy on "Truth", at 1906 S. Rittenhouse Square.

**Sunday, July 21, 11:00 AM**  
*Warrior to Revolutionary: My Story, Facilitator: Brandi Fishman, Director, Zefer Foundation*

A story about a personal journey involving disability, acceptance, perception and advocacy. Brandi Fishman will also discuss her work with the Zefer Foundation."



**Sunday, July 28, 11:00 AM**  
*Connections: Reality, Religion, Politics and Honest Living, Facilitator: Richard Kiniry, Leader Emeritus, Philadelphia Ethical Society*

Living in an ethically-challenged culture can be compared to the image of the ostrich with its head in the sand, and religion too often can be a big part of that escape from reality. Trying to fathom what living Ethical Culture means demands an examination of the actual reality in which we live, meaning the cultural reality in which we are embedded and which we too often mindlessly accept.

# AUGUST

**Sunday, August 4, 11:00 AM**  
*Listening for a Beautiful Sound Facilitator: Rollin Wilbur, pianist, Philadelphia Ethical Society, Founder, Fine Arts Music*

Gathered around Rollin and the piano, we learn about qualities within differing styles of classical music as we carefully listen to find what affects us.

**Sunday, August 11, 11:00 AM**  
*Support for Greener Living: Sharing Eco-Friendly Ideas and Practice, Facilitator: Lelah Marie, PES member*

Where are we on the journey toward globally sustainable lifestyle choices? Whether just starting out or muddling along or well on our way, all of us seek information and support for our efforts. This will be an opportunity to share successes, challenges, failures, and concerns about eco-ethical living in a small group setting (fun and humor included.)

# WHAT IS COLLUQUY?

A colloquy is a time for shared reflections. Participants explore a theme with music, readings, parables, and discussion. The purpose of colloquy is to inspire participants, in a communal setting, to develop practices of self-reflection and deep listening. Sharing thoughts and feelings on selected topics can help us live our lives in congruity with our values. Everyone is asked to use "I" statements and speak from their own experiences, thoughts, and feelings.

**Sunday, August 18, 11:00 AM**  
*Colloquy: "Wisdom" Facilitator: Temma Fishman, PES member*

Temma will offer a guided discussion with inspirational readings and music.



**Sunday, August 25, 11:00 AM**  
*Fragile Encounters Facilitator: Sylvia Metzler and Erik Younge, PES members*

Inspired by Robin Deangelo's book *White Fragility*, members of the ERTF (Ending Racism Task Force) will act out real life scenarios of interracial exchanges illustrating implicit racial bias for group discussion.

# LEADER'S COLUMN

## Joy, Gender, and Queerness,

Hugh Taft-Morales, Leader,  
Philadelphia Ethical Society



Part of the 2010 American Ethical Union Assembly in Scranton, PA, was a celebration at a drag

show. It was part of a program I organized called *Inner Worth and Outer Pride* that linked together Ethical Culture and LGBTQ activism. Ethical Humanists strive to honor “inner worth” - to treat every person as being of unique, irreplaceable worth that is wrapped up in the very nature of the individual. It is not something we give to people. It’s not something they have to earn. It is who they are.

“Outer pride” is a part of a decades-old sexuality revolution that throws off shame and oppression. I’ve always been impressed by how LGBTQ activists who choose to come out of their respective closets show that pride. Of course it’s not anyone’s right to tell people if and when and how to be public about any part of their sexuality. A person’s sexuality should remain private should they want it to remain private.

As I learn and grow, I want to honor “inherent worth” by celebrating the many ways people embrace various aspects of sexuality. This summer you’ll be able to honor worth and celebrate pride through a six-part program called *On Gender & Queerness*. It consists of three concerts, organized by Cory O’Neill Walker (aka Cookie Diorio) and three dialogues using various text and mediums hosted by Christian Hayden. (Check out the schedule elsewhere in this newsletter.)

We hope the events will raise awareness and generate funds to benefit non-profits working for inclusion of people of all identities, orientations, and expressions. Underlying the programs is the assumption that everyone can decide on their gender identity and form of expression, and that these identities and forms can change over the course of a

a sexual identity and to be known simply as a person. The second concert is on gender equality (July 21), and the continuing effort to assure that people of all identities get treated equitably. The third concert is on gender expression (August 18) and will celebrate how people want to express their sexuality – or not – in public.

Obviously there is a lot more to sexuality than gender identity, gender expression, and how society treats gender. There is how you are assigned a sex at birth, and if you identify with that label then you are “cisgender.” You should not assume someone’s identity from how they were labeled, or even how they express themselves. Some people will identify in ways you think differ from how they express their gender.

Gender identity and expression need not determine the nature of one’s

sexual desire. Identity and expression are distinct from sexual desire and orientation, and understanding desire and pleasure is a whole other topic worthy of

educational effort. Some may be asexual (without sexual desire). Queerness and gender diverge but they also intersect. We need to develop a fluency of language in both so that we are the accepting, inviting, celebratory community we wish to become.

Let this program be a step forward. We are all learning. Please attend, enjoy, and grow this summer!

# LGBTQ

lifetime. I know that some of us are unsure about the ever-changing vocabulary surrounding aspects of sexuality. Let me offer a few hints about some of the language, though I need – we all need – more education.

The first concert on June 16 focuses on gender identity. You may see yourself as a woman, man, gender non-conforming (neither) or gender fluid (both). You may choose a different identity, such as agender, genderqueer, or nonbinary. Or you may prefer not to attach yourself to

# PES Community Social Events



**June 15, 1:00 pm**  
**Tour of Uptown Theater with Lunch** Sponsor: Linda Richardson  
 Donation: \$15  
 Contact: [LRichardson.uptown@gmail.com](mailto:LRichardson.uptown@gmail.com)

**June 8, 21**  
**September 11, 28**  
**7:05 pm**  
**Phillies Tickets**  
 Sponsor: Carol Love  
 Location: Citizens Bank Park:  
 Upstairs seats: \$35 each  
     Miami Marlins, Friday, June 21  
     Atlanta Braves, Wed., Sept. 11  
     Miami Marlins, Sat., Sept. 28  
 Downstairs behind dugout, row 8  
 June 8, one pair, \$55 each  
 Contact: [Carolamd@comcast.net](mailto:Carolamd@comcast.net)  
 Maximum number: ask Carol  
 Donation: \$35 per person

**July 27, 2:00-5:00 pm**  
**Ice Cream Social and Games**  
 Sponsor: Nick Sanders and Molly Sayvetz with Stan Horwitz as Games Master  
 Location: 2401 Pennsylvania Avenue (The Philadelphian)  
 Maximum number: 12  
 Donation: \$15 per person  
 Contact: [nick@phillyethics.org](mailto:nick@phillyethics.org)

**July 28, 4:30 pm**  
**Riverboat Tour with Mexican Dinner,**  
 Sponsor: Garry O'Rourke  
 PES members only  
 Donation: \$75 per person  
 Contact: [gorourke@myway.com](mailto:gorourke@myway.com)

**Saturday, August 3, at 7:30 pm**  
**Medford Lakes Carnival Event**  
 Be sure to sign up for our Canoe Carnival event. Watch a magnificent, dazzling display of decorated canoes parade by from your lakeside seat under the stars in beautiful Medford Lakes. The various float groups vie with each other to win the prize in their category for the funniest, most elaborate, most beautiful, etc. Enjoy delicious tacos, hot dogs, fish cake sandwiches, ice cream, and other tasty treats.  
 Sponsor:  
 Temma and Arnold Fishman  
 Location: 210 Chippewa Trail, Medford Lakes, NJ 08055  
 Donation: \$25 per person  
 Cut off for entering: July 19  
 Contact: [temmafish@aol.com](mailto:temmafish@aol.com)

**Dec. 25-Wednesday 4:30-8:00**  
**Christmas Caroling with Cocktails,**  
 Sponsor: Doris & Richard Dabrowski  
 Donation: \$20 per person  
 Contact: [dabrowskidoris@hotmail.com](mailto:dabrowskidoris@hotmail.com)

**Photography of Persons and/or Events** Sponsor: Christian Hayden, price to be determined. Contact: [chayden423@gmail.com](mailto:chayden423@gmail.com)

**Figure Drawings by Arthur Pielli,** Date at your convenience, Donation: \$50.00.  
 Contact: [mmpielli@gmail.com](mailto:mmpielli@gmail.com)

**Date: TBD**  
**Tour of Gardens, Murals, and Green Spaces in North Philadelphia**  
 Sponsor: Sylvia Metzler, Saturday, August 17, 11:00 - 2:00, \$25.00 per person.  
 Contact: [Sylmetz@juno.com](mailto:Sylmetz@juno.com)

**Date TBD**  
**Visit African American Museum with Soul Food at Reading Terminal Market**  
 Sponsor: Stan Horowitz  
 Donation: \$30 per person  
 Contact: [stan@temple.edu](mailto:stan@temple.edu)

**Homemade Whole Grain Honey Spelt Oat Break**  
 Sponsor: Lelah Marie, \$30.00 for entire batch of loaves (1 loaf per month for 6 months), delivered to PES on Sunday on which you are attending.  
 Contact: [lelahmarie@gmail.com](mailto:lelahmarie@gmail.com)

**Topic of Your choosing to Highest Bidder for a platform address by Leader Hugh Taft Morales**  
 Date to be determined, current high bid is \$300.00.  
 Contact: [hpashkow@gmail.com](mailto:hpashkow@gmail.com)

**Date TBD**  
**Expert Tour of Mutter Museum**  
 Sponsor: Marta Guttenberg  
 Location: Mutter Museum, 19 S. 22nd St. Donation: \$20 per person. Contact: [martaguttenberg@comcast.net](mailto:martaguttenberg@comcast.net)

## PES Community Social Events - continued



### Manicure of Kitty and Walking

**Doggie, Sponsor: Marta Guttenberg**

**Location: at the client's house**

**Donation: \$20 per person**

**Contact: [martaguttenberg@comcast.net](mailto:martaguttenberg@comcast.net)**

### Photography: Persons, Pets,

**Matted Print Sponsor: Bob**

**Bueding**

**Price to be determined**

**Contact: [bbueding@gmail.com](mailto:bbueding@gmail.com)**

### Supportive Counseling, once

**weekly for 3 weeks, Sponsor: Dr.**

**Robert Kay, price to be determined.**

**Contact: 267 414 3758**

### Date TBD

**Day Trip & Lunch to Chester**

**County, Visit Kimberton**

**Campbell Community that includes Persons with**

**Disabilities, Sponsor: Sharon**

**Wallis and Leonard Weeks \$50 per person**

**Contact: [sharonkwallis@gmail.com](mailto:sharonkwallis@gmail.com)**

### Friday Movie Night plus light

**dinner Sponsor: Sally Redlener**

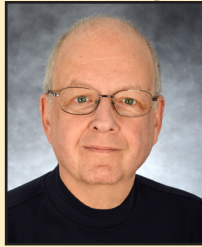
**Location: PES West – 118 S. 21st St.**

**price \$20.00 per person July 12th movie is "Green Book"; (This event is closed.)**

**Contact: [sredlener@comcast.net](mailto:sredlener@comcast.net)**

## PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

### Chasing Hope



*Bob Bueding,  
President,  
Philadelphia  
Ethical Society*

"People ask me where they can find hope, and I tell them to look for it where it's always been – between faith and love." (N. Pelosi)

Nowadays it seems as if hope is all we have to hold on to, but hope alone won't carry the day. So, let's hold on to that hope but let's figure out what else we need to do to achieve our goals.

At the Ethical Society social justice is what we work on every day, but we also have some internal challenges. When I became your president three years ago one of my hopes and goals was to grow our membership. I envisioned one hundred plus members, but getting there has been a struggle. As of this writing, we have eighty-nine members. We are on the right track but it's a slow track.

The main thing I'm going to be working on this summer is membership growth. I'm going to ask our Board of Trustees to brainstorm so that we can come up with a plan to attract younger members and families. Please understand, we welcome anyone who wishes to join, but I'd like to make sure our Society remains

vital for many years into the future, and for that we need an infusion of young blood.

We've had a wonderful year filled with amazing programs and music. During the summer too we plan to please. Our summer offerings are more relaxed and novel. Christian Hayden, our Leader-in-Training, will be having a lot of activities aimed at the younger set, but absolutely everyone will find something to enjoy. Richard Kiniry will also be available during the summer with some insightful programs.

I'll be heading to Tampa, Florida to attend the annual AEU Assembly on June 20. This will be my fourth assembly, and I'm happy to say, each year I've made new friends and I come back with fresh ideas we can try in Philadelphia. This year six of our members will represent us in Tampa. When we return, we'll have a Sunday program in July to recap the assembly highlights.

My hope is firmly situated in the faith I have in the rightness of our Ethical Humanist beliefs and the love it allows us to express for all our brothers and sisters. With faith, hope, and love anything is possible (even that hundred plus membership).

Happy summer, all.

~ Bob  
[bbueding@phillyethics.org](mailto:bbueding@phillyethics.org)

# SPECIAL SUMMER EVENTS

## Art of the Heel



**Art of the Heel is a project that partners with performing artists to hold benefit concerts that raise funds and awareness for local nonprofit organizations working in the community.**

**In association with the Philadelphia Ethical Society, Art of the Heel has asked some of Philadelphia's most innovative and social justice minded artists to present a performance piece that communicates their thoughts, ideas, perspectives and experiences on the topics of gender identity, gender equality and gender expression, and Queerness.**

**We will explore one topic in each concert, with a related follow-up discussion conducted by PES Leader-in-Training Christian Hayden one week after each performance.**

**Concert proceeds to benefit Galaei, the Women's Law Project, and Attic Youth Center respectively.**

**All concerts and discussions to be held in PES Auditorium, 1906 Rittenhouse Square.**

**Performances are \$20 each and discussions are free of charge.**  
[www.artoftheheel.com](http://www.artoftheheel.com)

## GENDER IDENTITY

**PERFORMANCE –**  
**Sunday, June 16, 4:00 PM**

Hosted by Cookie Diorio featuring Eppchez, Messapotamia LaFae and Pax Ressler

**A benefit for Trans Equity Project (Galaei)**

Cookie Diorio is a Philadelphia-based drag performer, a classically trained vocalist, a songwriter, an activist, a husband, mama, a music teacher and lover of all things sparkly.

**Eppchez** is a classically trained and jazz influenced vocal improviser, lyricist, and innovative self-producing playwright.

**Messapotamia Lefae**, better known as "Messy," is a post-gender surrealist, sartorialist, dance artist, and burgeoning "chanteux" based in Philadelphia, PA.

**Pax Ressler**

Pax Ressler is a genderqueer performer, music director, designer, and composer based in Philadelphia.

## THE ART OF BECOMING

**DISCUSSION \* –**  
**Monday, June 24, 7:00 PM**  
**Led by Christian Hayden**

Using text and the performance of theater works, we will look at the process of becoming- how one decides and shapes and makes the intentional choice in the face of oppression and marginalization in our society.

Suggested Reading: None, or bring in your favorite monologue about coming out/being queer.

*\*Free admission with seat reservation at [www.artoftheheel.com](http://www.artoftheheel.com)*

## GENDER EQUALITY

**PERFORMANCE –**  
**Sunday, July 21, 4:00 PM**

Hosted by Jess Conda featuring Sonja Sofya, Veronica Chapman-Smith and Mary Tuomanen

**A benefit for Women's Law Project**

**Sonja Sofya** honed her musical chops through intense classical piano and voice study, but found a creative outlet through songwriting at an early age.

**Veronica Chapman-Smith's** soprano voice has been described as "exquisite," "sublime," and of "pure beauty." She has performed with opera companies and orchestras across the country.

**Mary Tuomanen** is a local actress and playwright who trained in physical theatre at the Jacques Lecoq International School of Movement Theatre in Paris.

## LOVE AS A REVOLUTIONARY ACT

**DISCUSSION \* –**  
**Monday, July 29, 7:00 PM**  
**Led by Christian Hayden**

A look at Audre Lorde's work at the intersections of Feminism and Queerness. We look at how Audre Lorde builds a guiding ethic for resistance that blends the intimate and the social, eros and agape.

Suggested Reading: Bring your favorite Audre Lorde Poem!

*\*Free admission with seat reservation at [www.artoftheheel.com](http://www.artoftheheel.com)*

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## GENDER EXPRESSION

**PERFORMANCE –**  
**Sunday, August 18, 4:00 PM**

Hosted by Cookie Diorio featuring  
 John Jarboe, Len Nichols, Mz.  
 Peaches and Valencia Prime

*a benefit for Attic Youth Center*

**John Jarboe**, a Philadelphia-based  
 theatre artist, is the Artistic Director of  
 the Bearded Ladies Cabaret.

**Len Nichols** (aka Jess Conda) is a  
 Philadelphia based performer,  
 producer, teaching artist and cultural  
 connector.

**Mz. Peaches** is a Philadelphia-based  
 drag performer

**Valencia Prime**, known as “The Auto  
 THOT” of Philadelphia, is a trans  
 woman, plus-size dancing diva and  
 Philadelphia based drag performer.

## BLACK AND QUEER TO THE FUTURE

**DISCUSSION \* –**  
**Monday, August 26, 7:00 PM**  
**Led by Christian Hayden**

**Led by Christian Hayden**  
 Afro Futurism and Gender Expression:  
 will have us looking at texts by Queer  
 artists like Janelle Monae’s  
 album *Dirty Computer* and Marlon  
 James’s book *Black Leopard, Yellow  
 Wolf* - . What does fantasy and a  
 future through a Black/Brown and  
 Queer lens teach us?

Suggested (Reading and Listening):  
 Janelle Monae’s catalog and Marlon  
 James’s book: *Black Leopard, Yellow  
 Wolf*

\*Free admission with seat reservation  
 at [www.artoftheheel.com](http://www.artoftheheel.com)

## Think Ethics

*A discussion group  
 facilitated by Leader-In-  
 Training Christian Hayden  
 and Alexander Guterriez  
 that looks to analyze  
 current events and issues  
 through the lens of ethical  
 systems. We hope to learn  
 through dialogue and  
 exchange how to critique  
 and develop our own  
 approach to ethical  
 thinking. Come drink (tea,  
 coffee, beer) and think  
 ethics!*

## RITUAL OR NOTHING

**Sunday, June 16, 2:00 PM**  
 What does spirituality mean for nones  
 and those in between? What is the  
 place of ritual in the lives of people?  
 Should there be? Can spirituality be a  
 part of everyone’s life, theistic or not?

## LIVING BY CODE: Automation vs. Human

**Sunday, July 21, 2:00 PM**  
 What are the costs and implicit effects  
 of moving toward a future where  
 humans do nothing but write the code?

## PHILADELPHIA & GENTRIFICATION - IS IT US?

**Sunday, August 18, 2:00 PM**  
 Understanding Philadelphia’s  
 Affordable Housing Crisis

## Fair Share

*June 12: Join many of your  
 Ethical Society and other  
 friends: Travel with us on June  
 12 to the state capitol in  
 Harrisburg. We want to make it  
 very clear that we expect the  
 fair share of state funds for the  
 public schools in our corner of  
 Pennsylvania. Free, comfortable  
 bus transportation (and food)  
 on the trip. Register for bus or  
 car: [https://tinyurl.com/  
 powerharrisburg](https://tinyurl.com/powerharrisburg)*

*Not limited to Pennsylvanians...  
 Accompanied children welcome*

*More info: [nick@phillyethics.  
 org](mailto:nick@phillyethics.org) and [https://powerinterfaith.  
 org/campaigns/education](https://powerinterfaith.org/campaigns/education)*

**POWER**

PHILADELPHIANS ORGANIZED TO WITNESS,  
 EMPOWER AND REBUILD

## Camp Linden

*July 13: Camp Linden open  
 house and optional overnight  
 the day before the Ethical  
 Society picnic (Saturday, July  
 13, raindate July 27). Tour the  
 camp property, swim, hike our  
 trails, paddle down the  
 Brandywine Water Trail (we  
 provide kayaks). Dinner and  
 fireworks for those who camp  
 out overnight. We can provide  
 tents and air mattresses. Bring  
 your own bedding. Contribution  
 \$20 for each campsite. For  
 reservations: [camplinden@  
 phillyethics.org](mailto:camplinden@phillyethics.org).*

*Carol Love is working with a  
 landscape architect to establish  
 a garden at Camp Linden in  
 memory of Bertha Waters. The  
 garden is the generous gift of  
 the Waters family to honor the  
 devotion and work of Bertha for  
 Camp Linden.*



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

**Sundays, June 2, July 7, and August 4, 7:00 PM**

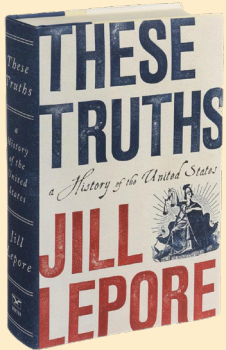
## INTRO TO ETHICAL HUMANISM

Want to know more about Ethical Humanism and the Philadelphia Ethical Society? Come to an Introduction to Ethical Humanism to learn about the history, philosophy, and community of our humanist alternative to traditional religion. RSVP to [chayden423@gmail.com](mailto:chayden423@gmail.com)

## All Summer:

### GET READY FOR FALL BOOK DISCUSSIONS!

Andrew Sullivan of the New York Times Book Review praised Jill Lepore's newest book as "brilliant"



and "insightful." He says "It isn't until you start reading it that you realize how much we need a book like this one at this particular moment." Hugh

Taft-Morales will lead a series of discussions of *These Truths: A History of the United States* over the fall. Use the summer to prepare for this sobering analysis of our past so that we may better prepare for a more ethical future! Look for information about dates and times in our September newsletter.

**Thursday, June 20, 7:00 pm – Sunday, June 23, 3:00 pm**

## AEU 104TH ASSEMBLY

### RECLAIMING DEMOCRACY

#### FOR ALL, TAMPA BAY, FLORIDA

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/>

## PHILADELPHIA STOICS MEETING

Join the Philadelphia Stoics for two summertime discussions at the Ethical Society. Open to everyone!

**Sunday, June 30, 4:00 PM -**

### STOICISM AND EMOTIONS

The stereotype of a Stoic is one who has no emotions or represses them. The Stoics, however, did not seek to eliminate all emotions. Rather, they sought to eliminate only the unhealthy emotions they called "passions". We will examine the Stoics' views on emotions and how they tried to overcome the "passions". The suggested reading is available here: <https://modernstoicism.com/new-video-john-sellers-on-stoicism-and-emotions-stoic-week-london-day/>



**Sunday, July 28, 4:00PM - STOIC**

### SPIRITUAL EXERCISES

Just as athletes

train their bodies through repeated bodily exercises, Stoics strive to develop strength of character, or virtue, through daily spiritual exercises. We will discuss how to apply Stoic principles in everyday life through the use of spiritual exercises. An optional reading can be found here: <https://www.njlifefhacks.com/10-practical-stoic-exercises-for-modern-stoic-lifestyle/>

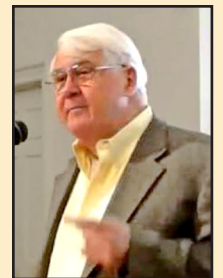
## OUR LEADER

### EMERITUS

#### Richard Kiniry

will present three classes on the Philosophic Roots of Ethical Humanism.

In three sessions beginning at 7:30 PM we will examine the schools of philosophy that have influenced the evolution of Ethical Humanism.



**Wednesday, July 10, 7:30 PM**

### NATURALISM AND MATERIALISM

**Wednesday, July 24, 7:30 PM**

### PRAGMATISM AND PROCESS THOUGHT

**Wednesday, August 7, 7:30 PM - HUMANISM AND ETHICAL HUMANISM**

Some materials will be available but most of you can find information on these subjects on YouTube. Open to everyone!

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

**MY FIRST 400 YEARS**

*submitted by Erik Michael Younge*

This year marks the 400th anniversary of the first enslaved Africans in English North America. On August 25, 1619, some 20 African men and women captured aboard an English privateer ship landed at Point Comfort in Hampton, Virginia, marking 246 years of unpaid servitude, brutality, rape, torture, horror and death. "Slavery is an indelible stain on America's soul. Slavery is the biggest human transgression perpetrated by one human being on another," states Calvin Pearson, founder of Project 1619 Inc.

'Official' slavery ended in 1865. Black Reconstruction (1860 – 1880) followed "in which Black Folks played the major part in the attempt to reconstruct true democracy in America," wrote W.E.B. DuBois. The betrayal of Black Reconstruction was followed by "Jim Crow" laws of brutal segregation, discrimination, denial of human and civil rights sanctioned and enforced by the US government at all levels until officially repealed in 1965.

In most aspects of life, the chains of slavery and Jim Crow have been replaced by forced poverty, racial profiling, mis-education, economic exploitation, unhealthy toxic environments, drugs and human trafficking.

Let's get personal for a moment. I was born in 1952 in San Francisco, in the Hunters Point projects, an economically-deprived section of Black SF. My father was away in Germany serving out the Korean conflict. My mother raised me with a strong sense of self worth (it bordered on lower arrogance), a love of learning (education was not to be "trifled with, young man"); a joyous love of history, music, culture, geography, respect for animals, respect for females, elders, teachers, and Catholic nuns. The Catholic

Church was really the only one that wanted to teach us Black, Brown, Japanese children of San Francisco's working class, and poor families.

Our family structure was paramount. The sense of a strong, supportive, tightly knit "African Village Family" was pretty solid. A slightly revolutionary Catholic education, combined with a growing belief in social justice was nourished at a young age. My Afrikan American Awareness new life exploded in two major ways. I heard the words of Malcolm X and they planted their seeds in me. I devoured the books by and about Brother Malcolm religiously. I cried openly when Malcolm was assassinated in Feb. 1965. The other blast was seeing the images of Black Manhood & Black



Sisterhood exhibited by the Black Panther Party For Self Defense, started by Huey Newton and Bobby Seale in October of 1966 in Oakland, Ca.

It was like being hit by a Black thunderbolt. I joined the Party at the age of 15 (I may have lied about my age!). I was re-educated, began to find myself, and corrected my mental attitude. I was steered towards healthy character, good morals, ethics, the understanding of humane love, and the greater purpose of fighting for justice and serving the needs of others. My body, soul, heart and mind were forever cemented in fighting for complete equality and freedom, and the beauty of living for My people.

This brings me to today and the principal fight of my life: The fight to end racism. As a member of the Ending Racism Task Force (ERTF), a subcommittee of the

Philadelphia Ethical Society, I join other good saints of diverse races who are firmly committed to understanding and ending this deadly disease of racism that grew out of economic American slavery and now sadly engulfs the world with its poison. It must be eradicated. Like any disease, it can be cured. We were not born with the disease and it can and will be destroyed.

I end with the idea that I am one with the 400 year fight against slavery with all the Afrikans brought in chains to these shores. I share their pains, sufferings, beatings, the rapes, the lynchings, burnings, economic exploitation, the police brutality, homelessness, the unemployment, all the brutality over the 400 years.

But I also share the most important parts: the heroic resiliency that has helped us to survive all the hate, a resiliency of courage that shines a beacon around the world for all oppressed, wounded, unhealthy people. I share our history, culture of pure beauty, our remarkable achievements of body, mind, soul, spirituality, and the Black love of Afrikan people everywhere in the Diaspora.

In 1972, I traveled to Ghana, the beginning of my family's road to the Americas, looking to find my ancestral connections and the burden of commitment, both a blessing and a curse.

I was given a warm welcome and this prayer. "You will always be a child of Africa. Say a prayer of gratitude for your life and everything the Ancestors have given you. You cannot take The Motherland with you on your shoulders. But Mother Afrika will never leave you. She is a part of all you are."

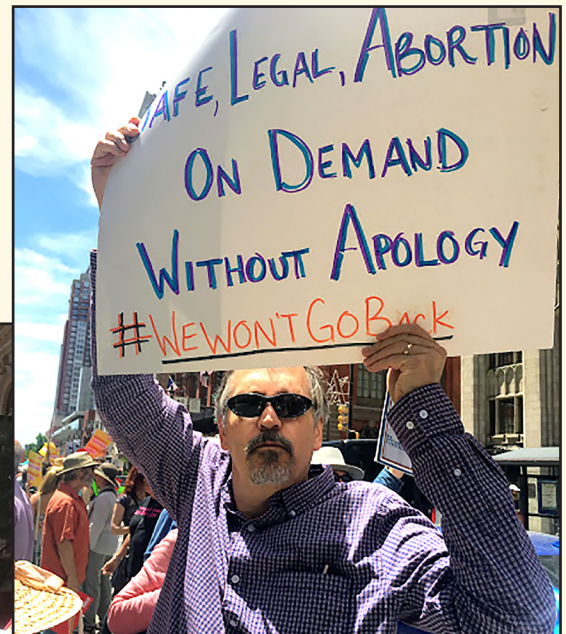
And so I will begin the next 400 Years of African-American History on August 25, 2019. Peace, Soul & Love!

# PAST EVENTS

## AEU Statement on Alabama's 'Human Life Protection Act,' May 18, 2019

The American Ethical Union (AEU) condemns the passage and signing into law of the Alabama "Human Life Protection Act." This law, far from honoring human life, profoundly restricts the bodily autonomy of pregnant women. It is a bill of rights for rapists and abusers; puts the lives of pregnant people at risk; upends basic moral principles; and continues an assault on reproductive freedom which has been waged for decades. The bill exists to control and demean women, and the AEU opposes it.

Bodily autonomy is central to human dignity: we all as a matter of right should be able to choose how to control a process occurring within our own bodies. This moral principle is fundamental to any serious ethic, and by criminalizing the provision of abortion the Alabama bill profoundly restricts the autonomy of women and trans men with uteruses, making them second class citizens who cannot decide what their own body does. The freedom to make reproductive choices has wide-ranging positive effects for individuals and for society. When people have access to legal abortions, fewer women die from attempting to end a pregnancy themselves. When families can choose when to start a family they are more economically stable and socially successful.



Joining the #Stop the Bans rally May 21 are, from left to right, Betsy Lightbourn, Hugh Taft-Morales, Sylvia Metzler, Denise Marx and Marta Guttenberg, (not pictured.) The Philly rally, along Broad Street, organized by Planned Parenthood, was one of many held in cities across the United States to protest new restrictive abortion laws.

# QUICK REFERENCE SUMMER CALENDAR

(FOR PES COMMUNITY SOCIAL EVENTS SEE PGS 4-5)

## JUNE

- 6/2 11:00 AM  
"Sing Out Louise!"  
With Bob Steinfert  
7:00 PM  
Intro to Ethical Humanism
- 6/9 11:00 AM  
Omar Khayyam, An All-  
Around Man
- 6/12 Join our Protest In  
Harrisburg
- 6/14 7:30 PM  
Game Night
- 6/16 11:00 AM  
Locating Our Ethics  
2:00 PM  
Think Ethics: Ritual or  
Nothing - C. Hayden  
4:00 PM Art of the Heel  
Performance
- 6/20-23 AEU 104th Annual  
Assembly
- 6/23 11:00 AM  
Ethical Page Turners -  
Lives of Others
- 6/24 7:00 PM - C. Hayden  
The Art of Becoming
- 6/30 11:00 AM  
Drawing for Everyone  
4:00 PM Phila. Stoics  
Stoicism and Emotions

## JULY

- 7/7 11:00 AM  
Stories from the AEU  
Assembly  
7:00 PM  
Intro to Ethical  
Humanism
- 7/10 7:30 PM - R. Kiniry  
Naturalism and  
Materialism
- 7/12 7:30 PM  
Game Night
- 7/13 Camp Linden Overnight  
(see details on p. 7)
- 7/14 12:00 PM  
Annual Picnic at Camp  
Linden (Rain date is 7/28)
- 7/21 11:00 AM  
Warrior to Revolutionary  
2:00 PM  
Think Ethics: Living by  
Code - C. Hayden  
4:00 PM Art of the Heel  
Performance
- 7/24 7:30 PM - R. Kiniry  
Pragmatism and Process  
Thought
- 7/28 11:00 AM Reality, Religion,  
Politics and Honest Living  
4:00 PM - Phila. Stoics  
Stoic Spiritual Exercises
- 7/29 7:00 PM - C. Hayden  
Love as a Revolutionary Act

## AUGUST

- 8/4 11:00 AM  
Listening for a Beautiful  
Sound
- 8/7 7:00 PM - R. Kiniry  
Humanism and Ethical  
Humanism
- 8/9 7:30 PM -  
Game Night
- 8/11 11:00 AM  
Support for Greener Living:  
Sharing Eco-Friendly Ideas  
and Practices
- 8/18 11:00 AM  
Colloquy: "Wisdom"  
2:00 PM  
Think Ethics: Philadelphia  
and Gentrification  
4:00 PM  
Art of the Heel Performance
- 8/25 11:00 AM  
Fragile Encounters
- 8/26 7:00 PM - C. Hayden  
Black and Queer to the  
Future

# SUMMER BIRTHDAYS

## JUNE

- 3 Temma Fishman  
3 Zia Okocha  
7 Janice Moore  
12 George Sakheim  
14 Arthur Pielli  
22 Sylvia Goldman

## JULY

- 2 Eric Glausen  
4 Uncle Sam (243rd)  
9 John McGormick  
9 Harry Thorn  
10 Janet Gooke  
10 Sylvia Metzler  
13 Dan Hoffman  
17 Mike Black-Smith  
20 Bill Goldberg  
22 Marvin Liebman  
23 David Ralston  
26 Betsy Lightbourn  
26 Sharon Wallis

## AUGUST

- 4 Leslie Williams  
6 Kim McKay  
7 Stan Horwitz  
13 Felix Adler  
(167th)  
14 Ilse Sakheim



## SUNDAY SERVICES

11:00 A.M.

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of midday, by  
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Remember to  
put the PES  
Annual Picnic  
at Camp  
Linden on  
your calendar  
- Sunday,  
July 14th,  
Noon - 5:00;  
Rain Date:  
July 28th

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## GAME NIGHTS AT PES

Bring a board game  
or cards, and have  
a good time at the  
Ethical Society!

All at 7:30 PM  
June 14th  
July 12th  
August 9th