



ETHICAL VIEWS



PEACE DAY PHILLY

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Sunday Platforms

Sunday, Sept. 1, 11:00 AM
Educating for a Just Society
Ismael Jimenez and Charlie McGeehan, Philadelphia public school teachers

As we begin a new school year, Philly educators Ismael Jimenez and Charlie McGeehan will discuss the responsibility of teachers in work for justice. Nationally, we face escalating racism, bigotry, and violence, encouraged by the President of the United States. Locally, our students and schools face persistent racial and economic inequity.

RACIAL ECONOMIC JUSTICE

Ismael and Charlie will talk about how they came to work for justice in Philadelphia public schools, how they engage students in their classrooms, and the importance of organizing beyond the classroom in a way that highlights racial and economic justice.

Ismael Jimenez is a dedicated educator, who for the last fourteen years has worked with students in Philadelphia from preschool age to the post-secondary level. Charlie McGeehan is a Humanities teacher and building representative at The U School in North Philadelphia. Charlie won a 2018 Teaching Tolerance award for Excellence in Teaching from the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Sunday, Sept. 8, 11:00 AM
Cultivating Gratitude
Hugh Taft-Morales, Leader,
Philadelphia Ethical Society



Intolerance is growing. Our political world is a mess. We are poisoning our biosphere. At times like this, it is easy to forget gratitude. But gratitude is a way of relating to ourselves and to others that nurtures our strength, courage, and resiliency. How do we cultivate gratitude in a world peddling hatred and righteous indignation? How can gratitude for how things are help us transform the world into what we want it to be? Come explore with Hugh Taft-Morales.

Sunday, Sept. 15, 11:00 AM
Engaging Youth to Hack the Problem of Homelessness
Stephanie Sena, Founder and Executive Director, Student-Run Emergency Housing Unit of Philadelphia - SREHUP

SREHUP was founded to engage the youth of America in the work of ending chronic homelessness. SREHUP, a student-run homeless shelter opened in 2011, has transformed both student participants and the guests who are housed at the shelter.



The project makes the case for the importance of youth empowerment initiatives that develop the social justice leaders of tomorrow.

Stephanie Sena is the founder and executive director of the Student-Run Emergency Housing Unit of Philadelphia (SREHUP) - a non-profit homeless shelter operating since 2011, where students provide shelter, food, services and community to individuals experiencing homelessness in Philadelphia. Her most recent project is The Breaking Bread Community - communities of tiny homes and services for people and their pets who are experiencing homelessness. Stephanie teaches history of poverty, homelessness, and resistance movements in the Center for Peace and Justice at Villanova University.

Sept. 22, 11:00 AM ***Racism, Peace, and Climate Justice***
Hugh Taft-Morales, Leader,
Philadelphia Ethical Society

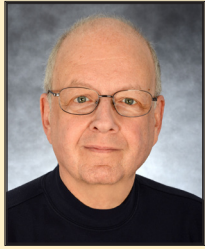
Communities of color are disproportionately affected by both human violence and climate change. In our species and on our planet whites generally have control of the forces that are poisoning our planet and the means to create more sustainable and just economic policy. Come hear Hugh Taft-Morales explore the intersection

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NO SEEK program has been set up so far. If you are interested, please contact Nick Sanders
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PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

STOP! DON'T SHOOT



*Bob Bueding,
President,
Philadelphia
Ethical
Society*

First, I'd like to welcome everyone back from summer vacation. I hope you all enjoyed time with family and friends. Initially I wasn't sure what I'd write about for the September issue of *Ethical Views*, but after the events in El Paso, TX and Dayton, OH, it was clear what I wanted to say.

This past summer I attended the AEU Assembly in Tampa, FL. One of the highlights of the Assembly was the presentation of the Elliott Black Award. This year it was given to the Marjory

Stoneman Douglass High School. You'll remember, on February 14, 2018 a gunman opened fire at the school killing 17 students and faculty.

At the Assembly ceremony a student and two faculty members spoke. The speakers' main take-away point was that the "system" failed. Let me explain: the shooter was a troubled young man, who had been initially placed in a special school, but later

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removed because it was felt no more could be done for him. This method of "catch and release" utterly failed the shooter, with devastating results for his victims.

As of this writing, we are 10 days out from two mass shootings in El Paso and Dayton, and our government is still dithering about red flags and background checks. How many people must die before we pass legislation to require licensing of all guns, mental health checks for all gun owners, and absolute prohibition of sales of automatic and semi-automatic weapons to anyone other than law enforcement and the military? How many more body bags do we have to fill? What to do? We need to keep the pressure on our elected officials. Tell them we need change now. We can't keep kicking this can down the road. Support the ones who get the message; vote the ditherers out of office. Every person on this planet has a right to live in dignity and safety. As Ethical Humanists it's our job to make that happen.

– Bob

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between racism, peace, and climate justice. He will share some of the insights garnered by the NAACP in their Environmental and Climate Justice Program begun 10 years ago.

Sunday, Sept. 29, 11:00 AM
The State of Sustainability
Robert Fleming, Director and
Professor, Sustainable Design
Program, Thomas Jefferson
University

The sustainability movement ebbs and flows with the intensity of weather, changing economy, shifting societal values, and with different

political power structures. In 2019, sustainability is poised to rise again, and this time it's for good. A changing climate is now becoming the norm: storms and flooding in the Midwest, the melting



tundra of Alaska, the forest fires in the arctic and visible sea level rise in Miami portend the new reality. Shall we continue to fight climate change, or should we adapt to the inevitable negative impacts? Currently we're

doing very little. This talk will focus on the state of sustainability at the end the 2010's and a look forward to see if there is hope for the human species.

Rob Fleming, AIA, LEED AP, is an architect, author and professor who grew up in West Philadelphia during the 1960's and 70's. He is co-creator and director of the award-winning MS in Sustainable Design Program at Jefferson which has received national awards from the US Green Building Council and from the National Institute for Building Sciences.

LEADER'S COLUMN

PREJUDICE PLUS POWER

Hugh Taft-Morales, Leader, Philadelphia Ethical Society

I was pleased that so many from the Ethical Society and Peace Day Philly attended the 2019 Beer Summit at Reading Terminal Market on July 30th. Todd Bernstein and his Global Citizen organization hosted this event for the 11th year in a row. It offers a rare informal but focused public discussion on race.

My co-facilitator, Steve Lawrence, minister of White Rock Baptist Church and Board President for the New Conversation on Race and Ethnicity (NewCORE), exuded a personal warmth and depth of commitment that eases people through difficult conversations. I would like to offer the Ethical Society as a space for NewCORE discussions this coming program year.

Anuj Gupta, General Manager of the market, opened his venue so that citizens can tackle difficult issues

under one of Philadelphia's "iconic canopies." Reading Terminal Market is central to professor Elijah Anderson's book, *The Cosmopolitan Canopy: Race and Civility in Everyday Life*.

On July 30th, one hundred-plus people of diverse races, ages, and backgrounds were there to learn from each other. Steve framed the small group discussions by sharing his personal frustration with racist remarks from our chief executive, including smears about the city of Baltimore and about our younger national legislators of color. When the White House fails to bring out our best, it's up to the rest of us.

Steve pointed out that people are throwing around the word "racism", but we don't all agree about what it means. It is not simply personal bigotry about people of other races. It is prejudice plus power, a system of economic, political, social, and cultural networks arranged in a way that puts people of color at a disadvantage.

Racism is woven so deeply into the fabric of our culture that it is easy for open-minded and compassionate people to reflect racism in their words and actions. Once everyone – including those who identify as "woke" white people – understands this, we can do anti-racism with less fear, guilt, and defensiveness. This lesson is a big part



Co-facilitator Steve Lawrence (left) and PES Leader Hugh Taft Morales speaking at Reading Terminal's 2019 Beer Summit.

of a book I recommend, Robin DiAngelo's *White Fragility: Why It's So Hard for White People to Talk About Racism*.

Small groups then discussed recent racist Facebook posts by local police officers, bans in California and New York City regarding hairstyles, and recent revelations that artificial intelligence, particularly facial recognition programs, do not work as well with people of color. We also discussed the incident in the Starbucks down the street from the Ethical Society where two Black men were escorted out in police custody for "waiting while Black."

The Reading Terminal program was part of an on-going conversation that will continue on Monday, September 9th at the Ethical Society. (See page 8.) People, when willing to discuss issues of race in order to build connections and seek solutions together, can avoid the toxicity of social media rants and ugly tweets. Those who attended the Beer Summit were committed to civil conversation for the common good. To that I raise my glass and say, "cheers!"



Co-facilitator Steve Lawrence, speaks to the audience at Reading Terminal's 2019 Beer Summit. Several PES members attended.

FROM PES MEMBERS

THE ROUGH EDGES OF CAPITALISM – Part I

By Steve Gold

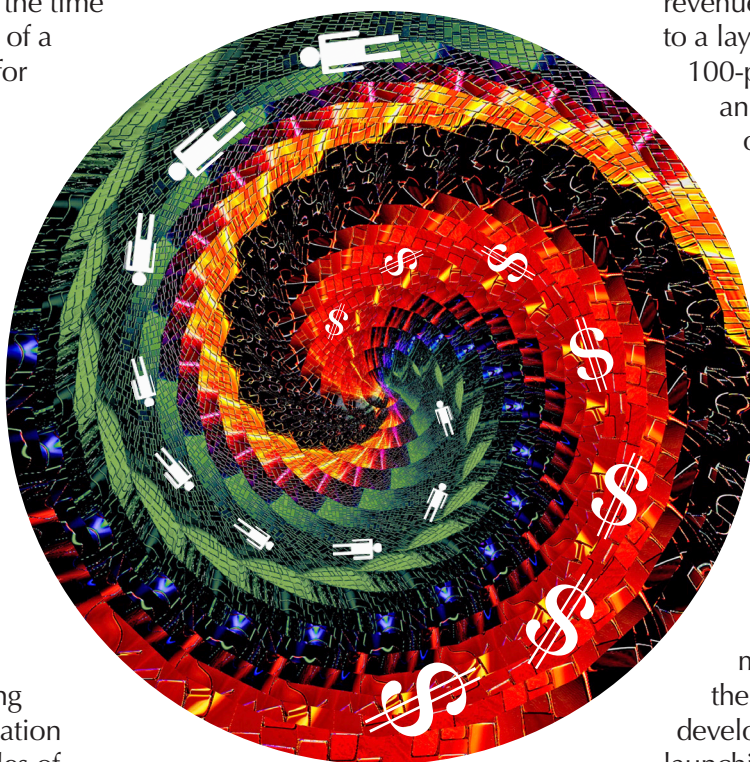
Let me take you back to the spring of 2000. The tech heavy NASDAQ Composite Index hit an all-time high of 5,000 – a level it was not to breach again for 15 years. It was the peak before the dot-com bubble burst. Little did I realize at the time but it was also a precursor of a looming ethical dilemma for me.

The company that I had led since the early nineties was about to hit the proverbial wall. We had ridden the expansion of Silicon Valley during the prior decade and could boast a stable of *Who's Who* clients including Cisco Systems, Oracle, and HP for whom our call center provided business-to-business marketing and sales support, including lead generation and incubation for outside sales, inside sales of software licenses, and inbound 800 number support.

As the decade was coming to a close and warnings of Y2K – a tech Armageddon feared at the dawn of the new millennium that spawned more start-ups – my company's client base had an increasing number of these start-ups and early stage businesses, all funded by venture capital but many without actual revenues. Our job was to deliver "eye balls" to web sites, which was then the prevailing metric for justifying the next round of funding.

In hindsight, of course, that should have been a warning of what was about to happen.

Within a few short months, the portion of our business that had been comprised of start-ups and early stage companies vanished as their cash piles diminished and their funding sources from venture capitalists dried up. Even our viable stalwarts were beginning to scale back on their marketing campaigns. After years of double digit growth, we were facing double digit declines.



These options raised uncomfortable questions that I struggled with

By the fall of 2000 our monthly revenues had dropped to the point where we were hemorrhaging cash as losses mounted. In this environment I eschewed tapping into our bank lines just to fund our losses. After all, when the lines were put in place a decade earlier, I had had no alternative but to personally guarantee that debt. If the business failed, I would still be obligated

personally to pay off anything still owed. It was one thing to risk losing the business that our team had built. It was quite something else when I thought about the possibility of losing virtually everything our family had worked for, in order to pay off the credit lines that had become an ominous cloud on the horizon.

As a service business we had no inventory to liquidate and our receivables were more difficult to collect in a timely fashion. I had no alternative but to cut our payroll cost which represented over 70% of revenue. My options boiled down to a layoff of about 25% of our 100-plus workforce or opting for an across-the-board roll back of wages while preserving everyone's job.

It seemed to me that I had two competing strategies that had ethical implications. On the one hand, my challenge as the CEO was how to do it in a way that would minimize disruption to our operations and retain key employees with special skills such as the PhDs who ran our market research division and the programmers and data base developers who were essential for launching new campaigns. On the other hand, I recognized that a layoff would disproportionately impact our lower-paid, hourly workers since they comprised the majority of our employee population. These options raised uncomfortable questions that I struggled with then and, in retrospect, still think about twenty years later:

- Which option (layoff affecting a portion of our staff or a roll back of wages involving everyone) would cause the least disruption to the business and the least disruption to the people?

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- What would be the short and long-term implications for the business in terms of servicing our clients and retaining staff? And what would be the short and long-term implications for the people?
- How would a layoff be administered: by seniority or by an assessment of individual performance?
- How would a roll back of wages be administered: equally or based on position and pay level?
- Would exceptions be made for special circumstances (i.e. individual hardship)? If so, who would make those judgments and what would be the impact on everyone else?
- Is there an “ethical filter” that can help answer the above questions?

In the next issue of the PES newsletter you will read about how I answered these questions and the impact of my subsequent actions.

POWER is US at PES Presented by Kate Esposito

Why are we a POWER congregation? The answer is simple. We get to have a strong voice in a powerful chorus for social justice. PES is represented on all of the committees: Live Free (criminal justice reform), Economic Dignity (living wage and economic justice advocacy), Climate Justice (green economy/ environmental justice) and Education (fair funding for public schools.) Hugh is a member of the Clergy Caucus. But there is always room for more involvement. This column will provide information and background on POWER’s activism and background. So here goes...

One of the broader goals of POWER states, “We believe that power is neutral, that it can be (and is) used for either bad or good purposes. POWER believes that people should have a say in the policy decisions that shape their lives and therefore should not shy away from the exercise of power to promote justice and advance the common good.”

To that end POWER’s Ed Strategy Team will be working during the fall to (1) increase the number of co-sponsors on the PA House and Senate bills for 100% fair funding of every PA school district and (2) have hearings on 100% fair school funding in the Education Committees of both the PA House of Reps and Senate. Also, our Ed Strategy Team will continue locally to lobby with other groups for more adequate Philadelphia public school funding from the City of Philadelphia and the Philadelphia Parking Authority. And...

On Tuesday, September 10, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, there will be a Training: Creating Congregation Based Teams to Build POWER, at the POWER Office, 1429 N. 11th St. This is important and I hope that maybe some new folks will be able to attend. We have had huge impacts on public policy and it is really exciting to work so closely on the front lines for justice. For more information, you can talk to me or email me at kmesposit@gmail.com. I hope to be hearing from you. There is work to be done!

KNOWING OTHERWISE Linda Richardson

I believe that the police who send racist messages and sexist messages do not think highly of me, therefore will not treat me well. While police interact with a variety of people, the idea that they can transmit hateful messages means they are hateful. Case in point. When my first husband who was white walked down the street alone, he was given every courtesy a white person is given by police. Once, when my Mom, my daughter Aissia, my husband and I were walking

in the subway, and we were very well dressed, we passed a police officer, who was minding his business. But when he saw us, he loudly struck his nightstick against the wall. My Mom got frightened because she knew from experience in her neighborhood, that striking a nightstick was a signal that next, police would strike your head. My husband loudly asked if everything was alright, and the cop stopped his micro aggressive behavior. If he had been Black, he would have been hit. This much I know.

After the confrontation, Aissia in her 2 year old small voice announced,

“I hate copses.” I was so sad that at that age, she had already understood her relationship to police. No matter how much I taught her to see police as people to go to for help, her life experiences know differently. It is different if you are White and think what police think of you doesn’t matter. You can view from the vantage point that nothing will happen to you if you do no wrong. People of Color know otherwise.

These police need to be weeded from the force and those who are willing to agree to retraining should be able to do so.

PAST EVENTS

PES Members at 104th Annual AEU Assembly in Tampa, FL



John McCormick, outgoing president of the American Ethical Society, is presenting the Anna Garlin Spencer Volunteer Award to Jan Broughton, from the Ethical Humanist Society of the Triangle, Chapel Hill, NC.



Philadelphia Ethical Society President Bob Bueding speaking at the Assembly.



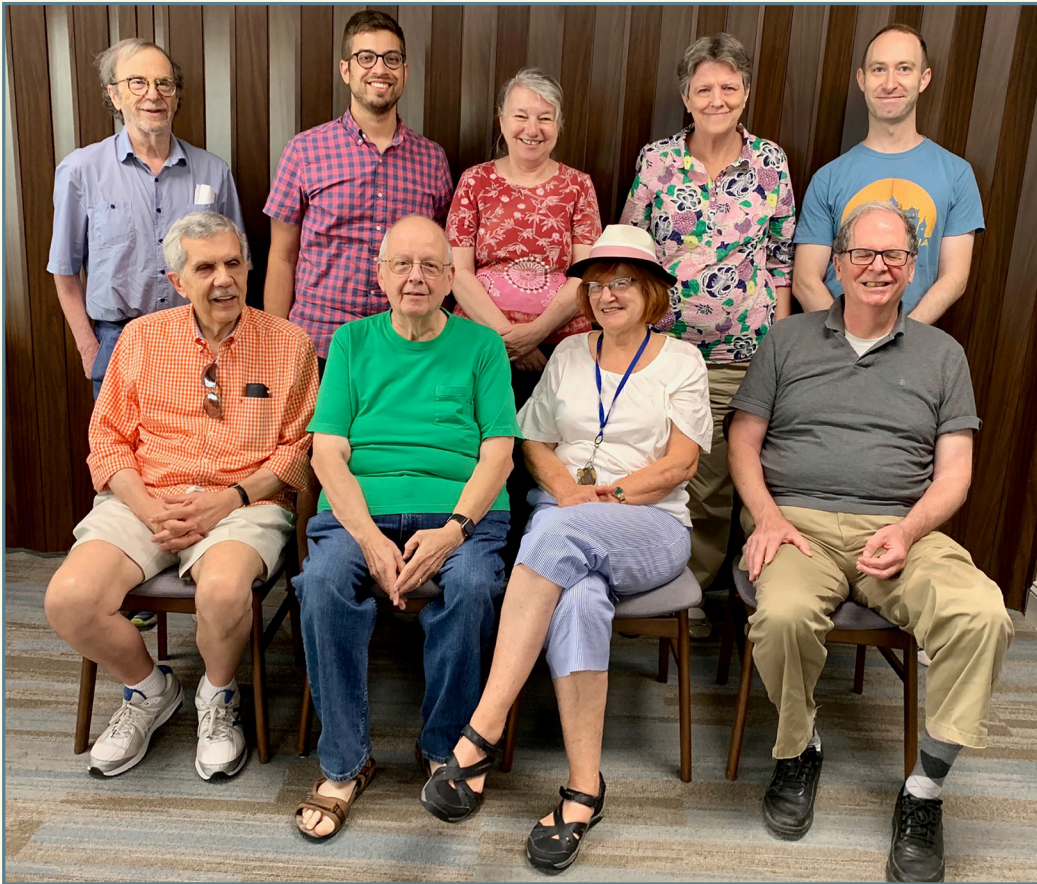
Edward Ericson, author of *The Humanist Way*, receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award.



John McCormick presenting the Elliot Black Award to a student from the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, FL. The award is given in recognition and tribute to an individual or organization in the larger community who has made a significant positive impact on society

PAST EVENTS continued

PES activity over the summer



The Philadelphia Ethical Society Board for the 2019-2020 year. From left, top row: Ron Coburn, Drew Snyder, Kate Esposito, Susan O'Connell, Mike Black-Smith

Bottom row: Vince Russo, Treasurer; Bob Bueding, President; Betsy Lightbourn, Vice President; John Marshall, Secretary

*Photo courtesy of
Liz Bueding*

Richard Kinary, PES Leader Emeritus and Carol Love at Camp Linden for the Annual Picnic in July.

Photo by Ken Greiff



PES member Sylvia Metzler making her voice heard at a Philadelphia City Council hearing on June 19.





ANNOUNCEMENTS

*All events in PES building
unless otherwise noted*

Sunday, Sept. 8, 7:00PM

Intro to Ethical Humanism

Come for this PowerPoint presentation by Hugh Taft-Morales about the philosophy, history, and current manifestation of Ethical Humanism! All welcome. Free. Refreshments served.

Monday Sept. 9, 7-8:30pm

Anti-Racism: next steps for ourselves and our city

This event is open to all who attended the July 30th Beer Summit at Reading Terminal Market and to all Ethical Society members. Come



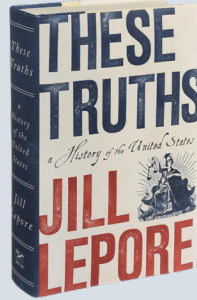
discuss how you are engaging in anti-racism work in your life

and in the life of the city of Philadelphia.

Hosted by Hugh Taft-Morales, Todd Bernstein and others from [Global Citizen](http://globalcitizen365.org).

Tuesday, Sept. 10, 7:00pm
Book discussion of Chapters 1-4 of *These Truths: A History of the United States* by Jill Lepore.

Henry Louis Gates Jr. calls Harvard Professor Jill Lepore's most recent book an "epic work of grand chronological sweep, brilliantly illuminating the

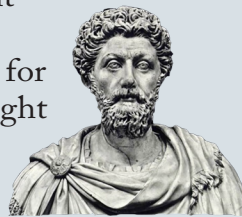


idea of truth in the history of our republic." Hugh Taft-Morales leads the first of four explorations of this work to better appreciate our history as a nation. The September discussion will focus on "Part One: The Idea (1492-1799)." Free and open to the public. If you read the book, come help lead the discussion. If you didn't read the book, you can still attend, learn, and participate.

Sunday, Sept. 15, 4:00pm
Philadelphia Stoics discussion on "Stoic Writings"

"If we don't put the right conceptions into practice, we'll be nothing more than expositors of the opinions of others," said Epictetus. We will evaluate the usefulness of specific ancient and modern Stoic writings for learning the right conceptions to put into practice.

Also, we will select a book to read and discuss at subsequent meetings. For brief summaries of major modern and ancient publications, see <http://whatiststoicism.com/stoicism-books/>.



Free and open to the public. Meet in the Collier Room, 2nd floor.

Thursday, Sept. 19, 2019

6:30 - 8:30pm;

Peacebuilders Panel:

Effectively Building Peace in our World,

Friends Center, 1501 Cherry Street, Philadelphia

Leader Hugh Taft-Morales will facilitate a discussion hosted by *Peace Day Philly* and United Nations Association of Greater Philadelphia.

Panelists include Rev. David Brown (Temple University), Lisa Jo Epstein (*Just Act - Theatre of the Oppressed*), Joan Marshall-

Missiye (American Friends Service



Committee), and Rong Sorn (Phila. Department of Behavioral Health).

The panel will discuss questions such as:

- What are some of the pivotal challenges for peace builders?
- What strategies are most successful for building peace locally and globally?

The panel discussion, Q & A, and reception are free and open to the public.

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Friday, Sept. 20, 6:00-6:45pm Peace Day Philly Sing-Along for Peace. In front of the Ethical Society on Rittenhouse Square. Come sing some songs of freedom and justice - free!



Friday, Sept. 20, 7:00pm Peace Day Philly screening of the film, *Before the Flood*. Free though donations of \$10 suggested to benefit 350.org and *Peace Day Philly*. This 2016

BEFORE THE FLOOD

documentary about climate change has been described by *The Guardian* as a “heartfelt, decent, educational” documentary about the most important issue of our time.



Saturday, Sept. 21, 11:00am–12:30pm Peace Day Philly Program

In the middle of Rittenhouse Square.

Join us as we observe the International Day of Peace. Music, special guests, global messages and the moment of silence at 12noon.

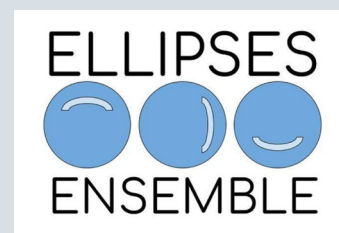
Sunday, September 22, 2:30pm – 4:45pm *Same God*

“I stand in religious solidarity with Muslims.... We worship the same God.” For this social media post, Dr. Larycia Hawkins, a (Black, female) professor, lost her job at Wheaton College, an evangelical Christian institution. How are race, theology, and Islamophobia intertwined in this story? Explore this question in the documentary film, *Same God*, by Linda Midgett, a Wheaton graduate herself. This 1 ¾ hours

screening will be followed by a discussion hosted by Ken Greiff and Hugh Taft-Morales of the Philadelphia Ethical Society.

In the cities where *Same God* has been shown it has drawn large crowds and provoked deep conversation. It is recommended to get to the Ethical Society early to assure a seat. No tickets or set charge but donations requested to be split 50-50 to benefit the PES and the film makers through the Auburn Seminary. This is a *Peace Day Philly* event.

Sunday, September 22, 7:30-9:00pm *Cultivating Peace*



In this special collaboration between *Peace Day Philly* and the *Ellipses Ensemble*, we will explore cultivating personal peace and how peace within can translate into building external peace.



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

MICRO-AGGRESSION

submitted by John Marshall

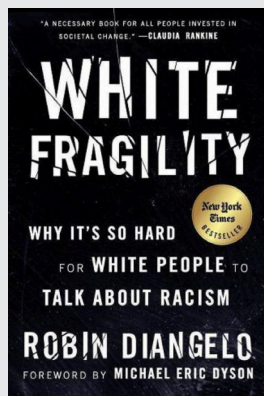
For white people, the word “racist” triggers the idea that the word refers only to very bad people. On the contrary, racism occurs on a continuum from overt to micro.

Robin DiAngelo, in her book *White Fragility*, explains that some degree of racism pervades American culture.

Most Americans can be rightfully described as good and they can consider themselves non-racist. The term racial micro-aggression refers to white people’s unintentional and/or unconscious communication with black people that conveys

the message that black people are to be treated differently from white people. In these situations, many black people feel a degree of uneasiness, but do not confront the speaker.

By not being confronted many white people assume that no micro-aggression occurred. However, if unchecked, micro-aggression tends to dehumanize.



On Sunday August 25 Society members presented *Fragile Encounters*, a special platform dealing with racial micro-aggression through a thought-provoking series of role plays, followed by discussion with the audience. We provided a handout with

pertinent examples of micro-aggression, and plan to offer a synopsis of these discussions in the near future.

And submitted by Christian Hayden, a quote from Toni Morrison, 1931 – 2019, the first black woman to win the Nobel Prize for Literature: The following is taken from her 1993 interview with Charlie Rose

“If I take your race away, and there you are, all strung out. And all you got is your little self, and what is that? What are you without racism? Are you any good? Are you still strong? Are you still smart? Do you still like yourself? I mean, these are the questions. Part of it is, ‘yes, the victim. How terrible it’s been for black people.’ I’m not a victim. I refuse to be one... if you can only be tall because somebody is on their knees, then you have a serious problem. And my feeling is that white people have a very, very serious problem and they should start thinking about what they can do about it. Take me out of it.”

400 YEARS 1619-2019

August marked the actual 400-year anniversary of the first arrival of African slaves in North America.

PES Leader Hugh Taft-Morales’ ongoing blog provides weekly words, lessons and commitments to support confronting racism: <https://www.400years.today>

Below are additional links to learn more about how America’s history of slavery is being recognized and discussed this year, nationally, locally and online.



NATIONAL PARK SERVICE OFFICE OF POLICY

<https://www.nps.gov/orgs/1892/africanamericanhistorycommission.htm>



<https://lwfs.com/index.php/mission-vision/>

**THE WAY OF IMPROVEMENT
LEADS HOME**
SLAVERY WAS AMERICA’S FIRST BIG BUSINESS

<https://thewayofimprovement.com/2019/08/17/slavery-was-americas-first-big-business/>

THE 1619 PROJECT
THE NEW YORK TIMES

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QUOTABLE

“Rosa Parks inspired me to find a way to get in the way, to get in trouble... good trouble, necessary trouble.”

– John Lewis

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“We have reached the point where we cannot bear either our vices or their cure.”

– Livy



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Sept. 8 - Ken Greiff
Last names: F-K
Sept. 15 - Garry O'Rourke
Last names: L-Q
Sept. 22 - Harry Thorn
Last names: R-Z
Sept. 29 -

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



Sept. 1 - from the PES Members:
Thanks to Sharon and Leonard for
another successful CampLinden
Summer.

Sept. 8 - from Sally Redlener: To
all the wonderful and varied Service
auction events presented this
Summer

Sept. 15 - TBD

Sept. 22 - from Bob Bueding -
Wishing PES a wonderful year.

Sept. 29 - from John Marshall
- Thanks to Everyone.

For suggestions regarding this
newsletter, contact Henry Pashkow
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Wider Community

Take in a Fringe show – or 3 – at the
Philadelphia Ethical Society, September 5-22, 2019

• Lavender Life, Ultra V Theatre Co., September 5, 6 and 18–20

Slip into the Lavender Lounge, a 1930s speakeasy where the underground LGBTQ+ community comes together in search of strength amid the rise of fascism. Come as you are and BYOB as the music of the era tells the story of a community whose spirits cannot be broken, where everyone can be themselves for a little while. \$10 / 45 minutes, www.fringearts.com/event/lavender-life/

• Half Key Theatre Company, runs September 5-22, Thursdays-Sundays

Half Key Theatre presents *Actually* by Anna Ziegler. *Actually* is a play about two freshmen at Princeton University who spend a night together that changes their lives. They agree on the drinking and the attraction, but not on how or whether consent was given. This new play by Anna Ziegler investigates gender and race politics, our desire to fit in, and the three sides to every story. .

For tickets, visit: www.fringearts.com/event/actually/

• The Break Fast Club, Tribe 12 Performing Arts Group September 11 and 12

Explore the lives of a few wildly different teenagers who find themselves in detention this High Holiday season. A brain (maybe he'll be a doctor one day!), an athlete (not basketball), a basket case (oy vey!), a princess (Jewish American), and a criminal (putting the high in High Holidays).

\$15 / 55 minutes, www.fringearts.com/event/the-break-fast-club/

• Interactive Romp through Peaceful Practices Saturday, September 7, 2019, 10:00 am -12:00 pm.

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