

A Full Day Conference Featuring

- Tony Hileman, AHA Executive Director
- Fred Edwards, editor of *The Humanist*
- Chip Berlet, Senior Analyst of Political Research Associates
- Nashaat Boutros, Yale University psychiatrist and brain researcher
- Joe Gerstein, founding director of SMARTRecovery
- David E. Schafer, Humanist Institute faculty member
- Tom Ferrick, Humanist Chaplain of Harvard University
- June Schafer, chair of the Task Force on Poverty and Economic Justice of the Unitarian Society of New Haven
- leading regional Humanists conducting workshops and discussion groups on:
 - grassroots Humanism
 - putting Humanism into practice
 - Humanist Manifesto III
 - building broader Humanist communities

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit the conference web site, or call the regional coordinator at (617) 547-1497 and leave a message.

<http://www.regional.cthumanist.org/>

Registration

COST: \$25/person; \$40/couple until Sept. 6
\$30/person; \$50/couple Sept. 6 to Oct. 4
\$40 per person with no couple discount Oct. 4 to Oct 11

To register, fill out the enclosed form, or mail names of registrants along with payment to:

NE Regional AHA Conference
51 Pleasant Street, PMB 105
Malden, MA 02148-4904

Make checks payable to: Humanist Association of Massachusetts.

Two scholarships are available for people who otherwise would not be able to afford to attend the conference.

Sponsored by the New England Region of the American Humanist Association, in association with the Institute for Humanist Studies.

<http://www.humaniststudies.org>

Organizers:

Humanist Association of Massachusetts
P.O. Box 381125,

Cambridge, MA 02238-1125

<http://www.masshumanists.org>

Humanist Association of Central Connecticut
27 Thornton Street

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In New England

The 2003

New England

Regional AHA

Conference

Freethought Day
Saturday,

October 11, 2003

Unitarian Universalist Church of Worcester
90 Holden Street, Worcester, Mass.



Enjoy a day of Humanism Freethought Day, Saturday, October 11, 2003.



Featured Speakers

CHIP BERLET is the Senior Analyst at Political Research Associates, a Boston area investigative team that traces the activities of extreme religious and paramilitary groups operating here in our country. He is the author (with Matthew Lyons) of *Right Wing Populism: Too Close for Comfort*, and over 60 articles.

TONY HILEMAN is the Executive Director of the AHA. His tenure has produced greater visibility for the AHA in the national media and an increase in membership to over 6000 people.

FRED EDWARDS is editor of *The Humanist* and chair of the AHA publications committee. His latest achievement has been to coordinate the publication of *Humanist Manifesto III*.

TOM FERRICK is a member of the AHA board of directors, Executive Director of the Humanist Association of Massachusetts, and the Humanist Chaplain at Harvard University

JOE GERSTEIN, MD is president of HAM and the founding director of Smart Recovery. His program for controlling addiction, using the Rational Emotive Therapy approach has expanded beyond this nation's borders, especially among prison populations

DAVID SCHAFER was cofounder of the Humanist Association of Central Connecticut in 1989 and was its president for the first 10 years. He has served on the board of directors of the AHA and as a class mentor at the Humanist Institute. He is currently an adjunct faculty member of the Humanist Institute, manager of a UU Humanist mailing list, and consulting editor of *The Humanist*.

Join Humanists from across New England in Worcester, Mass for a day of Humanism on Saturday, October 11, 2003.

Preliminary Schedule

9:00 - 10:00	Registration and Reception	
10:00 - 10:15	Welcome: Tom Ferrick, Humanist Chaplain at Harvard	
10:15 - 11:05	Talk 1: Tony Hileman, AHA Executive Director	
11:05 - 12:00	Breakout Sessions 1	
	Tom Ferrick & David Schafer, "Starting and Maintaining an AHA chapter."	June Schafer & Joe Gerstein "Humanist Social Activism"
12:00 - 12:30	Break	
12:30 - 1:30	Luncheon (included in registration)	
1:30 - 2:30	Talk 2: Chip Berlet, analyst	
2:30 - 3:30	Breakout Sessions 2	
	Nashaat Boutros, "The Brain and Belief."	"Countering the Religious Right"
3:30 - 4:30	Talk 3 Fred Edwards, editor of the Humanist: "Humanist Manifesto 3"	
4:30 - 4:45	Summary and comments	

The Unitarian Universalist Church of Worcester proudly displays the Happy Humanist symbol on its facade at the corner of Holden Street and Shore Drive. The church is conveniently located on the west side of Worcester two blocks from I-190 and I-290 with ample off-street parking.

CHILD CARE: Free child care is available on site. Please include the number and ages of children with your registration.

JUNE SCHAFER is Chair of the Unitarian Society of New Haven Task Force on Poverty and Economic Justice, sustaining a partnership with an inner New Haven public housing project; and USNH representative, Vice President and Program Chairman of Interfaith Cooperative Ministries of Greater

New Haven, a group of 44 congregations helping the poor.

NASHAAT BOUTROS, MD is Associate professor of Psychiatry and director of the School of Medicine at Yale University, and Director of the Clinical Electrophysiology and Transcranial Magnetic Stimulation Laboratory of the VA-Medical Center in West Haven, CT.