Study Group Fall 2012 Lectures: Professor Paul Bloom on “Moralities of Everyday Life.”

Paul Bloom, Professor of Psychology and the 2011 DeVane lecturer, will explore the science of human behavior in the study group’s series of five lectures titled “Moralities of Everyday Life.” The lectures will be on the five Wednesday mornings in October, beginning October 3 at 10:15 a.m. at the New Haven Lawn Club and continuing October 10, 17, 24 and 31.

Drawing on the disciplines of cognitive science, social and developmental psychology, neuroscience, behavioral economics and analytic philosophy, Professor Bloom will examine the modern science of moral thought and moral action. Among the questions he will consider are “How is it that people are capable of transcendent kindness and unspeakable cruelty?” “How do we explain our strongly held opinions about issues such as abortion, gay marriage, affirmative action, eating meat and torture?” “How do the forces of evolution, culture and religion shape our moral natures?” “We will look at research from the lab, from the community, and from the battlefield; we will discuss babies, monkeys and psychopaths; we will debate claims about moral differences between men and women, liberals and conservatives, Christians and Muslims,” says Professor Bloom.

Details for signing up appear at the end of this newsletter.

Fall 2012 Excursion
Monday, October 1, 2012
Hudson Valley Historic Sites
Kykuit Rockefeller Estate.
Sign up form at the end of the newsletter

Exploring New Haven County

Please join us Tuesday morning October 16 from 10 - 11:30 to learn about hydrogen powered vehicles at Proton OnSite, 10 Technology Drive, Wallingford. Check out their website at http://www.protononsite.com for more information about the company. Proton OnSite is a leader in hydrogen energy and innovative gas solutions and should prove to be a very interesting tour. Guests are welcome. Call Eleanor Radune (203 483 - 6528) or Anne Schenck (203 787 - 3705) to sign up and get directions. The company is in an office park off Route 68 (I 91 Exit 15) via Research Parkway and Technology Drive.

President's Letter

We hope you were able to join us at the lovely Wine and Cheese reception planned and executed by Marcia MacDonald with Patty Pollard and their energetic committee. For those of you unable to attend but interested in a new activity, we have included a list of the current activities and the appropriate chairperson to contact.

As this newsletter goes to press there are a few vacancies still available for the Study Group Lectures: “Moralities of Everyday Life.” The registration form is included in this newsletter. Please return it to Pat Whitestone quickly to reserve your spot.

It’s not too early to think Holiday Party, which is scheduled for Sunday, December 2. Stephanie Jatlow, along with Johanna Becker and Pam Rackliffe, are looking for ideas and able hands. Please contact one of them if you are able to provide either.

Audrey and Stephanie
October's Books

Tuesday, October 2 1:30-3:00 p.m. *Zoobiquity* by Barbara Natterson-Horowitz and Kathryn Bowers. Raejeanne Kier (203-287-2443).

Tuesday, October 9 2:00 p.m. *The Tiger's Wife* by Téa Obreht. Lynn Howe (203-288-1217).

Thursday, October 11 9:30 a.m. *The Warmth of Other Sons* by Isabel Wilkerson. Eleanor Radune (203-483-6528).

Monday, October 15 2:00 p.m. *Old Filth* by Jane Gardam. Irene Smith (203-248-2949).

Monday, October 15 2:30 p.m. *Winter's Tale* by Mark Helprin -- Ellie Mattson (203-453-4274).

Lunch and Learn

On Tuesday, October 23 at noon at the Yale Visitor Center on Elm Street, YUWO’s Lunch and Learn will open its fall season with a three-woman panel discussion featuring our own Landa Freeman. Together with two other scholars of American history, Louise V. North and Janet M. Wedge, they will discuss and read from their recent book, In the Words of Women: The Revolutionary War and the Birth of the Nation, 1765-1799. Mary E. Davis and Judy Miller, co-chairs, Lunch and Learn. Save the date for the next “Lunch and Learn” – November 23.

Activities

**Art Aficionados** - A guided tour of the Robert Adams photography at the Yale Art Gallery, Thursday October 11. Lunch at Mory’s following the tour. Call Anneke Hatheway (203-752-0460) or Diane McGuire (203-488-5385) by October 10th to make reservation for the lunch.

**Music Together** – Yale Jazz Ensemble. October 17th at 7:30 in Sprague Hall. Meet for dinner before the concert at 6:00 at China Great Wall. Call Raejeanne Kier (203-287-2443), or Charlotte Moulyn (1-203-386-1453).

**Hiking Group** -- On Monday, October 1, we will have a relatively vigorous hike for those who don’t mind scrambling up rocks for a wonderful view. We will go to the Mattabesett trail, at Mt. Higby, near Middletown. This is a segment of the blue-blazed National Scenic Trail. It takes us up along the rock ridge on Mt. Higby, which is the mountain you see to the east along I-91, just north of route 66. The trail offers spectacular views to the north, west, and south, and on a clear day you can see from Long Island Sound to Mt. Tom in Massachusetts. The trail has a rocky bit at the start, and the short climb up to the ridgeline involves a few steep scrambles up sections of trap rock. Once at the top, the going is fairly level, with the best scenic outlooks from the higher rocky perches. The meeting time will be 10 AM, at a parking spot off route 66, about half an hour from New Haven. Please call Lyn Howe (203-606-0370) to join the hike, and get information about the place to meet. We will try to carpool from New Haven.

On Thursday, October 11, we will have a walk on the easy Garvan Trail near the Surf Club in Madison. The description of this short trail says it has two loops connected by a boardwalk, and includes salt and fresh marshes, different tidal zones, and interpretive sign boards. If walkers would like to enjoy lunch in Madison after the walk, you can stop at the new Madison Beach Hotel nearby, or go in to several eateries in town. We will meet at 10:30 am for this shorter walk. Madison is about half an hour east of New Haven on I-95, at exit 61. Go to route 1 and turn right (west) for about a half mile, to West Wharf Rd. on your left. Take West Wharf to Surf Club Rd. and turn right to get to the parking area. We will cancel if it rains. Please call Lyn Howe if you would like to join the walk: 203-606-0370.
SAVE THE DATES:

Holiday Party: December 2 at the new Cultural Arts Center at Whitney Center, 200 Leeder Hill Road, Hamden.


The administration of the Whitney Center graciously offered YUWO the use of their new cultural arts center at no cost. This represents a considerable savings to YUWO since in previous years we had to pay Yale to rent the facility at Horchow Hall. This is particularly significant as the Holiday Party is not only one of our three social events (Wine and Cheese event and Annual Luncheon the other two) but one of our major fundraisers benefiting our Scholarship fund. If any of you would like to help with the Holiday party-ideas, planning, and help the day of the event, please call me. Thanks in advance. Stephanie Jatlow---203-389-2044--or e-mail: SJatlow@netscape.net

P.S. Parking at the Whitney Center is easy.

2012-2013 Activities

Art Aficionados

Anneke Hatheway 203-752-0460 or Diane McGuire 203-488-5385

Book Groups

Morning

Eleanor Radune 203-483-6258

2nd Monday afternoon

Irene Smith 203-248-2949

3rd Monday afternoon

Ellie Mattson 203-453-4274

2nd Tuesday afternoon

Lyn Howe 203-606-0370

1st Wednesday afternoon

Raejeanne Kier 203-287-2443

Bridge Group

Rose-Marie Manger-Tilney 203-795-5796

Excursions

Dody Gall 203-288-6590

Explore Yale and New Haven County

Anne Schenck 203-787-3705 or Eleanor Radune 203-483-6258

Conversational French

Debbie St. Thomas 203-488-1859 or Julie Crowder 203-288-7157

Golf

Barbara Kryger 203-288-1515 or Pam Rackliffe 203-488-2667

Luncheon Gourmet Group

Carol Dhawan 203-562-0017, Happy Thomas 203-393-7239 or Marty Sherman 203-263-2260

Music Together

Raejeanne Kier 203-287-2443

Needlers

Betty Ann Levitin 203-488-5862

Skiing

Chair needed – see future newsletters

Tennis

Carol Dhawan 203-562-0017

Writing Group

Ina Jaffe 203-288-9810

Walkers

Lyn Howe 203-606-0370
Wednesday, October 3

Fall Study Group at the Lawn Club begins. PLEASE NOTE TIME - 10:15 a.m.

Speaker: Professor Paul Bloom
Brooks and Suzanne Ragen Professor of Psychology and 2011 DeVane Lecturer

Topic: "Moralities of Everyday Life"

The reservation form is enclosed.

Sunday, December 2

Holiday Party

The new Cultural Arts Center at Whitney Center

200 Leeder Hill Road, Hamden
Membership Registration Form (2012-2013)

Name ____________________________ Phone _______________________
Address _________________________________________________________
Street                City     Zip

Please clearly PRINT your email address if you wish to receive the YUWO newsletter and other YUWO notices via email:

______________________@______________________________________

Membership is open to any woman who by virtue of her own or her family’s affiliation, past or present, is associated with the Yale community.

I am renewing my membership ___ I am a new member of YUWO ___

New Members Only: Please indicate Yale Affiliation (past or present)

Self ____ Spouse ____ Other Relative ____
As: Staff ____ Faculty ____ Student ____ Postdoc ____ Alum ____
Position of above is: Active ____ Retired ____ Former ____

Amount Enclosed:

YUWO Annual Dues                $ 25.00

Separate checks, please, for each scholarship donation:

Annual Scholarship Fund
Magee Fenn Scholarship Fund
YUWO Scholarship Trust Fund
The Gustave and Carol Lynn Sirot Fund

All checks should be payable to “Yale University Women’s Organization.” Use the check memo line to indicate whether the amount is designated for “Dues” or a specific scholarship fund.

Donations to the all YUWO scholarship funds are tax deductible.

Return this page and check(s) to

Mary-Jo Warren
180 Forest Hill Road
North Haven, CT 06473
Excursion to Hudson Valley Historic Sites
Kykuit Rockefeller Estate and Union Church in Pocantico Hills

A Bus Trip on Monday, October 1, 2012

We travel by chartered bus to the Visitors Center at Phillipsburg Manor, a recreated 18th century working farm, where we board a shuttle bus to the Kykuit Estate. At Kykuit we have an 11:15 am docent-led tour of the Rockefeller Mansion, the lower level art gallery, views of the sculpture gardens, plus the Coach Barn. Four generations of the Rockefeller family have lived here, and their art collections are outstanding. The tour lasts 2 and 1/4 hours, and we return to the Visitors Center about 1:30 pm where you can have lunch on your own at their Greenhouse Café (cold entrees, sandwiches, salads, desserts).

At 2:30 pm we board our bus for the short trip to the Union Church at Pocantico Hills where we have a docent’s introduction. This small church is noted for its stained glass windows, one by Henri Matisse and eight by Marc Chagall, which were commissioned by the Rockefeller family. It is the only cycle of church windows by Chagall in the United States.

Cost of $75 includes bus travel, driver’s tip, Kykuit and Union Church admissions and tours. Lunch on your own.

This trip is limited to 23 current YUWOs. If space is available, friends may be invited.

Our chartered bus leaves the North Haven commuter lot on Devine Street (Exit 10 off I-91) promptly at 8:00 am and returns about 6:00 pm.

Mail your check made out to YUWO for $75 and this form to Dolores Gall, 75 Charlton Hill, Hamden, CT 06518 by September 21. For questions, phone Dody Gall at 203-288-6590 or e-mail dmagall@aol.com.

YUWO Fall 2012 Excursion to Hudson Valley Historic Sites

Kykuit Rockefeller Estate and Union Church in Pocantico Hills

REGISTRATION FORM

This course is open to YUWO members who will be given first consideration. If space is available, each member may register one paid guest. The fee is $60 per person for the series. Please make checks payable to YUWO and mail to:

Pat Whitestone, 88 Notch Hill Road #312, North Branford, CT 06471

NAME ______________________________ PHONE ______________________________

ADDRESS ________________________________________________________________

Street City Zip

E-MAIL ________________________________________________________________

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