**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.

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**Wine and Cheese Reception**

The President’s House
43 Hillhouse Avenue
*Tuesday, September 11*
4:30-6:00 p.m.
Come to meet old friends and sign up for new activities!

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**Exploring New Haven County**

Join us on September 25 at 10:00 to tour the new Stony Creek Museum located at 84 Thimble Islands Road, Stony Creek. The museum’s mission is to collect, archive, maintain and exhibit for the public manuscripts, pictures, objects, artifacts, memorabilia and items that reflect the history, culture and community of Stony Creek, Connecticut and the Thimbles. Items collected to date span over 150 years and are estimated to date back as far as the early 1800’s. After the tour, for those interested, we can walk the village or walk on the Trolley Trail, both of which provide beautiful views of Long Island Sound and the Thimbles. Lunch on your own is always fun at the Stony Creek Market.

Call Eleanor Radune 203 483-6528 or Anne Schenck, 203 787-3705 to sign up. Guests are welcome.
President’s Letter

Jane Levin will once again host YUWO at the Wine and Cheese reception on Tuesday, September 11, from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m. in the President’s House. Please join us to renew friendships and welcome newcomers and prospective members. Mary Jo Warren will greet you at the membership table where you may pay your dues and make a donation to any of the four scholarship funds.

I trust you have examined the wonderful YUWO brochure prepared by Marty Sherman. A questionnaire designed to access the interests of members and to encourage participation was included in that mailing. Please complete this form and return it to Mary Jo Warren either at the Wine and Cheese Reception or by post as soon as possible.

Health problems have forced Vera Wardlaw to resign from the position of vice-president. Stephanie Jatlow graciously has accepted this appointment for one year and we all send best wishes to Vera.

We look forward to greeting you on September 11th.

Audrey and Stephanie

September Books

Tuesday, September 4 1:30-3:00 p.m. No meeting this month. Raejeanne Kier (203-287-2443).

Monday, September 10 2:00 p.m. Wshington Square by Henry James. Irene Smith (203-248-2949).

Tuesday, September 11 2:00 p.m. The Places in Between by Rory Stewart. Lynn Howe (203-288-1217).

Thursday, September 13 9:30 a.m. Judgement Day by Penelope Lively. Eleanor Radune (203-483-6528).

Monday, September 17 2:30 p.m. By Nightfall by Michael Cunningham. Elena 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. This collection of letters, diaries, journals, pamphlets, poems, plays, depositions and newspaper articles focuses on women of the revolutionary period. They became “real players and, as the title suggests, we meet them on their own terms,” according to one laudatory review. Join us for another good year!

Mary E. Davis and Judy Miller, co-chairs, Lunch and Learn.

Activities

Music Together – Yale Philharmonia with Shinik Hahm, conductor. Friday, September 21 at 8 p.m. in Woolsey Hall. Meet for dinner before the concert at 6:30 at York Street Pizza. Call Raejeanne Kier (203-287-2443), or Charlotte Mouly (1-203-386-1453).
YUWO Scholarship Recipients for 2012-2013

Yale University Women’s Organization (YUWO) has announced the 2012-2013 scholarship recipients for continuing education. The five scholarship recipients are women in the Yale Community whose formal education has been interrupted or delayed, and who are resuming their studies or enhancing their careers by pursuing further education in a college level or certificate granting program.

From left to right: Sarah Corley, Sheila Rivera, Kianti Roman, Jacqueline Ferriola and Katrina Sikorski

Congratulations to the following five women pictured above:

Sarah Corley received an annual fund scholarship award and is working towards her Bachelor’s degree in Business Management at the University of New Haven.

Jacqueline Ferriola received an annual fund scholarship and is working towards her Bachelor’s degree in Public Health at Southern Connecticut State University.

Sheila Rivera received the Kay Ross Scholarship. Sheila is working towards her Bachelor’s degree in Forensic Psychology through the Florida Institute of Technology’s on-line program.

Kianti Roman received the Gustav and Carol Lynn Sirot Scholarship and is working towards her Teaching Certification through ARC (CT Alternative Route to Certification) administered by the CT State Department of Education.

Katrina Sikorski received the Magee Fenn Scholarship. Katrina is working towards her Bachelor’s Degree in Business Management through the State University of New York, Empire State College, an on-line program.
Mental health was the topic of the April meeting at the Yale Health Plan.

Undergraduate visits for mental health have increased 5% over last year. Some theories for why this is so: Since 911 and reports of shootings on other campuses, the levels of anxiety are high, the economic downturn--students and their families have been affected. The first campus shooting crossed a societal barrier--we used to feel safe on a college campus. The internet gives immediate information re calamities. Another reason may be that there is now less stigma regarding
psychological care.

Among graduate and professional students, there is an increase among those who have already been in treatment. Forty years ago, these students may not have been able to get into college because they had not received treatment earlier. Some students in treatment go on to graduate school because it is so hard to get jobs and they want to prepare better. Seniors looking for jobs get very stressed. A Yale degree used to guarantee a job--but not anymore. Things are so much more specialized now that a general degree does not help you to get a job.

It seems to take longer for students to become independent from their parents. Colleges used to never receive calls from parents concerning their children.

In answer to complaints from students, the Mental Health Dept. will be increasing their staff. There is no delay for an evaluation appointment, but if your case is not urgent, it has been taking longer to receive treatment.

General student Health-- There are 13,000 visits a year. Acutely ill are seen the day they call. There is one physician with no appointments so as to be available for walk-ins. This seems to be working very well. The highest users are students playing varsity sports.

There is an increase in students with serious diseases. Cancer, drug addiction, HIV positive and eating disorders used to never be seen at YHP.

The meeting in May was more up our "alleys", those who are 65 or over.

Members are notified 3 months prior to retirement age for an explanation of Medicare options. They are encouraged to enroll in Medicare A and B. and are encouraged to contact member services if they need supplemental insurance, Rx insurance or arrangements for dependents.


A supplement to part B covers deductible and 20% of Medicare. Benefits go with you wherever you go.

Major Medical covers surgical stockings, social services, wigs, lab tests, home health services, nursing services, the vaccine for shingles. If you have the shingles vaccine somewhere other than YHP, you will be reimbursed.

Retirees can continue at YHP for acute care, internal medicine, gynecology, xray, ophthalmology, and lab. There are three supplemental plans: The Hartford provides medical supplements, for the Medical Advantage Plan you must use their providers and there are more co-pays. The Hartford Plan is superior.

If you retire before age 65, notify the Employee Service Center for advice. 60 to 90 days before retirement, meet with the Benefits Office.

Betty Anne Levitin
Please welcome our summer newcomers. Complete 2012-2013 membership list coming in November.

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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: "Morality of Everyday Life"**

The reservation form is enclosed.
YALE UNIVERSITY WOMEN’S ORGANIZATION
Study Group Fall 2012
Wednesdays 10:15 – 11:15 a.m.
New Haven Lawn Club, 193 Whitney Avenue

Moralities of Everyday Life
Paul Bloom,
Brooks and Suzanne Ragen Professor of Psychology and the 2011 DeVane lecturer

Dates: October 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31

Professor Bloom’s research explores how children and adults understand and experience the physical and social world, with special focus on morality, religion, fiction and art. Drawing on the disciplines of cognitive science, social and developmental psychology, neuroscience, behavioral economics and analytic philosophy, Professor Bloom will cover such topics as empathy, compassion, prejudice, bigotry, punishment, revenge, and forgiveness.

If you have questions, please call Judith Miller at 203-481-3870

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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:

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