



AEU News & Updates - March 2021



Joe Chuman to Receive The Felix Adler Lifetime Achievement Award

Dr. Chuman has been the leader of the Ethical Culture Society of Bergen County, NJ since 1974, and since 2008 has served as a part-time Leader of the New York Society for Ethical Culture. As an activist, Dr. Chuman has worked on behalf of human rights, civil liberties and in opposition to the death penalty. He teaches Human Rights at Columbia University and has taught at the United Nations University for Peace in San Jose, Costa Rica. Dr. Chuman has had articles published on Ethical Culture and religion in several encyclopedias.



March 28: All Society Platform Featuring Congressman Jamie Raskin

Partisanship, Fascism and the Common Good: Defining Public Ethics After the January 6th Insurrection

Following unforeseen circumstances in January, the rapidly proceeding insurrection attempt at the Capitol and ensuing impeaching proceedings, Congressman Jamie Raskin (D-MD) was unable to give his scheduled presentation at our previous All Society Platform on January 31st. However, the AEU is thrilled to announce that he will be joining us for our next All Society Platform on March 28th at 11:00 am EST!

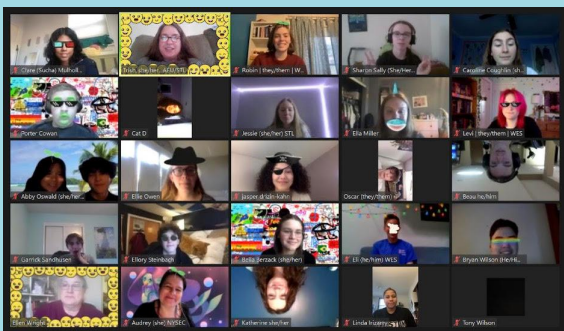
Save the Zoom link for the event here!

Find out more here!

For members who were unable to get into last month's All Society Platform, not to worry - we have upped our Zoom audience capacity to 1,000 participants!

Congressman Raskin's Platform will also be streaming live on [AEU's Facebook page](#) beginning at 11:00 am EST. (If you missed the January Platform, it is available to view in full on our [Youtube channel](#)!)

Youth of Ethical Societies Annual Conference 2021



This weekend AEU held the annual Youth of Ethical Societies (YES) Conference, with the theme of Education in America. Every year, teens usually travel to either NY, St. Louis or DC to visit friends' Societies and share an invigorating weekend of discussions and fun.

For YES 2021, our teens gathered online from the evening of Friday, March 5, to the evening of Sunday, March 7. Incredibly, 28 teens and six adults attended the online conference! Represented Societies included Bergen County, Mid Rivers, St. Louis, Susquehanna Valley, Washington DC and Westchester. Featured speakers included **James Croft** and **Anya Overmann**.

YES participants will be organizing an All Society Platform on May 16th, and we hope you will join!

Celebrating Ethical Action Successes: Reclaim Our Vote campaign

As part of AEU's participation in the **Reclaim Our Vote** campaign, Society members wrote, addressed and sent over 23,600 postcards in English and in Spanish to voters in North Carolina, Texas, Georgia, and Florida. In addition, NYSEC members independently sent out over 20,000 postcards.



2021 Secular Communities Survey

Joe Blankholm, a professor at the University of California, Santa Barbara, Juhem Navarro-Rivera, Ph.D., and Dusty Hoesly, Ph.D., are conducting a research project entitled **The Secular Communities Survey**. The project is the largest-ever study of the community life of nonbelievers. The group has been researching secular and nontheist people for several years, and they themselves identify as secular.

The survey is entirely anonymous and should take about 15-20 minutes to

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complete. We hope you will participate and that you'll encourage other nontheists you know to participate as well!

[Take the survey here!](#)

Go Green for St. Patrick's Day:
Ethical Action Climate Justice Salon Featuring Curt Collier



**Join us Wednesday, March 17th
at 7:30 pm EST**

Curt Collier is the National Youth Program Director for **Groundwork USA**, an organization created by the National Park Service and the EPA to help raise the capacity of communities to deal with local environmental challenges. He has created a number of programs with federal partners and supporting agencies to create environmental job training, resume building experiences, and career pipelines for diverse youth of color in multiple states. He is also an Ethical Culture Leader, having served three Societies during his nearly 20 years of service, and is currently serving as the Interim Leader of the Ethical Culture Society of Bergen County.

An earlier version of this newsletter incorrectly stated the date as Sunday, March 17th. Wednesday March 17th (St. Patrick's Day) is the correct date.

[Save the zoom link for the event here!](#)

**Stay up to date with our
Connections Calendar!**

Please check our Connections Calendar for upcoming events from AEU and our Ethical Societies.

Join our **Connections Forum (Google Group)** to receive and share information on current events and ethical issues we face together.

