

## AEU News & Updates - April 2021

Stay Tuned for Assembly 2021!



The AEU Assembly Planning Committee has been working to prepare for Assembly 2021, *Addressing the Whole Truth About America*, which begins on June 8 and ends on August 8.

The educational program will include three tracks:

- *Addressing the Whole Truth About America* - (the Truth Track) featuring AEU Leaders, Lay Leaders, and guest speakers to talk about the high cost of racism, the parallel streams of racism and anti-racism in American society, immigration, and our monetary system;
- *AEU in the 21st Century* - (the Ethical Track) featuring AEU Leaders and affiliates to talk about Ethical Culture, contemporary Humanism, the importance of interfaith work, and our vision for the future;
- *Organizing Ethical Culture* - (the Organizing Track) featuring Jone Johnson Lewis and members of FES to talk about important elements of organizing and managing local Ethical Culture Societies as well as how to grow the Movement.

Assembly 2021 also will honor Society Volunteers with the Anna Garlin Spencer Volunteer Award on June 26 and present the Felix Adler Lifetime Achievement Award to Dr. Joe Chuman on July 23.

[Find out more here!](#)

### Call for Nominations: Anna Garlin Spencer Volunteer Award

The AEU invites each Society to submit one member nomination for the Anna Garlin Spencer Volunteer Award that they feel deserves to be recognized for their volunteer efforts.

The AEU Board will be approving nominations submitted prior to their May 1, 2021 & June 5, 2021 Board meetings.

[Submit applications here!](#)



### Watch Our All Society Platform Featuring Congressman Jamie Raskin

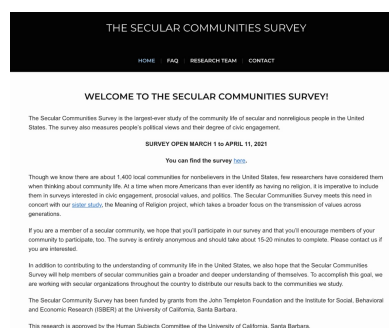
*Partisanship, Fascism and the Common Good: Defining Public Ethics After the January 6th Insurrection*

On March 28, more than 930 members from our many national Societies joined together for our All Society Platform with featured speaker Representative Jamie Raskin (MD-08), House Impeachment Manager. The platform included remarks by Congressman Raskin followed by a question and answer period, as well as music from Leah and Bart Worden!

The full Platform is now available to view on our [youtube channel](#).

[Watch the full video here!](#)

### LAST CHANCE: 2021 Secular Communities Survey Ends April 11



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

[Take the survey here!](#)

Missed last month's newsletter? Check out our new Newsletter Archive at [AEU.org](#), updated monthly!

## #StopAsian Hate: Amplifying Our Voice



The AEU Rapid Response Team recently issued a Statement **“On the March 17 Lethal Shootings in Atlanta Area.”** The focus of the Statement was the hate, discrimination, and othering being directed toward Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders. The call to action urged us to work with Asian-led allied organizations to oppose anti-Asian hate.

What the Statement did not do -- was, in fact, not designed to do -- is to call on us to amplify our voice. In this case, our voice -- through the AEU and the work of the Rapid Response Team -- is condemning a vicious attack that focused on Asian women, is calling out police response that minimized the horror of the attack, is pointing us to networks and allies who can guide us in working to fight hate.

What we need to do next is amplify. We amplify to reach a larger audience. We amplify to re-emphasize the importance of the message. We amplify to participate in the group effort to work together for a more humane world.

[Get involved 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.

