

# ARE YOU A HUMANIST?

JUST A FEW OF OUR  
SPEAKERS AND GUESTS



**ONE BILLION  
PEOPLE AROUND  
THE WORLD, 30-40  
MILLION AMERICANS,  
AND 1 IN 5 AMERICANS  
AGE 18-25, IDENTIFY  
WITH NO RELIGION.**

**H**umanism is what many of us have in common. Humanists are women and men from all over the world. We come from every nation, culture, and ethnicity. *We believe* all people are equal regardless of religious background, gender, or sexuality. *We believe* this life and this natural world are all we have, so although the world will never be perfect, we possess the ability and responsibility to make it a better place for ourselves, our loved ones, and for all humanity.

Even though bestselling anti-religious authors have brought secular issues into mainstream awareness—a phenomenon the media has dubbed “the new atheism,” —the stigma of godlessness as a threat to American values persists.

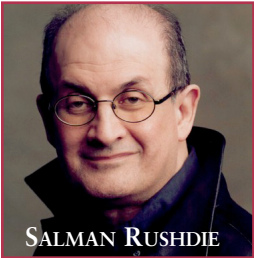
But the Humanist Chaplaincy at Harvard has long been among those representing a non-religious philosophy that is much more than anti-religiosity.

Three decades ago, former Catholic priest Tom Ferrick founded the Humanist Chaplaincy at Harvard University, dedicated to building, educating, and nurturing a diverse community of atheists, agnostics, and the non-religious at Harvard and beyond. This conference is an occasion to celebrate the steady growth of our chaplaincy, and more importantly, it is an opportunity to galvanize a new generation of humanists.

**WON'T YOU JOIN US?**  
**R**eusing to identify with either religious fundamentalism or anti-religious fundamentalism, you've felt outside the sweep and influence of the religious majority. Why not be part of a force, which if organized into a community of concerned humanists, could help to change our world?

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30TH ANNIVERSARY  
CONFERENCE—  
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**AMARTYA SEN**—Nobel laureate  
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Singer/songwriter  
**E.O. WILSON**—2-time Pulitzer  
Prize winner  
**STEVEN PINKER**—Professor  
and Author  
**NED LAMONT**—2006  
Candidate for US Senate (D-CT)  
**TU WEIMING**—Director,  
Harvard Yenping Institute  
**LORI BROWN**—Humanist  
Congressional Lobbyist  
**PAUL KURTZ**— greatest living  
philosopher of Humanism  
**RABBI SHERWIN T. WINE**—  
founder of the movement of  
Humanistic Judaism

**T**he leaders of all major  
US and many international  
humanist and related  
organizations, and many,  
many more!



SALMAN RUSHDIE



Celebrating 30 Years of  
The Humanist Chaplaincy  
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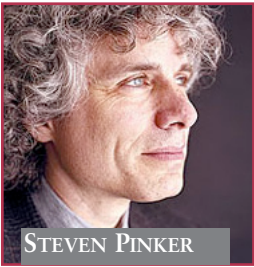
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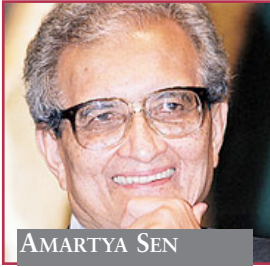
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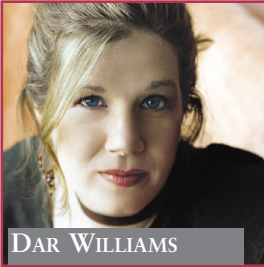
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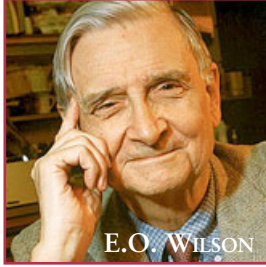
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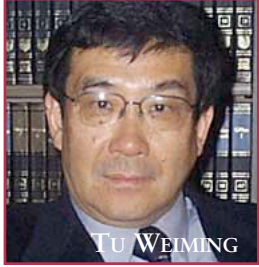
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**I**f you call yourself: Atheist, Agnostic, Ignostic, Non-Religious, Freethinker, Rationalist, Secular, Spiritual, Skeptic, Cynic, Secular Humanist, Naturalist, Deist, “Nothing,” or any number of non-religious descriptives, you could probably count yourself a humanist.

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## CONFERENCE SCHEDULE/SPEAKERS/LOCATIONS APRIL 20-22

### FRIDAY APRIL 20

4:00 PM **Campus Tour:** The Role of Religion & Humanism in Harvard's Development

*Meeting place to be announced*

7:00 PM **Welcoming Dessert Reception:** "The Great Space" lobby, Robinson Hall, Harvard Yard

*Dinner on your own*

8:00 PM **Ceremony:** First Annual Award For Outstanding Lifetime Achievement in Cultural Humanism

Memorial Church, Presented to: **SALMAN RUSHDIE** by the Humanist Chaplaincy at Harvard with the American Humanist Association; and very special guests including Daniel Menaker, Editor-in-Chief, Random House Books

Harvard Yard

Rushdie Literary Reading

### SATURDAY, APRIL 21 *(All events at the Hyatt Regency, Cambridge)*

8:00-9:00 AM **Registration and Continental Breakfast**

9:00 AM **Symposium:** "Dialogue Among Religions, Cultures, and Civilizations?"

- The Touro Synagogue as a Symbol of Religious Pluralism in the United States  
AMBASSADOR JOHN LOEB, JR.

- Indian Humanism

PROFESSOR AMARTYA SEN

- Confucian Humanism

PROFESSOR TU WEIMING

**Presentation:** Award for Outstanding Achievement in Humanism to Tu Weiming

**Panel:** "Toward an Abrahamic Humanism?"

Salman Rushdie: Humanistic Islam; Rabbi Sherwin Wine: Humanistic Judaism;

The Reverend Dr. William Murry: Unitarian Universalist Humanism

12:30 -1:30 PM **Lunch**

1:45-3:00 PM **Panel:** The Future of Organized Humanism

Paul Kurtz, Lori Lipman Brown, Fred Edwords, and other senior leaders of the US's most influential Humanist and related organizations

3:15-4:30 PM **Panel:** The Next Generation of Humanism

Hemant Mehta (author, *I Sold my Soul on eBay*, Random House, 2007), Rebecca Watson (Editor, *Skepchick* magazine), August Brunzman (Executive Director, Secular Student Alliance), Amanda Shapiro (President, Harvard Secular Society), and other top young Humanist leaders from across the US

5:00-7:00 PM **Expo of National and Local Humanist and Secular Organizations**

President's Ballroom, Hyatt Regency Hotel, Cambridge

Featuring entertainment by great local musicians and performers

**FREE and Open to the Public!**

7:30 PM **Banquet:** The New Humanism at Harvard & Beyond

Featuring: Ned Lamont, founding Humanist Chaplain of Harvard Tom Ferrick, tributes to Ferrick and to great Harvard philanthropist John L. Loeb Sr., current Humanist Chaplain of Harvard Greg Epstein, and much more.

9:30 PM **Award Presentation and Concert:** "Humanist Album of the Year"

Private concert by folk musician Dar Williams

*Dar Williams may be the best female singer/songwriter in America today.—Stereo-type magazine*

#### **PARKING**

Free parking for conference attendees will be available at the Hyatt Regency Hotel, 575 Memorial Drive, Cambridge, from 7 a.m. to midnight Saturday, April 21. The entire Saturday program will take place at the Hyatt, from Breakfast at 8 a.m. through the evening banquet.

#### **FREE SHUTTLE TRANSPORTATION**

will be provided Saturday from 7:45 to 9:15 a.m. and in the evening, between the Hyatt Regency and Inn at Harvard (1201 Mass. Ave., Harvard Square) and the Harvard Square Hotel (110 Mt. Auburn Street, Harvard Square).



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HARVARD**

### SUNDAY, APRIL 22

8:00 AM **Breakfast:** An Intimate Breakfast with Professor E.O. Wilson

Ticknor Lounge Join world-famous scientist Wilson as he returns from the Southern US to make an historic announcement about his recent work uniting secular humanist scientists and conservative Christians to defend the Earth's environment.

9:30 AM - **Special Session on Humanist Education:**

12:30 PM The Humanist Institute will hold a working session on "Humanist Education for the Next

The Gutman 25 Years." Participants will be Humanist educators and leaders from American Humanist Association, American Ethical Union, Center for Inquiry, Institute for Humanist Studies, Secular Conference Center Coalition of America, Secular Student Association, Society for Humanistic Judaism, Unitarian Harvard Graduate School of Education Universalist Association, HUUmanists, and other special guests.