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Cleveland Programs Feature Discussions, Roundtable

Interactive programs highlight the start of 2018 at the Cleveland chapter, starting with a discussion in January about the concept of freedom of speech in our nation.

Oddly enough, during this second decade of the 21st century the very concept of freedom of speech has become a somewhat controversial topic. The United States has in its Constitution, which is the basis of its jurisprudence, a very clear-cut statement on freedom of speech (which is something that the majority of nations do not have): “Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; *or abridging the freedom of speech*, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.”

But the concept of free speech itself is more complex – what is it, exactly? What are its limits under the 1st Amendment? What are some of the current controversial issues associated with it? And lastly – how do our free speech protections compare with those of other nations?

Join us for “Freedom of Speech: An Open Discussion” on Thur., Jan. 11, 7 p.m., at the Mayfield Branch Library (500 S.O.M. Center Rd). Please take note of the day (Thursday, instead of the usual Wednesday). As usual, light refreshments will be served!

As indicated by the title, it will be an open floor discussion – some materials will be provided to “chew on,” and attendees are welcome to suggest other materials at the meeting (however, if they happen to be videos, then please choose ones that are relatively brief).

In February, the discussion turns to science, specifically evolution, as CFI NE Ohio celebrates its annual Darwin Day event.

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Box of Questions Meeting Starts Akron-Canton Programs

Have some issue you'd really like to discuss? Then Mon., Jan. 8, will be your opportunity. The Akron-Canton chapter will start off the new year with a “Box of Questions” discussion that evening. Join fellow CFI NE Ohio members for a discussion of member-generated questions about issues of interest or concern to you. We invite you to have in mind a topic question you'd like to discuss and share that question at the meeting. We will then select at least three of the questions to discuss, more if time permits. If no one offers questions, then our moderator will suggest questions for discussion. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Stow-Munroe Falls Library, 3512 Darrow Road, Stow.

The Mon., Feb. 5, meeting will be our annual Darwin Day event. Our speaker will be Lee Hall, Cleveland Museum of Natural History paleontologist and manager of the vertebrate paleontology fossil preparatory lab. Lee's topics will be “Fossil Trackways and Dinosaur Titans: The peculiar claws of sauropod dinosaurs.” His talk will focus on the museum's sauropod dinosaur research, and will include a discussion of the idea of using evolution to track

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CFI NE Ohio News And Views

Thoughtful articles, letters, reviews, reports, anecdotes and cartoons are welcomed. Submit in electronic format to editor Brent Bowen at bbowen1005@aol.com, or by mail to CFI NE Ohio News & Views, P.O. Box 2379, Akron OH 44309. Contributions for the April 2018 issue must be received by Mar. 15, 2018.

Message from the President



Monette Richards

As we bid an enthusiastic farewell to 2017 and shift our focus on the upcoming year, we see the Secular Summit is just around the corner! It's hard to believe we are about to host our sixth lobby day on Tue., Jan. 16, 2018, in Columbus! And it's going to be even bigger and more important than before!

Every year, we feature people speaking on topics of interest to secular humanists and relevant in Ohio politics. Gerrymandering, direct action saving local schools, health care, vaccinations and marriage equality have all been touched upon in the past.

Every year, we focus on a few bills pending in the House and Senate. It should not come as a surprise to anyone that there have been plenty of bills over the last few years which CFI, as an organization, opposes. For instance, Governor Kasich has signed 19 abortion restrictions since taking office in 2012. Bills purporting religious freedom, but which actually attempt to codify bigotry, rear their heads almost every session.

And every year, we are there, to tell our state senators and representatives that we stand for bills based on science and reason, not dogma.

Since 2013, we have been introducing our own bill, the Secular Celebrant bill (OH SB 52). Currently to solemnize a marriage in Ohio (that is, sign the paper to make it all official), one has to be a member of a handful of elected officials, judges or superintendent of a school for the deaf, or ordained through a recognized religion. As this is a blatant violation of the rights of non-believers, CFI has worked with Senator Michael Skindell to introduce a bill that will let anyone who registers with the Secretary of State to solemnize marriages.

Ohio SB 52, will be of particular focus at the Secular Summit. On the Sunday before, Reba Boyd Wooden of CFI Indiana will be offering secular celebrant training. Registration is available through the CFI web site (go to the NE Ohio section and click on events) for those interested in attending. On that Tuesday, we will be encouraging our Senators to bring the bill to the floor for a vote and to support it.

This is an important bill for non-religious people in Ohio, as it can be difficult to find someone to solemnize without

bringing their own religion into it. Marriage in Ohio is a state contract between two people. No ceremony is necessary. A signature is all that is needed and a signature is not religious.

Here is how the current law has affected one of our members:

"This issue touches religious as well as non-religious people. It does seem to be difficult to find a celebrant when and where you need one. When my husband and I got married, we were actually affiliated with a church, but it was a church that does not have ordained ministers. And we had a close deadline. He came to the US on a fiancé visa, and under the terms of his green card, we had 90 days to get married once he set foot in America. We didn't want to get married at a courthouse. We wanted to get married over a holiday weekend, since we had family coming in from distant places. I started calling local churches to find a minister to marry us. Most of them said that they would not marry us unless we joined their church. Even the ones that did not require us to join their church required a series of counseling sessions and religious indoctrination lasting up to six months before they would marry us. My family knew a minister in another church; she also was going to require a similar series of counseling/indoctrination sessions.

We did ultimately find someone to marry us. My neighbor put in a good word for us with her minister, and he was willing to marry us with short notice and with only two counseling sessions."

CFI has successfully sued in Indiana and Illinois to allow secular celebrants to legally solemnize marriages in those states. Galen Broaddus, the plaintiff in the Illinois case, will be at the Secular Summit to talk to us about his fight to gain access to his rights. As we are looking at a Republican-controlled House, Senate and Governor's office, this may be our eventual path as well.

It's a big battle to change the law of the land. It's going to take all of us. It's going to take calling the chairman of the committee the bill is in (Joe Uecker (R) - Chair - (614) 466-8082) to bring the bill to the Senate floor for a vote. It's going to take calls to your senator to support the bill. It's going to take writing letters to the editors of Ohio papers. And it's going to take coming to the Secular Summit and talking to your senator and representative in person.

Help us make Ohio a better place for the secular humanist community. Register now for the Secular Summit! (<http://www.cfineo.org/summit>)

The Violent Male

By Wayne Beckley

It has happened again, a man with a rifle has murdered dozens of innocent people, strangers to him, in a rampage that ended with him taking his own life. It is now so common that we expect it to happen again in the near future. Between 1982 and October 2017 there were 88 mass shootings by males, two by females and one shooting by a male and female in the United States. For violent crime in general, males commit these crimes at a rate more than three times higher than females. This leads us to wonder why males are so much more violent than females. As with anything humans do, the reasons are varied and complex.

The question is a matter of considerable debate among psychologists and sociologists. Dorian Furtuna Ph. D., in an article in *Psychology Today* writes “In almost every society men are the ones who are overwhelmingly involved in wars, in all kinds of intergroup aggressions and intragroup homicide; they mobilize themselves in armies of violent fans, in criminal gangs, in bands of thugs, etc...crime and cruelty...are closely linked to masculinity.” This suggests that men can be trained to be violent or become so in association with other violent men, but it suggests that men can also be non-violent. Resisting use of violence is also a characteristic of mature masculinity. Perhaps violence is also linked to immaturity. Furtuna suggests that cultural and parental sources, along with genetics, evolution and hormones, are likewise reasons for violent males.

Some believe that competition for females drives a large amount of male violence and when there are more males in a society than females, violence increases. In an article published in *Human Nature* titled “Marriage Markets and Male Mating Effort: Violence and Crime Are Elevated Where Men Are Rare,” authors Ryan Schacht, Douglas Tharp and Ken R. Smith argue that intuitive belief to the contrary, “we find that criminal and violent behavior related to male mating effort is least common in male-biased sex ratios.” Could it be, then, that in countries where more men are out of their own country fighting foreign wars, the crime rate increases?

Others believe that a sense of entitlement or narcissistic personality can lead to violent criminal behavior. This possibility is explored in an article titled

“Entitlement and Crime: Is There a Link?” by Steve Jobson. In it, Jobson lists some of the well-recognized determinants of criminal behavior. They are antisocial attitudes and beliefs, antisocial friends, problems with family or intimate relationships, alcohol or other drug problems, employment problems, and no involvement in recreational/leisure activities. He also refers to a study done in the UK published in 2013, “Narcissism and Empathy in Young Offenders and Non-Offenders”: “The researchers found that feelings of entitlement, a strong factor found in narcissism, together with the resulting lack of empathy, is likely to have accounted for a greater likelihood of general criminal behavior.”

Are genetic differences a cause of increased violence in males? There is evidence for this possibility. The Y chromosome has genes, like the SRY gene responsible for testis development, which then produce hormones like testosterone that lead to male characteristics of anatomy, physiology and behavior that are not present in females. But again, all males have these genes, yet not all males commit violent crimes. Violence may be a result of nature and nurture, with some culture thrown in.

Speaking of culture, one of the biggest cultural influences is religion. Some criminals have admitted that if they commit a violent act, they can always pray for forgiveness. The worst religions are those that claim to be “the one true religion,” so that non-believers must be converted or killed. There are many reports of men who are otherwise non-violent blowing themselves up in crowded areas because of a belief that they and their families would go to heaven as a result. Religious wars have been fought between people who otherwise were very similar and would have no reason to kill each other. It is very common for both sides in a war to invoke the blessing of a god and to absolve any feelings of guilt by calling their actions god's will. Even when religions profess non-violence, they find ways around it, and ways to justify it.

Perhaps we evolved our large brains and went to the top of the food chain before we evolved the ability to control our violent tendencies. I have here enumerated many possible explanations, singly or in combination that may explain the inordinately violent males among us. Yet we have not yet reached a definitive conclusion. In an ever more crowded world, we need an answer.

Mark Your Calendars



Special Event

Secular Summit 6.0, Tue., Jan. 16,
8 a.m.-4 p.m., Ohio Statehouse
1 Capitol Square, Columbus

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International Roundtable Discus-
sion, Wed., Mar. 14, 7-8:45 p.m.
Garfield Hts. Library,
5409 Turney Rd., Garfield Hts.

Cleveland Chapter Socials (Café Inquiry)

None scheduled for first quarter,
2018. If you would like to assist
in organizing these socials, con-
tact Mark Tiborsky at
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Akron-Canton Chapter Programs

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Mon., Jan. 8, 7-8:45 p.m.
Stow-Munroe Falls Library

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“Human Health and Well-Being”
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Akron-Canton
Chapter Socials (Café Inquiry)
(All socials at On Tap Grille,
3263 State Road, Cuyahoga Falls)

Mon., Jan. 15, 6:30 p.m.
Mon., Feb. 19, 6:30 p.m.
Mon., Mar. 19, 6:30 p.m.

Akron-Canton Long Winded Answers Meetings

(All meetings at Panera Bread,
2855 W. Market St., Fairlawn)

Tue., Jan. 9, 6:30 p.m.
Tue., Feb. 13, 6:30 p.m.
Tue., Mar. 13, 6:30 p.m.

Book Chats

(All books TBA, Two Girls Café
& Bakery, 4149 Bridgewater
Parkway, Stow)

Sun., Jan. 28, noon
Sun., Feb. 25, noon
Sun., Mar. 25, noon

Three Different Sides of Congress

By Michael Stone
(*Excerpted, edited and re-
arranged from three of Mr.
Stone’s Progressive Secular Hu-
manist posts on patheos.com,
11/7 and 11/9/2017*)

1. “Prayer works.”

After the Texas church massacre
that left 26 people dead, Republi-
can Speaker of the House Paul
Ryan tweeted: “Reports out of
Texas are devastating. The people
of Sutherland Springs need our
prayers right now.”

That empty and facile gesture—
meant to satisfy the gullible—was
met with widespread criticism.
When asked about the criticism by
Fox News’s Laura Ingraham on her
show, Ryan said: “It’s disappointing,
it’s sad, and this is what you’ll get
from the far secular left. People who

do not have faith don’t understand
faith, I guess I’d have to say. And it is
the right thing to do is to pray in mo-
ments like this, because you know
what? Prayer works.”

No, it doesn’t. Prayers are spiritual
masturbation: they may make the per-
son doing the praying feel a little bet-
ter, but prayers do nothing to effect
change in the real world.

2. “I can’t do this again.”

In striking – and heroic – contrast,
Congressman Ted Lieu of California
walked out when Congress held “a mo-
ment of silence” for the 26 victims. In-
stead, he released a video via Facebook
live from the hallway outside the cham-
ber:

“I’m heartbroken about the children
and the adults that were killed. ... My
colleagues right now are doing a mo-
ment of silence. I respect their right to
do that and I myself have participated
in many of them. But I can’t do this
again. “I’ve been to too many moments
of silences. Just in my short career in
Congress, three of the worst mass
shootings in US history have occurred.
I will not be silent. What we need is we
need action; we need to pass gun safety
legislation now. We cannot be silent.
We need to act now.”

3. “I don’t believe in God.”

Even more gutsy, another California
Democrat, Congressman Jared Huff-
man, in an interview with the Wash-
ington Post, argued that there is “too
much religion in politics.” Calling him-
self “a non-believer and a skeptic,” he
went on the say he identifies as (drum
roll, please) a “humanist.”

“I suppose you could say I don’t believe
in God.”

The skies did not fall.

Zindler Honored at Humanism Award Banquet

CFI NE Ohio has given its Humanism Award honor to NE Ohio activists since the first biennial award banquet in 2001, but widened its net this year to celebrate Frank Zindler from Columbus. Frank received the award at the Humanism Award banquet at the Crowne Plaza hotel in Independence, OH, on Sept. 29. About 50 people attended the banquet to see Zindler and the guest speaker, Ali Rizvi, the author of *The Journey of an Ex-Muslim Atheist*.



In his acceptance speech, Frank discussed highlights of his life as an atheist activist, including the tricks and ploys used by administrators to derail him when he was a professor at Fulton-Montgomery Community College in New York state. He eventually resigned from that position and moved to Columbus to be a linguist and editor for Chemical Abstract Services in Columbus. When not working, he staffed a phone for Dial-An-Atheist and led a small local atheist group. He also served as editor of the American Atheist magazine and currently serves as director of American Atheist Press.

Frank entertained the award banquet audience with his stories, and he capped his talk with this heartfelt conclusion:

“And so, after traveling the long and winding path I’ve just described, I find myself standing here before you tonight. To justify this honor, I offer the following synopsis of my career.

At the age of 19 I dedicated my life to the pursuit of truth and the life of reason. I knew that the physical world—the only world there is—was engaged in a losing war with entropy. The universe is running down. Instinctively I realized that ignorance is a manifestation of entropy, and religious explanations were mostly manifestations of ignorance.

I was not resigned—I would not, I could not—resign myself to an inevitable return to the dark ages, the ages of faith. I was not resigned to accepting the entropic death of scientific civilization.

Knowing that temporary and local reversal of the universal trend toward increasing entropy was possible if free energy were invested appropriately, I

resolved to do everything possible to prevent the flickering flame of humanism and reason from being quenched by a second Noah’s flood—a flood of ignorance and disinformation—a flood that has been building and threatening human progress ever since the first Noah’s flood story was concocted by the Sumerians and Babylonians so long ago.

Today, at the age of 78, my life still is dedicated to the cause. The struggle now, however, is much more perilous. For 48 years, my dear wife Ann fought synergistically beside me, and together we were greater in our achievement than the sum of two parts. Now I lament her loss and carry on with the aid of my daughter Catherine and my grandson Steven.

Today the problems facing Atheists and Humanists—and all who strive to live a life of liberty and reason—are far more serious, far more frightening, and far more critical than at any time since the collapse of the Roman Empire.

The present administration in Washington not only has rejected science, it has rejected reality itself. Autocracy threatens, and logic and evidence—indeed, the survival of our species—have been targeted for destruction.

Inevitably, I shall be forced to relinquish the field of battle. But long before that time—now, today—it has become YOUR solemn duty, YOUR responsibility that must not be rejected. It is your responsibility to keep the torch of learning and reason burning. It is YOU who must devote your last erg of energy to rescuing the life of liberty—both physical and mental—from extinction.

You must not let four billion years of evolutionary progress end ignominiously with a species of bipedal worker bees subsisting on a depleted planet. It now is up to you, and to all those whom you can gather to your side. You must not shrink from the fight; you must not fail.

As for me, as long as I have life, as long as I have a functioning brain, I shall continue to fight against the forces of darkness and the power of religious unreason. I will never give up.”

We won’t either, and we thank Frank Zindler and Ali Rizvi for their outstanding presentations that evening.

Book Review: *The Dictator's Handbook*

THE DICTATOR'S HANDBOOK by Bruce Bueno de Mesquita and Alastair Smith

You might be under the impression that while getting to be a dictator of a country is hard, once you become one you've got it made, and are answerable to no one. You may also be of the opinion that there is no comparison between dictatorships and democracies. Let me tell you, if you think that, you are wrong on both counts. There is a right way and a wrong way to be a dictator, and a right and wrong way to maintain a democracy. This I know, because I have read *The Dictator's Handbook: Why Bad Behavior Is Almost Always Good Politics*, written by professors of politics, Bruce Bueno de Mesquita and Alastair Smith, published in 2011. It is a cogent book with some fairly simple explanations and a whole lot of examples.

"The prime mover...in any state...or corporation...is the person at the top – the leader: the self-interested calculations and actions of rulers are the driving force of all politics...Once we think about what helps leaders come to and stay in power, we will also begin to see how to fix politics," write the authors, "For leaders, the political landscape can be broken down into three groups of people: the nominal selectorate, the real selectorate, and the winning coalition."

Here is what these three terms mean: the nominal selectorate, also referred to by the authors as "interchangeables," is the pool of potential support for a leader. In the US this is everyone eligible to vote, while in dictatorships, "voters" in the nominal selectorate are meaningless. The real selectorate (or "influentials") is the group that actually chooses the leader. In China, this is all voting members of the Communist Party; in Great Britain, the voters of the majority party; in the US, it is the Electoral College. In dictatorships, the winning coalition (or "essentials") is a small group of people, usually generals and financial backers, who have the means to support a dictator and keep him in power. In democracies it is the minimum number of voters needed to elect a particular candidate. This winning coalition is vastly greater (though not necessarily a majority) in democracies than in dictatorships, a very important distinction.

Now, once you achieve your goal as dictator (covered in the book), there are some rules you must follow to stay in power. "Keep your winning coalition as small as pos-

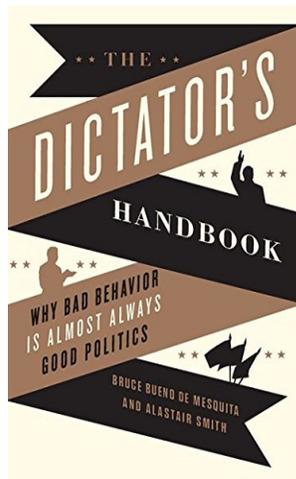
sible," that is, the fewer people you need to rely on, the more power you have and the fewer you have to bribe to keep happy. "Keep your nominal selectorate as large as possible" - if you have any trouble in your coalition, influentials or essentials, you have a large pool of ready replacements. "Control the flow of revenue," or rather, make your people dependent on you alone. They are far more docile that way. "Pay your key supporters just enough to keep them loyal," i.e., don't give your backers enough to be able to overthrow you or too little to back you. "Don't take money out of your supporters' pockets to make the people's lives better," hence, feeding the powerless masses doesn't necessarily produce loyalty among your essentials, and may do just the opposite. (I know this is disgusting, but it's a tell-all manual FOR ruthless dictators.)

OK, that describes autocracies, but democracies are different, right? Democracies are less bloody, but the professors tell us, "Just as in an autocracy, a democratic challenger needs to ensure the deposition of the incumbent, seize command of the instruments of state, and sufficiently reward a coalition of supporters so that they back [him] as the new democratic incumbent." Because the winning coalition is so much larger in true democracies than in autocracies, the leader is forced to pay attention to the needs of the people, lest they become discontent and vote him and members of his party out of office.

Curiously, democracies tend to work better with autocracies than other democracies. Autocracies tend to be much poorer than democracies, so unless a dictator is in a country with lots of natural resources, they may be struggling to keep their essentials happy, so the dictator is often amenable to striking deals favorable to democracies. Unfortunately, this helps the dictator stay in power but does nothing for the downtrodden masses since the foreign aid stays with the dictator and his backers. Consequently, democracies can actually be hated by these masses for helping the dictator stay in power. "So the first policy recommendation ...when a dictator faces national bankruptcy...is this: don't save the dictator; don't forgive indebtedness unless the dictator...puts his hold on power at real risk by permitting freedom of assembly, a free press, freedom to create opposition parties, and free competitive elections."

See, this book is not pro-dictator after all!

Reviewed by Wayne Beckley



Cleveland Chapter Programs

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In the movie *Creation* (2009), Thomas Huxley's character says to Charles Darwin; "You've killed God, sir... you have killed God." Judging by the prevalence of religion in today's world, Darwin apparently didn't "kill God," but he managed to stick a big thorn in the side of religion.

Please join us on Thur., Feb. 15, 7 p.m., at the Mayfield Branch Library for our Darwin Day meeting! This year, we're going to provide a selection of short videos that covers many aspects of evolution – its best supporting evidence, amazing examples of its occurrence, its relationship with religion and politics, etc. There will be time for some discussion between the selections.

In March, our focus turns outward as we hear voices of reason from two Muslim-dominated countries, Pakistan and Indonesia.

As prevalent as religious ideas are here in the United States, it is painfully obvious that religion is many times more oppressive in other parts of the world. In more than 50 nations, religion is basically THE rule of law – and in some of those countries, it governs nearly every facet of the resident citizens' lives.

We are fortunate to have members of the Northeast Ohio secular community who aren't physically within 7,000 miles of Northeast Ohio! Two of them live in Pakistan (one of the worst places for suppression of freethought), and two of them live in Indonesia (more freedom than Pakistan, but still governed by religious rules and where radicalism is on the rise).

Join us for our March Cleveland chapter meeting, at which we'll be "beaming in" a few of our friends from far off lands for an "International Roundtable Discussion." The March meeting will be held on Wed., Mar. 14, 7 p.m., at the Garfield Heights Library (5409 Turney Rd, Garfield Heights).

In the past five years there have been three cancellations of Cleveland chapter meetings on account of foul winter weather. In one of those cases the venue was closed early - in the other two, the meeting organizer made the call.

Those who RSVP on the CFI NE Ohio meetup.com site will receive a cancellation notice in such a situation. For others, feel free to contact Mark Tiborsky at (216) 978-5821 to ensure that the meeting is still happening!

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changes in anatomy and answering paleobiological questions about extinct animals. His presentation will take the audience through the history of

sauropod evolution in the fossil record and in popular culture before revealing what paleontologists have discovered about the peculiar claws of sauropod dinosaurs. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. at the Stow-Munroe Falls Library.

Lee Hall is a graduate of the Montana State University Paleontology program. He began his career in 2000 working in the Hell Creek Formation of eastern Montana excavating *T. rex* and *Triceratops* fossils. He has been the Cleveland Museum of Natural History's Department of Vertebrate Paleontology fossil preparatory since 2015.

We will conclude our programming for the first quarter of 2018 with a talk given Mon., Mar. 5, by Dr. Peter Whitehouse, Professor of Neurology at Case Western Reserve University. His talk, also at the Stow-Munroe Falls Library, will be an eclectic presentation on human health, well-being, and flourishing. He will discuss these topics through presentation and description of an interdisciplinary and intergenerational course he is designing for addition to the curriculum at CWRU. Academic topics include enhancing brain and cognitive health, deepening value conversations about social and environmental justice, reinventing "positive" aging (gerontology/geriatrics), encouraging intergenerational learning (developmental science perspectives), integrating science and art (museums), and environmental literacy (ecology and "natural" spaces). The course will also explore the idea of the Anthropocene. If all this makes no sense to you, you'll understand it at the conclusion of Dr. Whitehouse's presentation. The presentation will be interactive in that Dr. Whitehouse will be also looking for input from the audience. The meeting begins at 7 p.m.

Dr. Whitehouse is a Professor of Neurology and former or current professor of Psychiatry, Psychology, Cognitive Science, Neuroscience, Bioethics, History, Nursing and Organizational Behavior at Case Western Reserve University, Professor of Medicine at the University of Toronto, and President of Intergenerational Schools International. He started at Case Western Reserve University in 1986 to develop the University Alzheimer Center. In 1999 he founded with his wife, Catherine, The Intergenerational School, a unique public multiage, community school.

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