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Our illustrated newsletter Calendar is on page 2 of this newsletter.



Brad Onishi

The handsome fellow pictured to the left is Brad Onishi, a social commentator, scholar, writer, teacher, coach, and co-host of the Straight White American Jesus podcast.

Brad grew up in a non-religious home in Southern California, but converted to evangelicalism at a local megachurch at age fourteen and went into ministry. After seven years in ministry, he decided to pursue a master's in theology at Oxford, where he deconstructed his faith and began to study religion historically and philosophically. He later started the Straight White American Jesus (SWAJ) podcast which ranks in the top 50 of Politics shows on Apple's podcast charts – ahead of programs from NPR, the NYT, and other national outlets. SWAJ is a religion and politics podcast that focuses on Christian nationalism in the United States.

Brad's most recent book is, *Preparing for War: the Extremist History of White Christian Nationalism - And What Comes Next* (Broadleaf Books 2023).

The Atheist Community of San Jose (ACSJ) have contacted Brad to speak and they have graciously agreed for him to give his talk in person on November 5 at a joint ACSJ and Humanist Community event at our Sunday Forum.

Come to the Mountain View Senior Center for the talk and stay for lunch and further discussion afterward.



Coming Changes

Contributions to the Humanist Community have not kept up with our expenses. For this reason, the board voted that starting January next year in person forums will be only the first and third Sundays of the month. We plan to continue presenting forums on Zoom the remaining Sundays, but may gather at a restaurant some Sundays to meet in person and maintain the sense of community. We have no definite plans yet and are open to suggestions.

Humanist Forums

Forums are held Sundays at 11:00AM at our *new* location, the Mountain View Senior Center at 266 Escuela Avenue, and still simultaneously available on Zoom.

You can get the Zoom location from [meetup.com/humanistcommunity](https://www.meetup.com/humanistcommunity).



EVENTS

HUMANIST COMMUNITY

www.humanists.org

IN SILICON VALLEY

November 2023

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday



1 7:15 PM
Freethought
Book Group



2 7:05 PM
Academic
Video



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5 11:00AM Humanist Forum
White Christian Nationalism
Brad Onishi

Daylight Savings Ends



6



8 7:15 PM
Freethought
Book Group



9 7:05 PM
Academic
Video



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12 11:00AM Humanist Forum
Climate Restoration
Peter Fiekowsky



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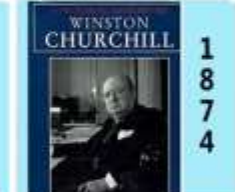
15 7:15 PM
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Book Group



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19 11:00AM Humanist Forum
Bio and Medical Ethics
Rafael Escandon



22 7:15 PM
Freethought
Book Group



Thanksgiving
Day Set by
Washington
1789



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26 11:00AM Humanist Forum
YIMBY
Ilya Gurin



28 Humanist
Tree Trimming
2:00 pm
'Xmas in the Park'
For Details
Call Sena 408-739-5638

29 7:15 PM
Freethought
Book Group



30 7:05 PM
Academi
Video



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Let Independence be our boast; Even mindful what it cost."