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Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Galveston County

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A Month Of Sundays

April DeConick

"Confronting Holy Misogyny"

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April D. DeConick is the Isla Carroll and Percy E. Turner Professor of Biblical Studies. She is a historian of early Jewish and Christian thought.

What fascinates her is mapping the many ways that the Jesus tradition emerges across the literature, traditions that have left behind echoes of bitter controversies and competing memories. She has a deep love for exploring the various expressions of ante-Nicene mysticism, including the spirituality of classic Gnostic thinkers. Her work has been called "revisionist," challenging us to seek answers beyond the conventional. She recently published a book which will be the subject of her service: *Holy Misogyny: Why the Sex and Gender Conflicts in the Early Church Still Matter* (Continuum 2011).

Facilitator: Susan Baker

Music: TonyDiNuzzo

BMOD: Billie Rinaldi

Greeter: Madeleine Baker

Tony DiNuzzo

'Is There Enough Love or is Love Enough? That is the question.'

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The answer to this program's title may be 'there is never enough love.' Jocelyn Soriano, the author of "Beloved, her personal journey towards finding immeasurable love, said 'It isn't enough that a person should love, for a person should love fully.' In a world that can challenge even the most romantic and loving, it may be rare to find everlasting, immeasurable love. This service will explore possible ways to achieve immeasurable love by examining the conflict within our hearts and minds between what we want and what we deserve; what we need and what is available to us. Through our spirituality, there may be ways to help with the struggles of need and want when it comes to love. Tony is a long time member and past Board president of UUFGC.

Facilitator: Tony DiNuzzo

Music: Bunny Andrews

BMOD: Cheryl Henry

Greeter: Claudia Maveety

Laura Emerson

"How Religious Were Our Founding Fathers?"

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In public discourse and private conversations, particularly in an election year, we hear opinions like, "we were founded as a Christian country" to justify Christmas trees in front of City Hall. Yet, we also proclaim a heritage of "separation of church and state" and point out that our national Constitution is a wholly secular



document. Sprinkled among the historic tidbits of this service will be some information that may surprise you and may explain some of the contradictions we encounter today.

Laura Emerson is a frequent speaker at our Fellowship. She majored in Classics and Religion at Duke University and teaches adult education classes across the country. Laura is a member of Emerson Unitarian Church in Houston, TX.

Facilitator: Cheryl Henry

Music: Margaret Canavan

BMOD: Woody Dickson or Mike Hennen

Greeter: Red Henry

POTLUCK

Geshe Denma Gyaltzen

Love from a Bön Buddhist Vision

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Geshe (a doctoral degree) Denma is a Tibetan Bön lama who lives in India and Houston. Bön is Tibet's oldest spiritual tradition. It includes teachings and practices applicable to all parts of life, including our relationship with the elemental qualities of nature; our ethical and moral behavior; the development of love, compassion, joy and equanimity; and realizing enlightenment. Geshe Denma Gyaltzen is Ligmincha Texas' resident lama- who lives in Houston as much as his VISA allows. Join us for this unique opportunity.

Facilitator: Margaret Canavan

Music: Bunny Andrews

BMOD: Mike Hennen

Greeter: Judy Glaister



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Phone Bank Volunteers Needed For Help During Pledge Drive

Houston area UUs are being asked to help staff the phone bank at KPFT during their pledge drive during two shifts in February: Saturday the 11th from 9:00-noon and Sunday the 12th from 11:00-2:00 PM. Besides doing a good deed by helping KPFT, UU volunteers will be garnering a bit of publicity for UUism in Houston on KPFT's website and on the air. If you are interested in volunteering for either slot, please contact Drew Daubenspeck at drew_daubenspeck@yahoo.com to sign up. Volunteers will report to 419 Lovett Blvd (zip 77006) about 20 minutes before the start of their shift for a 10-minute training session.

"Bats Are Doin' It"

A Fundraiser for those that appreciate bats and all they do for us.

February 11, 2012

7PM - 10pm

Moody Gardens Rainforest and Visitors Center

Delicious Hors d'oeuvres, Special "Bat" drinks, Tequila Bar and more! A presentation by James Eggers from Bat Conservation International Bat tours of the Rainforest

\$50 - single, \$90 for two (2 drink tickets included)

Proceeds benefit BCI with a matching donation from Moody Gardens. For tickets and more information - www.moodygardens.com



Get Connected with UUFGC



Meetings are at the Fellowship unless otherwise noted. Everyone is invited and welcome to all listed activities

Alcoholics Anonymous Phoenix Group meets Sunday & Wednesday at 8pm. Contact Robert G. for information at 409-392-7005.

Adult Forum meets Sundays at 9am (except potluck days) to explore topics in religion, philosophy, history & politics. Contact Neil Huddleston at (409)744-2369.

Board of UUFGC meets the second Monday of each month at 5:30pm.

Book Club meets the 2nd Wednesday of each month at 7 pm at the Fellowship. Contact Fanny DeGesero if you have book suggestions.

Book Sale monthly on second Saturday, 9am-2pm, at the fellowship. All adult hardback books are \$ 1.00, paperbacks \$ 0.50. Children's hardback books are \$ 0.50 and paperbacks are \$ 0.25.

Bowlers will meet at 5 pm each Wednesday to create "Empty Bowls" for the annual Jesse Tree fundraiser. Please check availability before showing up.

Course in Miracles Study Group meets every Monday at 11 am. Contact Laura Murrell for info: (lauramurrell@att.net).

Dance Classes: Galveston Dance Club offers classes each Tuesday & Thursday at 7pm. Questions, call Betty at 281-337-0441. See <http://www.galvestondanceclub.com>.

Program/Worship Committee meets the first Wednesday of each month at 6:30 pm, at the Fellowship. Join them or contact Gerry Carr if you have a program to suggest.

"Spirituality of Poker" Group meets the third Sunday of each month in a member's home to play "dealer's choice."

Location is in the monthly calendar and is announced in weekly emails and the Sunday bulletin. Game Night is not currently held for lack of a host (let us know if you'd like to host!).

Social Action Committee meets the first Sunday of each month after service and welcomes your ideas, energy and enthusiasm.

Supper Circles meet monthly. Call Judy Glaister at (409)762-8187 to schedule a supper, sign up for one, or for information.

Meditation: Zen Island Fellowship meets every Monday at 5:30pm, Contact Cara Geary (gcara@comcast.net) or visit <http://galvestonzen.org/>.

Have an open group meeting you'd like to list here? Let us know and we'll add it.



Provocative Film Series

Friday, January 6, 7 p.m.

502 Church Street, Galveston

PAPERS

Stories Of Undocumented Youth

"Papers" tells the story of undocumented students and the challenges they face as they turn 18 without legal status. "Papers" follows the personal stories of five undocumented youth from a variety of national origins - Guatemala, Jamaica, Mexico, and South Korea. The film addresses the history of immigration and immigration reform, as well as issue of identity, exclusion, migration, labor history, education, depression, scape-goating and racism.

Bring a friend and a snack to share.

2011 - 2012 UUFGC Board of Directors

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MLK Day Parade A Great Success

Book Sale: The UU Book Sale will be held on Saturday, February 11, from 9 am to 2 pm. Books are \$1.00 for hardbacks and \$0.50 for paperbacks. Children's books are \$0.50 for hardbacks, and \$0.25 for paperbacks.

Book Club: Will Meet February 8 at 7 pm in the living room at the fellowship to discuss *Still Alice* by Lisa Genova.

Bowlers: Have resumed working on bowls for the 2012 Jesse Tree fundraiser and will meet each week at 5 pm at the fellow-ship. Please check for availability before showing up.

Supper Circle: The February Supper Circle will be hosted by Bets Anderson at 6:30 pm on Saturday, February 25. Unfortunately the list is full. Please sign up for a future supper circle or sign up to host a supper circle at your home. Please let me know if there is sufficient

demand to have more than one supper circle per month-contact Judy Glaister.

THE SIGN-UP SHEET FOR THE 2012 Supper Circles is on the bulletin board. Please sign up for the month that you would like to host a Supper Circle at your house. Let Judy know if you have ideas for a non-traditional supper circle.

"Spirituality of Poker" will meet Sunday, February 19 at Stan and Margaret's house at 6:30 pm, There is a \$20 buy-in, and is Dealer's Choice. Everyone is invited to participate

Ingatherings are scheduled once a quarter on the last Sunday of the month. If you are not already a member, think about accepting the joys and responsibilities of membership in this Fellowship. Please contact Cheryl Henry, Membership Chair, if you are interested in becoming a member.

The Martin Luther King Day parade on January 14 was great fun. Fourteen UUs and friends rode and walked MLK Blvd from Market to Seawall to honor Dr. King, handing out hundreds of books to happy children. Helping out were Nancy McGlathery, Laura Murrell, Bets Anderson, Madeleine Baker, Bunny Andrews, Margaret Canavan, Victoria Narkin, Circe Santaniello, Mardi Mitchell, Mary Hodgson and son Daniel, and Ana Rivera and her daughter Victoria and her two adorable children, plus of course driver Stan Blazyk. Our books are donated from various groups, many from the Friends of Rosenberg Library. The UUFGC was also a sponsor for the "Kingfest" activities that weekend, due to our January special collection.

Join us next time for a meaningful experience, and a bit of exercise! There's always room in the truck for book-sorters.

February Kiva Update

In recent weeks we have added SIX loans totaling \$175 to the UUFGC Kiva "portfolio" as previous loans have been repaid, bringing our current outstanding loans to \$736.94. Since joining Kiva in March 2007 we have made 178 loans totaling over \$5200, and have donated \$350 to support Kiva's activities. We make loans as we receive donations and re-lend as existing loans are repaid. See our portfolio at <http://www.kiva.org/lender/unitarianuniversali3384>. All our lending funds have been donated for this purpose by our members and friends, and new donations are always welcome. Margaret Canavan manages our Kiva activity and she welcomes feedback from you.

Southwest UU Women's Conference Scheduled For February 24-26

Bay Area UU church is sponsoring the Southwest UU Women's conference on Feb 24-26, 2012. It will take place at the NASA Hilton on Nasa Rd 1. If you would like to join us in the planning of the conference or in facilitating workshops at the conference, contact lynnyng4@aol.com. Download fliers at www.SWUW.org and share them with the other women in UUFGC.

Help Build A Better Community

Make Your Voices Heard By Voting For Housing Plan

In *The Galveston Daily News*, under **Heber Taylor's** blog, has been running an "unofficial poll" to see if the majority of people in Galveston are for or against the GHA plans for transforming public housing with the Mixed Income Housing and Human Capital Plan, which includes education, health services, job training and more. While online voting has ended, you can still show your support for the plan by sending an email or a letter to *The Galveston Daily News*. The email address is letters@galvnews.com. Letters can be mailed to: Letters To The Editor, P.O. Box 628, Galveston, Tx 77553, or you can fax them to 409-744-6268. We can still make a difference.

Get Out And Get Funky

Come Participate In Setting A New World Record

Come join fellow UU'ers and hundreds of other Mardi Gras revelers in the FUNKY UPTOWN Umbrella Brigade as we try to regain a record set last year, that was taken away just a few months later by Global e-Business Operations Centre SRL (Romania) at the Arenele Romane, Bucharest, Romania, on September 9, 2011 with 1,491. Every able-bodied person is invited to attend the February 10 event as we attempt to regain our World Record status. Entrants just need to bring a festively decorated umbrella. The deadline for entry is February 1, and the UU Galveston is attempting to get at least 30 entrants, which can earn a coveted balcony viewing ticket. Our team is being led by Susan Persons (slpersons@comcast.net), who you should contact as soon as possible. Or you can sign up directly at <http://www.mardigrasgalveston.com/uptown/2012UmbrellaBrigadeRegistration.pdf>

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO: Curtis Jones 2/1 Darren Domsky 2/14 Andrea Hodgson 2/1 Ana Rivera 2/15 Marilyn Schultz 2/1 Kathleen DiNatale 2/16 Alison Rutledge 2/5 Shirley VanBuskirk 2/20 Dorothy Treviño 2/9 Ilse Benard 2/23 Judy Glaister 2/11 Kay Schiller 2/25 <i>Activities are held at the Fellowship unless otherwise noted.</i>			1 5pm - Bowlers 6pm - Program/Worship Committee 8pm - AA	2 7pm - Dance Lessons	3 7pm - Provocative Film PAPERS <i>Stories Of Undocumented Youth</i>	4
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POTLUCK 26 10:30am - Geshe Denma Gyaltzen, "Love from a Bön Buddhist Vision;" Children/Youth Religious Education 12n: Potluck Lunch following Fellowship 8pm - AA Phoenix Group	27 11am - Course in Miracles 5:30pm - Zen Meditation	28 7pm - Dance Lessons	29 5pm - Bowlers 8pm - AA	Send us your news! Provide information to: jimmyrainey@bluejaystudios.com or phone 409-765-8330		