February 26, 2017 11 AM

Northern Virginia Ethical Society Platform Address

Northern VA Ethical Society

415 Windover Ave NW, Vienna, VA 22180

Meaning-Making in 21st Century Western Culture

The insular beliefs on which our traditional religions were formed are losing credibility due to recent scientific findings, historical discoveries and sociological trends such as global communications. Awareness of these aspects challenges us toward a broader, more comprehensive appreciation of the timeless and universal human drive to find meaning, and a hopeful view of how that could play out in the 21st century. Margaret spoke for the first time on topics relating to her second book, Rx for Spiritual Myopia.

December 18, 2016 10:30 AM

Platform discussion at Baltimore Ethical Society

​306 W Franklin St #102, Baltimore, MD 21201

Meaning-Making in 21st Century Western Culture  (described above)

November 17, 2016

Private Group Discussion

regarding Margaret's book, *Faith Beyond Belief*

“Spiritual Companions group)

at the Goodwin House, Falls Church, VA

(a follow-up to the May, 2016 event)

November 6, 2016 2:30 PM

Take Your Soul to the Polls event

[https://madmimi.com/s/b32ee8](https://madmimi.com/s/b32ee8" \t "_blank)

Hosted by Sister Jenna of the America Meditating Radio Show.

(Margaret was a panelist)

Fall, 2016

*[A Progressive and Rationalist View of the Road to Spiritual Maturity](https://www.olli-dc.org/StudyGroupDetail?studyGroupID=5414" \t "_self)*

8 session adult discussion course at

Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at

American University, Washington, DC

(a repeat of Fall, 2015 course)

Private Discussion Group  
May 19, 2016  
"Spiritual Companions"   
Goodwin House, Falls Church, VA   
  
PLATFORM DISCUSSION   
Sunday, February 14, 2016 11 AM   
  
Northern Virginia Ethical Society   
c/​o Green Hedges School  
415 Windover Ave NW  
Vienna, VA 22180  
  
**Human Cultural Evolution, Ethical Attitudes We Project, and One New Thought to Consider Before You Vote.**  
  
Though news reports make it sound like our society is becoming ever more chaotic, with mass shootings, bombings, and open disregard on the part of some would-be leaders for anyone who is other, there is light at the end of this dark tunnel. While many may not have noticed, our collective spiritual understandings have been evolving over the decades. A new perspective is emerging that calls all of us beyond our merely selfish concerns toward a higher level of responsibility to one another. This perspective comes with a new imperative we must factor into our choice of leaders.  
  
  
OLLI-DC STUDY GROUP  
A Progressive and Rationalist View of the Road to Spiritual Maturity  
  
Mondays, October 12-November 30, 2015.   
1 PM to 2:50 PM   
Washington, DC 20007   
  
The program will be balanced between didactic lessons and group discussion, depending on group preference. We will consider a progressive view of individual, personal spiritual development as described by five theorists, all of whose work contribute to the overall message that:   
1) A unitive worldview (as opposed to divisiveness) is the highest level in spiritual maturity.   
2) Greater truth is found in a metaphorical (as opposed to a literal) understanding of religious content.   
3) Spiritual development theory and globalization is leading us to the recognition of all religions as localized expressions of a common human search for connection with something greater than ourselves.  
  
  
RADIO INTERVIEW  
Sunday, October 25, 2015 8:30 PM Eastern  
www.LetsFaceItRadio.com  
with hosts Wil Strayhorn and Alesha Brown  
  
LIVE VIDEO INTERVIEW  
Saturday, October 10, 2015 8 PM Eastern time  
The WYLEANER Show   
www.wyleanertvshow.com  
"Where the rubber meets the road!"   
Margaret has accepted the challenge from Don C. Harris, an "antidenominationalist." He claims to be able to refute any religious or spiritual position posed by any of Wyleaner's guests.   
  
LIVE VIDEO INTERVIEW   
Sunday, September 27, 2015 (and Sundays October 4 and October 10)   
7 PM Eastern, 4 PM Pacific   
The Philippe Matthews Show   
https:/​/​youtu.be/​NHUXC2GTee8  
  
RADIO INTERVIEW  
Thursday, August 6 - 12 at Religion for Life  
with John Shuck   
http:/​/​www.religionforlife.com/​  
Schedule: Thursday, August 6th at 8 pm on WETS, 89.5.  
Saturday, August 8th at 1 pm on KZUM, 89.3  
Sunday, August 9th at noon on WEHC, 90.7.  
Sunday, August 9th at 2 pm on WETS, 89.5.  
Monday, August 10th 1 pm on WEHC, 90.7.  
Wednesday, August 12th at 6:30 pm on WEHC, 90.7.  
Via podcast Sunday August 9th.  
  
GROUP DISCUSSION   
"Are We Transforming?"   
  
Wednesday, July 29 & Aug 5  
7:00 – 9:00 pm   
c/​o Northern Va Ethical Society  
  
There are many books about how our society is moving in a forward direction and which suggest that a planetary transformation is on the horizon. Margaret will present some arguments that say we are moving forward with societal development. She would then like to hear the perspective of community members as to whether the transformation concept is valid and where people think we are on the journey.   
  
  
GROUP DISCUSSION   
"Are We Transforming?"   
May 23, 2015, 2-4 PM Eastern  
Wisewoman Group of the   
Jung Society of Washington  
200 Cathedral Avenue, N.W.  
Washington, D.C., 20016  
There are many books about how our society is moving in a forward direction and which suggest that a planetary transformation is on the horizon. Margaret will present some of the arguments that say we are moving forward and will ask for participant’s perspective on whether the transformation concept is valid.   
  
RADIO INTERVIEW  
Monday, April 13, 2015 4:15 PM EASTERN  
With Suzanne Strisower   
http:/​/​www.blogtalkradio.com/​living-well-talk-radio/​2015/​04/​13/​living-life-on-purpose-nonfiction-author-showcase-interviews  
  
RADIO INTERVIEW  
with Sister Jenna, Director, Meditation Museum  
http:/​/​www.blogtalkradio.com/​americameditating/​2015/​03/​30/​faith-beyond-belief-with-author-dr-margaret-placentra-johnston  
  
RADIO INTERVIEW  
March 13, 2015, 6 PM Eastern   
with Donna Ghanney   
http:/​/​www.blogtalkradio.com/​kingdomempowermentinc  
  
RADIO INTERVIEW   
March 3, 2015 8 PM - live   
with Cathy Ciliento  
All1Broadcast  
http:/​/​www.all1broadcast.com/​  
  
RADIO INTERVIEW  
with Bill Reel   
Mormon Discussion: Leading with Faith  
http:/​/​www.mormondiscussionpodcast.org/​2015/​03/​margaret-placentra-johnston-faith-beyond-belief/​  
Spring, 2015.   
  
RADIO INTERVIEW   
January 21, 2015 - live   
with Dr. Saskia Coté  
Alternatively Speaking on Valley Free Radio   
http:/​/​www.saskiacote.com/​alternatively-speaking.html  
  
  
RADIO INTERVIEW  
with Bo Bennett  
The Humanist Hour  
http:/​/​thehumanist.com/​multimedia/​the-humanist-hour/​  
posted March, 2015   
  
RADIO INTERVIEW   
January 7, 2015   
with Kimberly Rinaldi  
Lessons in Joyful Living LIVE Radio Show  
http:/​/​lijlnetwork.com/​shows/​lessonsinjoyfulliving  
https:/​/​itunes.apple.com/​us/​podcast/​four-stages-spirituality-01/​id925395949?i=330255252&mt=2  
  
RADIO INTERVIEW  
December 10, 2014   
with Drs. Rob & Janelle Alex  
http:/​/​thespiritualpeakcenter.com/​mpj/​  
  
RADIO INTERVIEW  
with Rev. James Ellis, Ascension Soul Wisdom  
http:/​/​www.uscradioproductions.com/​  
November 24, 2014 2 PM   
  
RADIO INTERVIEW  
November 19, 2014   
True2YouRadio  
with Pete Cossaboon  
https:/​/​true2youradio.com/​/​web/​radioshows/​archives/​3\_6\_222\_generatedaudio\_1416271855.mp3  
  
GUEST SPEAKER at Sunday Service   
October 5, 2014 10:30 AM   
Unity of Fort Wayne Spiritual Center  
3232 Crescent Avenue  
Fort Wayne, IN 46805  
  
Faith Beyond Belief WORKSHOP  
October 4, 2014 1:30 - 5:00 PM  
Unity of Fort Wayne Spiritual Center  
3232 Crescent Avenue  
Fort Wayne, IN 46805  
  
DISCUSSION GROUP about Faith Beyond Belief  
October 1, 2014 1:00 - 4:00 PM  
Catalpa Tree Shops  
13405 Main St.  
Grabill, IN 46741  
www.catalpatreeshops.com  
  
KEYNOTE ADDRESS  
September 29, 2014 8AM - 5 PM   
Pastor's Conference  
*Faith Beyond Belief: Accompanying Our Congregations on the Journey Toward Faith*  
Earlham School of Religion  
Richmond, IN  
http:/​/​esr.earlham.edu/​resources-for-meetings-churches/​video-archive/​pastors2014-session01  
http:/​/​esr.earlham.edu/​resources-for-meetings-churches/​video-archive/​pastors2014-session02  
  
RADIO INTERVIEW  
September 9, 2014  
The RECROOM Show  
with Tim and Josh  
http:/​/​www.allradiox.com/​#!the-rec-room/​c1ui4  
  
GUEST SPEAKER   
June 22, 2014  
First Parish Cambridge Unitarian Universalist   
3 Church Street, Harvard Square  
Cambridge, MA 02138  
  
AUTHOR BOOK TALK AND BOOK SIGNING  
June 23, 2014  
7:00 PM   
New England Mobile Book Fair  
82-84 Needham Street  
Newtown Highlands, MA 02461  
617.527.5817  
  
RADIO INTERVIEW  
June 27, 2014  
12 NOON (Eastern time)   
A Fine Time for Healing  
with Randi G. Fine  
http:/​/​www.blogtalkradio.com/​randi-fine/​2014/​06/​27/​the-path-to-spiritual-maturity-with-dr-margaret-placentra-johnston  
  
  
RADIO INTERVIEW  
May 15, 2014 10 PM Eastern  
Quantum Experience   
with Michael Brill  
www.radioearnetwork.com   
  
RADIO INTERVIEW  
April 22, 2014 (pre-recorded)   
Inner Success Radio  
with Charles K Rivers  
http:/​/​www.innersuccessradio.com  
  
RADIO INTERVIEW  
Wednesday, March 19 at 11 AM Eastern  
World Awakened Talk Radio  
with Kerri Kannan  
http:/​/​www.worldawakened.com  
  
GUEST on the WYLEANER SHOW   
March 15 AND March 22 8 - 9 PM (Eastern)   
This is a west coast show. Pacific airing time: 5 PM.   
with Wyleaner, the Las Vegas Queen of Gospel   
"Where the Rubber Meets the Road!"   
www.wyleanertvshow.com (Live - and archive after the show date)   
Call in hotline for live show: 800-366-8883 or 702-650-5588  
  
RADIO INTERVIEW   
Monday, February 17, 2014 1 PM Eastern   
Gnostic Warrior.com  
with Moe Bedard  
http:/​/​gnosticwarrior.com/​margaret-placentra-johnston.html  
  
RADIO INTERVIEW  
Sunday, February 16. 2014 6:30 PM Eastern  
Living & Thriving   
with Rustie MacDonald   
http:/​/​www.blogtalkradio.com/​rustie/​2014/​02/​16/​living-thriving-guest-dr-margaret-placentra-johnston-od-author   
  
RADIO INTERVIEW  
Wednesday, February 12, 2014 12 noon  
How to be a Holy Rascal  
with Rabbi Rami Shapiro  
http:/​/​www.unity.fm/​program/​howtobeaholyrascal  
  
BOOK SIGNING AND BOOK TALK   
Wednesday, January 22, 2014 7 PM   
One More Page Books   
2200 N. Westmoreland Street, Suite 101  
Arlington, VA, 22213  
703-300-9746  
  
RADIO INTERVIEW   
December 23, 2013, 12 noon Eastern (resch'd from Nov 13)   
Donna Seebo Show  
http:/​/​www.delphiinternational.com/​VisionBroadcasting/​VisionBroadcasting.html  
  
RADIO INTERVIEW  
December 8 Midnight to 1 AM (It's a West Coast Show - 9 PM Pacific time)   
Barb Adams  
http:/​/​www.radioamerikanow.com/​  
Archived at: http:/​/​archives2013.gcnlive.com/​Archives2013/​dec13/​AmerikaNow/​1207132.mp3   
  
RADIO INTERVIEW  
November 8, 2013, 2:00 PM Eastern time.   
Dr. Ravi V. Chandran at Dallas Live  
http:/​/​www.ustream.tv/​search?q=vrchandran  
  
RADIO INTERVIEW  
November 6, 2013, 9 PM Eastern   
Funky Mystic Radio Show with Keva Larthridge-Mack  
www.FBRN.us (you can also listen in by using the Fishbowl Radio Network iTunes or Android app on your mobile device. Or - use the TuneIn app on your Android, iPhone, iPad Blackberry, Amazon Kindle or Windows device: http:/​/​www.funkymystic.com/​listen-to-the-fishbowl-radio-network-on-your-android-device/​)  
  
RADIO INTERVIEW   
posted on November 4, 2013  
Conversations Beyond Science and Religion   
with Philip Mereton   
http:/​/​webtalkradio.net/​internet-talk-radio/​conversations-beyond-science-and-religion/​   
  
RADIO INTERVIEW   
October 24, 2013 8 PM Eastern   
The Janet Love Show   
http:/​/​www.blogtalkradio.com/​thejanetloveshow  
  
NEW AUTHORS BOOK SLAM!!  
OCTOBER 13, 2013 1:00 - 3:30 PM  
JAMMIN’ JAVA  
227 Maple Avenue,   
Vienna, VA 22180  
703 . 255 .1566  
Local literati present their works and give away free books in a unique, fun-filled event. https:/​/​jamminjava.com/​events/​new-authors-book-slam  
  
BOOK DISCUSSION WITH PRIVATE GROUP   
IN BRACEY, VA  
OCTOBER 6, 2013  
  
BOOK DISCUSSION WITH PRIVATE GROUP   
IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA  
SEPTEMBER 24, 2013   
  
BALTIMORE BOOK FESTIVAL   
Author's Tent  
SEPTEMBER 29, 2013  
http:/​/​www.baltimorebookfestival.com/​  
  
RADIO INTERVIEW  
SEPTEMBER 4, 2013 5 PM Eastern   
Alecia Hill - Host of the Let's Talk Radio Show  
Let's Talk with your host Alecia Hill   
  
RADIO INTERVIEW  
August 28, 2013 4 PM Eastern   
Robert Sharpe - Host of the Bringing Inspiration to Earth Radio Show  
http:/​/​www.blogtalkradio.com/​biteradiome/​2013/​08/​28/​faith-beyond-belief-good-people-who-left-their-church  
  
COURSE AT LIFETIME LEARNING INSTITUTE OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA  
July 12 and 26, August 2 and 9 1:30 - 3 PM Eastern   
SPIRITUAL MATURITY - A Progressive and Rationalist View of the Road to Unity.   
St. Matthew’s United Methodist Church  
8617 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA   
Sign up through Lifetime Learning Institute of Northern   
Virginia: http:/​/​lli.nova.org   
  
BOOK DISCUSSION   
May 18, 2013 2-4 PM  
Wisewoman Group of the Jung Society of Washington  
at Palisades Community Church  
5200 Cathedral Avenue, NW   
Washington, DC 20016.   
  
RADIO INTERVIEW  
May 16, 2013 8:30 AM  
Frank Love - Frank Relationships  
http:/​/​webtalkradio.net/​internet-talk-radio/​frank-relationships/​  
  
RADIO INTERVIEW   
May 8, 2013 8:30 PM Eastern  
Monique Chapman show Masterful Choices  
www.achieveradio.com  
https:/​/​moniquechapman.com/​radio-show/​  
  
BULL RUN LOCAL AUTHOR FAIR  
MAY 4, 2013 2-4 PM  
Bull Run Regional Library   
8051 Ashton Avenue   
Manassas, VA 20109  
  
KENSINGTON, MD BOOK FAIR  
April 21, 2013 11 AM to 4 PM  
Howard Avenue, Old Town Kensington, MD  
Exhibiting with McLean Writers Group  
http:/​/​www.dayofthebook.com/​  
  
RADIO INTERVIEW  
April 16, 2013 2 PM Eastern   
Paul John Roach show on   
www.Unity.fm  
http:/​/​www.unity.fm/​episode/​WorldSpirituality\_041613 (type in the address. Cut and paste does not work)   
  
BOOK SIGNING AND DISCUSSION  
February 26, 2013. (Tuesday) 7 PM  
Phoenix and Dragon Bookstore  
5531 Roswell Road NE  
Atlanta,GA 30342  
  
RADIO INTERVIEW  
Tuesday, March 19, 7:30 PM EST  
ONLINE WITH ANDREA - Connecting Heart to Heart  
http:/​​/​​www.blogtalkradio.com/​​onlinewithandrea/​​2013/​​03/​​19/​​faith-beyond-belief (type in the address. Cut and paste does not work)   
  
BOOK SIGNING AND DISCUSSION  
February 1, 2013 6-9 PM   
First Friday event  
Books and Other Found Things   
13 Loudoun St. SW  
Leesburg, VA   
(703) 609-7504  
  
RADIO INTERVIEW with Marilyn Shannon on Breaking Free  
http:/​/​www.nissancommunications.com/​breakingfree.php  
January 28, 2013. Interview available in her archives.   
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GUEST SPEAKER  
Sunday, January 27, 2013 11 AM   
Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Waynesboro  
565 Pine Avenue  
Waynesboro, VA 22980  
  
BOOK SIGNING AND DISCUSSION   
Wednesday, January 16, 2013 5-7 PM  
Winchester Book Gallery  
185 North Loudoun Street  
Winchester, VA 22601  
(540) 667-3444  
  
BOOK SIGNING AND BOOK DISCUSSION  
December 5, 2012 5:00 - 7:45 PM  
THE SACRED CIRCLE BOOKSTORE  
"Enlighten the Mind. Nurture the Spirit."   
112 E Beverley St  
Staunton, VA 24401  
540-213-3881  
  
BOOK SIGNING AND DISCUSSION  
October 18, 2012 7:00 - 8:30 PM   
Breathe Books  
Baltimore, MD   
www.breathebooks.com  
  
BOOK LAUNCH PARTY AND BOOK SIGNING  
October 14, 2012   
Springfield, VA   
  
RADIO INTERVIEW WITH CAER HALLUNDBAEK   
October 14, 2012  
Available online at:   
http:/​/​prn.fm/​2012/​10/​14/​godspeed-institute-margaret-p-johnson-101412/​#axzz2LPRCoMxn  
(type in the address. Cut and paste does not work)   
  
RADIO INTERVIEW WITH CHRIS FLISHER October 13, 2012  
Available online at: http:/​/​contacttalkradio.net/​CTR/​chrisflisher101312.mp3  
(type in the address. Cut and paste does not work)

PLATFORM ADDRESS:   
October 7, 2012. Northern Virginia Ethical Society.   
*Spirituality for the Rational Mind*  
Ways in which spirituality need have nothing to do with belief in God—and explore ways in which a strong reason-based spiritual focus can enrich the lives of humanists and others who have reasoned themselves out of religious belief.  
at Green Hedges School, Vienna, VA

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