

What is the Holland Openly Secular Alliance?

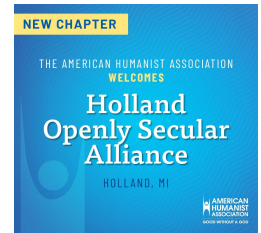
HOSA is made up of West Michigan humanists, agnostics, freethinkers, seekers, atheists, NONES and our religious allies.

Mission: HOSA empowers the secular community by building support infrastructure, representing secular interests on city-wide boards and committees, and advocating separation of church and state.

Vision: All secular people live openly with community acceptance and respect.

HOSA - American Humanist Association Chapter

Humanism is a progressive philosophy of life that, without supernaturalism, affirms our ability and responsibility to lead ethical lives of personal fulfillment that aspire to the greater good of humanity. - AHA



Why Secular Humanism?



The lifescape of Humanism—guided by reason, inspired by compassion, and informed by experience—encourages us to live life well and fully.

It evolved through the ages and continues to develop through the efforts of thoughtful people who recognize that values and ideals, however carefully wrought, are subject to change as our knowledge and understandings advance.
-AHA

Meet the HOSA Team

Jenn Manninen - Executive Director

Bin Lim - Treasurer

Brittany Piers - Secretary

Chris Lubbers - Research & Programming Director

Samantha Kandler - Data Management Director

Tim Piers - Grant Writing Director

Karen Rowland - Hospitality Director



Upcoming Events - See Flyer!

- February 14-15, 20-21 at 7PM
February 16 at 2PM
DeWitt Studio Theater
Hope's production of *Doubt*
featuring HOSA panelists
for talk backs after all shows
- February 22nd at 6PM
451 Columbia Ave.
A Guide to Secular Living
- March 11th at 6PM
Herrick District Library Auditorium
True Justice screening and discussion



True Justice Trailer



HOSA Membership & Donation

Enjoying our programming? Become a member today and help us continue to grow an inclusive, loving, secular community!



- ★ We need another \$100 to book Bart Campolo to speak
- ★ Want to meet on Sundays? A \$20 donation will help that happen!
- ★ Interested in a secular alternative to VBS this summer? \$40 will help develop ethical programming for kids
- ★ Don't think enough people know about the secular community we're building? A \$5 monthly donation helps spread the word!
- ★ Looking to build community with like-minded friends? Become a HOSA volunteer!

Meet Our Moderator & Panelists!

Tonight's moderator is HOSA's Research and Programming Director, Chris Lubbers. Chris is an alumnus of both Holland Christian High School and Calvin College. He teaches philosophy at Muskegon Community College. Chris also enjoys playing disc golf and discussing philosophical, theological and political issues. As an atheist, Chris supports non-violent movements for peace, justice, equality and mercy.

Don Bergman

Don is a WWII baby who attended Unity Christian High School. At Calvin, he majored in history and minored in political science. In 1967, he graduated with a BA in education. Don earned a MA in U.S. history from Western in 1974, with an interest in science. Don taught history and earth science at Kalamazoo Christian High School for 30 years, then at Black River Public School for three years. Don also had his own home inspection business for twenty years. Now retired full time, Don enjoys model railroading and keeping ahead of his three year old Havaton, Lili Marlene. As a "None," Don doesn't have a term to describe where he is spiritually, but believes in the American value that all are created equal. He tries to "do justice, show mercy and to walk humbly" with fellow travelers on this planet.

Dave Guerrin

Dave has been married to Diane for more than 40 years. Together, they have six children and nine grandchildren. Born and raised in Miami, Florida, Dave currently pastor's Manna Church in downtown Holland. A graduate of Trinity Christian College, Chicago State university and Reformed theological seminary, Dave enjoys writing and spending time by the ocean. A die-hard Miami Dolphin fan, Dave is still pining for another championship.

Ruth James

Ruth James is a transplant from New York, and alumnus of both Hope College and GVSU with a stint at the University of Iowa. She is currently a certified master life and wellness coach and a retired teacher. Ruth also enjoys knitting, gardening and respectful discussions about pretty much anything. As a Quaker agnostic with a Jewish heritage, Ruth is an LBGTQIA and diversity ally and supports non-violent movements for peace, justice, and equality.

Tim VanHaitsma

Tim VanHaitsma is a graduate of Holland Christian High School and attended many colleges, including Calvin College, Hope College and the University of Montana - without managing to graduate from any of them. He works as a buyer at a local office furniture company. Tim is divorced with one child who attends West Ottawa High School. In his free time, Tim enjoys politics, philosophy and religion. He also has "nerdy hobbies" like, RPGs, board games and magic the gathering. As an atheist since 16 years old, religion and morality has been a lifelong interest for Tim.