

Deep-Sea Biodiversity Challenges in the 21st Century

Join us for cocktail hour, dinner, **science quiz** (with prizes!),
and a presentation by **Professor Lisa Levin** at the

17th Annual **Darwin Day Dinner** **Saturday, February 8, 2025, 6:00pm**

For over 40 years, benthic ecologist Dr. Lisa Levin has studied marine organisms adapted for life on the ocean floor, both in shallow waters and the deepest most extreme environments. Global warming, pollution, changes to ocean chemistry, and commercial resource extraction activities are impacting these ecosystems in profound ways, and Dr. Levin has led efforts to bring scientific understanding to international government and management bodies in order to conserve the oceans' extraordinary biodiversity.



Lisa A. Levin is a **Distinguished Professor Emeritus** at the **Scripps Institution of Oceanography, University of California, San Diego** and former Director of the Center for Marine Biodiversity and Conservation at Scripps. Her current research interests include biodiversity of deep continental margin ecosystems including methane seeps, the effects of climate change (especially ocean deoxygenation) and human impacts on the deep ocean, with work on over 50 research cruises. She has contributed to multiple reports for the **Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change** and the **World Ocean Assessments**. Professor Levin is a **Fellow of the American Geophysical Union** and the **American Association for the Advancement of Science**. She has received lifetime achievement awards from the **American Society of Limnology and Oceanography** and **Western Society of Naturalists** and was awarded the **Prince Albert I Grand Medal in Ocean Science**. She was elected to the **National Academy of Sciences** in 2024.



Dr. Levin is a co-founder and co-lead of the **Deep Ocean Stewardship Initiative** which seeks to integrate science, technology, policy, law and economics to advise on ecosystem-based management of resource use in the deep ocean and strategies to maintain the integrity of deep-ocean ecosystems within and beyond national jurisdictions.

Reserve/pay online at DarwinDayCT.org or mail the following information with check.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____ E-mail Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Number of guests you are paying for _____ Names of guests _____

Check here if you are paying for a Zoom link to the Presentation (\$15).

Amount: _____ Additional contribution to sponsor a high school student: _____

See box above for pricing _____ Total: _____ Thank you!

Checks payable to Humanists and Freethinkers of Fairfield County [Memo: Darwin Dinner]

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DARWIN DAY is an international celebration of science and humanity held around Charles Darwin's birthday on February 12. It celebrates the discoveries and life of the man, and expresses gratitude for the enormous benefits that scientific knowledge, acquired through human curiosity and ingenuity, has contributed to the advancement of humanity.

Date: Saturday, Feb 8, 2025

Time: 6 pm Cocktail Hour,
7 pm Buffet Dinner

At: Pinstripes - top Floor of
SoNo Collection
100 North Water Street
Norwalk, CT 06854

Price: \$55 per person
\$60 after January 30

Virtual: \$15 to view the program
via Zoom. A link will be sent to
participants prior to the event.
The virtual program will not be
interactive.



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