

DEFENDING SCIENCE AND REASON *in an* IRRATIONAL WORLD

September 18 & 19, 2004 Hanover Marriott, 1401 Rte. 10 E Whippany, New Jersey (Hanover Township)

Relentless attacks against science, reason, and critical thinking continue. From faith-based funding to intelligent design theory, church-state blurring to the media's mishandling of science, skeptics and secular humanists have their hands full. Now the Center for Inquiry offers you a *front-line briefing* from leading activists. You'll hear what the latest flashpoints are, what the Center for Inquiry and its affiliate organizations are doing about them, and how *you* can get involved.

Low, low registration includes Saturday luncheon.

Join us at the Hanover Marriott for an eye-opening 2-day seminar!

Saturday, September 18	
8:30 – 9:00 a.m.	Registration Gallery Room
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	Morning Session
12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.	Complimentary Luncheon <i>Includes a special presentation on CFI's "New Future Fund" capital campaign.</i> Salon A, B, and C
2:00 – 5:00 p.m.	Afternoon Session
Sunday, September 19	
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon	Morning Session <i>Includes an open forum for seminar participants</i> Gallery Room

Program

Paul Kurtz will speak on new challenges facing humanists and skeptics. How can the new threats against reason be defeated? Paul Kurtz is founder and chair of the Center for Inquiry, editor-in-chief of *Free Inquiry*, founder of CSICOP, and professor emeritus of philosophy at the State University of New York at Buffalo. He is author of *The Courage to Become: The Virtues of Humanism*, *The New Skepticism*, and many other books.

Susan Jacoby, an award-winning independent scholar and writer, is the author of seven books, including *Wild Justice: The Evolution of Revenge*, a Pulitzer Prize nominee, and her just-published *Freethinkers*. She began her career as a reporter for *The Washington Post* and has contributed articles to numerous publications, including *The New York Times*, *The Nation*, *AARP Bulletin*, *Vogue*, *Newsday*, and *TomPaine.com*. She has lived in New York City for thirty years.

David Koepsell is the Executive Director of the Council for Secular Humanism. He earned his law degree and doctorate in philosophy at the State University of New York at Buffalo. In addition to practicing law for eight years, he continues to be an adjunct Assistant Professor of Philosophy, specializing in legal philosophy, ontology, and ethics. His dissertation, entitled *The Ontology of Cyberspace: Law, Philosophy, and the Future of Intellectual Property*, was published by Open Court in 2000.

Tom Flynn is the editor of *Free Inquiry*, founder of the Council for Secular Humanism's First Amendment Task Force, and director of the R.G. Ingersoll Birthplace Museum. He is author of *The Trouble with Christmas* and *Galactic Rapture*. He will speak on the rights of the nonreligious and secular humanism in society, with a special preview of *Free Inquiry's* next "Church-State Update."

Richard Hull is Senior Development Officer of the Center for Inquiry. He holds a Ph.D. from Indiana University. He served in the Philosophy Department at the State University of New York at Buffalo for thirty years. In 1997, he took early retirement to

assume the post of Executive Director of the Texas Council for the Humanities in Austin. The author and editor of numerous books and articles, he currently serves as Senior Development Officer for the Center for Inquiry—*Amherst*. His Web site: www.richard-t-hull.com.

Dr. Austin Dacey is director of research and education at the Center for Inquiry and editor-in-chief of *Philo*, the Center's academic philosophy journal. He has written and spoken widely on issues at the intersection of science, religion, and society. Read more at austindacey.com.

Barry F. Seidman is the New Jersey Coordinator for the Center for Inquiry—*Metro NY*. He has a B.A. in Video and Film Production from Rutgers University, and a M.A. in Science Journalism from New York University. Barry has written for *Biotechnology News*, *Oncology.com*, *Free Inquiry*, *The Skeptic UK*, and *Skeptical Inquirer*. He has a chapter in the book anthology, *Opposing Viewpoints: Death and Dying*, and is coeditor of the anthology for Prometheus Books, *Toward a New Political Humanism*. Barry is also the producer of *Equal Time for Freethought*, a live radio program on WBAI-NY covering the scientific, philosophical, and humanistic aspects of the freethought world. Read more at barryfseidman.com.

WHAT IS THE CENTER FOR INQUIRY?

The Center for Inquiry is a tax-exempt educational organization which supports the activities of CSICOP (the Committee for the Scientific Investigation of Claims of the Paranormal) and the Council for Secular Humanism. It operates facilities in four U.S. cities and several foreign countries, maintains world-class libraries of skeptical and humanist interest, operates a nationwide adult-education program, and more. The Center for Inquiry's mission is to promote and defend science, reason, and critical inquiry in all areas of human endeavor.

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Call direct at: 1-800-242-8681. Mention "Center for Inquiry" to obtain the special \$99.00 rate.

Registration Form:

YES! I/We wish to attend "Defending Science and Reason in an Irrational World" at the Marriott Hanover hotel.

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