

***A Secular Summit: Week One***  
 2009 SUMMER INSTITUTE

**July 15-19 (Wed-Sun)**

**“Secular Studies: Nonbelievers and their Cultural Impact.”**

Experts on secular people and the spread of secularism describe their research into this growing segment of the world’s population. The secular and nonreligious are becoming a visibly large and potentially powerful segment of society. From demographics and polling, psychology and sociology, to culture studies — there’s fresh curiosity about agnostics, atheists, secularists, and nonbelievers generally.

	<b>Wed 15</b>	<b>Thur 16</b>	<b>Fri 17</b>	<b>Sat 18</b>	<b>Sun 19</b>
<b>Morning</b> 9:30am  12pm - 1pm Lunch at CFI (Wed-Sat)	<b>Tom Flynn</b> “Getting to know the <i>Council for Secular            Humanism</i> ”	<b>Joe Nickell</b> “Getting to know the <i>Committee for Skeptical            Inquiry</i> ”	<b>Lauren Becker</b> “Prisoners of War: Rethinking the Biggest Battles Between Science and Religion”	<b>Gregory Paul</b> “The Science of Religion”	<i>11am</i> Sunday Platform  <b>Richard Hull</b> “ If Not By God’s Commands, Whence Cometh Ethics?”
<b>Afternoon</b> 1pm  <i>break</i>  3pm	Tour of library and archives with Tim Binga  <b>Mark Tschaep</b> “Muscle Morality: Christians and Exercise”	<b>John Shook</b> “Atheism, Agnosticism, and Skepticism”  <b>Chris Maute</b> “Belief, Nonbelief and Alternative Medicine”	<b>Barry Kosmin</b> “The Rise of the Nones”  <b>John Shook</b> “Secularism Studies and Philosophical Atheism”	<b>Luke Galen</b> Polling the Nonbelievers  <b>Phil Zuckerman</b> “It Ain’t Sociologically So: Refuting Common Myths About Atheism, Secularity, and Religion.”	departures
<b>Evening</b> 7pm	Event Night  Unbelief Open House	Panel on Art and Humanism and Art Show opening	Meet the Author  <b>Ronald Aronson</b> author of <i>Living without            God</i>	Panel Discussion  Paul, Zuckerman, Aronson, Galen on “How Do Secular People See Themselves and Their World?”	

***A Secular Summit: Week Two***  
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**July 22-26 (Wed-Sun)**  
**“Government Without God: The Secular Agenda.”**

Legal and political scholars give updates from the frontlines of the secular agenda. Hear the top tacticians explain their strategies in state capitals, appellate courtrooms, and congressional bills, all the way to the Supreme Court. Seminars describe the lawsuits and legislative efforts to repair the “wall of separation” between church and state, to prevent religious interference and entanglement, and to protect rights of nonbelievers. Speakers will address specific issues such as emerging secularism around the world, freedom of speech for nonbelievers too, religion and prayer in schools, and religious interference with medical decisions..

	<b>Wed 22</b>	<b>Thur 23</b>	<b>Fri 24</b>	<b>Sat 25</b>	<b>Sun 26</b>
<b>Morning</b> 9:30am  12pm - 1pm Lunch at CFI (Wed-Sat)	<b>Joe Nickell</b> “Getting to know Skeptical Inquiry”	<b>Chris Maute</b> “CCAM: Tax-Funded Alternative Medicine Research”	<b>Ibn Warraq</b> “Koranic Interpretation”	<b>Derek Araujo</b> “Secularism and Freedom of Speech around the World”	<i>11am</i> Sunday Platform  <b>Dan Barker</b> Freedom From Religion Foundation, “Raising the Bar in State Church Issues”
<b>Afternoon</b> 1pm  <i>break</i>  3pm	Tour of library and archives with Tim Binga  <b>Mark Tschaepe</b> “Philosophy of the Body: Naturalistic Accounts of Ethos”	<b>Ibn Warraq</b> “Secular Islam”  <b>John Shook</b> “Medical Decisions without Religious Interference”	<b>Tom Flynn</b> “Toward a Fully Secular Future”  <b>Paul Kurtz</b> “Secularism Is Not Enough”	<b>John Shook</b> “Billboards and Bus Ads: Free Speech for Atheists”  <b>Eddie Tabash</b> “Arguments Against the Supernatural: Facing Reality As It Is”	Workshop on secular parenting  departures
<b>Evening</b> 7pm	Movie Night  Richard Dawkins, <i>The            Root of All Evil?</i>	Activity Night  Shakespeare in the Park: <i>Julius Caesar</i>	Address  <b>Barry Lynn</b> American Civil Liberties Union “Separation of Church and State: Death by a Thousand Cuts”	Panel Discussion  Lynn, Tabash, Barker, Flynn, Araujo on “The Secular Agenda”	

***A Secular Summit: Week Three***  
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**July 29-Aug 2 (Wed-Sun)**

**Module Three: “Positively Skeptical: Affirming the Rational Life.”**

Prominent skeptics and atheists describe the smartest and wisest ways for rejecting myth, superstition, scripture, and theology. Hear top experts plan for accelerating our progress against irrationalism and superstition, and the advancement of the positive secular life. Seminars will cover conducting responsible research and investigation of paranormal and religious claims; applying logic, science, and naturalism for rebutting theological systems; replacing religious ethics with humanistic ethics; and affirming one’s atheism with pride and confidence in a religious environment.

	<b>Wed 29</b>	<b>Thur 30</b>	<b>Fri 31</b>	<b>Sat 1</b>	<b>Sun 2</b>
<b>Morning</b> 9:30am  12pm - 1pm Lunch at CFI (Wed-Sat)	<b>Mark Tschaepe</b> “Pragmatic Technology of the Body”	<b>John Shook</b> “Reasons why God does not Exist”	<b>Chris Maute</b> “Positive Thinking and Alternative Medicine: Placebos and Beyond”	<b>John Shook</b> “Reason, Science, and Humanist Ethics”	<i>11am</i> Sunday Platform  Social Contribution Forum with Grace McKenzi, Bobby Militello, Ron Stewart, Beth Savage, Nathan Bupp
<b>Afternoon</b> 1pm  <i>break</i>  3pm	Tour of library and archives with Tim Binga  <b>Mark Tschaepe</b> “Pragmatic Technology of the Body, Part II”	<b>John Shook</b> “More Reasons why God does not Exist”  <b>Joe Nickell</b> “Investigating the Paranormal”	<b>Paul Kurtz</b> “Metanature”  <b>Paul Kurtz</b> “The Turbulent Universe: The Biosphere, Physical Universe(s), and Human Affairs”	<b>Norm Allen</b> “Cultivating an Attitude of Gratitude”  <b>Paul Kurtz</b> TBA	Workshop on secular parenting   departures
<b>Evening</b> 7pm	Drama Night  An Evening with <i>Mr. Deity</i>	Activity Night  TBA	Debate Night  <b>Doug Geivett</b> v. <b>John Shook</b> “Does God Exist?”	<b>Tom Flynn</b> “Who are these Doubters Anyway? The Demographics of Unbelief”	