

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

**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”	