PROGRESS REPORT: WINNING LANDMARK VICTORIES, CONFRONTING NEW CHALLENGES
Message from
the President and CEO

I am very pleased to introduce the 2014 annual report for the Center for Inquiry. Through your support and the work of our dedicated staff and volunteers, CFI accomplished much this past year, including achieving a significant court victory, advancing human rights at the United Nations, and providing a prominent platform for our message of science, reason, and secular values—through successful conferences, outstanding publications, and grassroots activism.

We live in a world beset by religious intolerance and strife. Our world is also confronted by serious challenges, such as global climate change, that only sound science can address. There has never been a greater need for an institution that promotes freedom of conscience, respect for human dignity, critical thinking, and scientific understanding. We must continue to combat religious dogma and pseudoscience while providing humanist alternatives to the forces of unreason. CFI is the institution best positioned to meet these goals. Building on our success in 2014, and with your continued support, I’m confident we will continue to advance our shared mission in 2015 and beyond.

With deep gratitude and warmest regards,

Ronald A. Lindsay

P.S. Please join me—and Richard Dawkins, Rebecca Goldstein, Susan Jacoby, and many more prominent scholars, writers, and activists—at our Reason for Change conference, which takes place June 11-15. As is true with any conference of humanists and skeptics, there will be plenty of vigorous and insightful discussion and debate—and we need you there.
A Triumph for Nonreligious Americans:  
Secular Celebrants Win in Indiana

The Center for Inquiry scored one of this decade’s most significant victories for the equality of nonreligious Americans when the Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit unanimously ruled that the State of Indiana must allow marriages to be performed and solemnized by Secular Celebrants, such as those certified by CFI. The state of Indiana previously barred couples from having their marriages solemnized by anyone other than religious clergy or specially designated officers of the state, and in 2012 CFI, partnering with the Indiana American Civil Liberties Union, brought suit, but a U.S. District Court initially rejected CFI’s complaint as a mere “inconvenience.” But in June of 2014, Judge Frank Easterbrook of the Seventh Circuit declared that those who hold secular belief systems are no less entitled to the benefits of the First Amendment than religious believers. The court firmly rejected the idea that secular Americans should simply settle for obtaining “clergy” status through quasi-religious mail-order enterprises, or that secular organizations should simply refer to themselves as “religious” as a work-around. Nonreligious couples in Indiana now have the right to be married by those who share their life-stance, and Secular Celebrants are now legally solemnizing those marriages. In 2015 CFI will work to see the Seventh Circuit’s ruling applied to the other states within its jurisdiction and the rest of the country as well, including supporting a bill in Ohio introduced by Rep. Mike Foley and lobbied for by CFI–Northeast Ohio.

Supreme Court Allows Prayer at Public Meetings;  
We Fight for Inclusion

In May, the U.S. Supreme Court cleared the way for sectarian prayers at public government meetings with its ruling in Town of Greece v. Galloway. In response, CFI went to the town at the center of the case, Greece, New York, to rally attention and support for a secular invocation delivered before a meeting of the Greece Town Council by local atheist activist Dan Courtney. Following Courtney’s moving words on inclusion and church-state separation, he and CFI President and CEO Ronald Lindsay addressed a crowd of supporters and media outside the Town Hall in a rally cosponsored by CFI. The event called national attention to the invocation and the crucial issue at hand—that of our government favoring specific religions at public meetings. Across the country, more secular and atheist Americans delivered invocations to local council meetings, and despite the poor ruling by the Supreme Court, the debate on the issue itself has remained as active as ever.
A Campaign to Keep Health Care Safe and Secular

2014 was a tumultuous year for science-based health care, with unprecedented interference from religion and pseudoscience. In perhaps its most disappointing ruling yet, the U.S. Supreme Court declared in the infamous Hobby Lobby case that an employer’s religious beliefs trump employees’ healthcare rights and reproductive freedoms. Meanwhile, physicians and practitioners of dubious repute peddled cures and remedies for all manner of ailments and conditions, backed by shoddy science and questionable claims. To bring this crisis to the forefront, CFI launched the Keep Health Care Safe and Secular Campaign, an ongoing initiative to fight for the integrity of medicine and health care based on sound science, free from the impositions, misinformation, and superstitions of religion and pseudoscience.

One major focus of our efforts was and continues to be Stanislaw Burzynski, a Texas physician who has evaded consequences for his unscrupulous peddling of scientifically baseless treatments to desperate cancer patients. Our supporters also helped us raise awareness of the Religious Right’s several legislative attempts at the state and federal level to curtail women’s rights to reproductive freedom, to push back against the conspiracy-mongering of the anti-vaccination movement, and to educate the public about the dangers and inefficacy of “alternative” treatments such as homeopathy, especially when they are sold as cures for such deadly epidemics as Ebola.

Our work to expose faux-healers and “miracle” workers and our fight against religion’s influence on health care and women’s rights will continue into 2015 and beyond.
Confronting the Enemies of Free Expression

The fight for free expression and against the persecution of religious and political dissidents around the world reached new heights in 2014, as CFI found itself in the crosshairs of one of the planet’s worst human rights offenders and never blinked. Specifically, CFI has been feverishly working on behalf of Raif Badawi of Saudi Arabia, a husband, father of three, and outspoken reformist who was arrested and convicted of “insulting Islam” in 2012 for hosting a liberal blog. Badawi was sentenced to 10 years in prison, a 10-year travel and communications ban after that, an onerous fine, and 1,000 lashes delivered weekly in public. Through direct contact with his family and his supporters, diligent work within diplomatic channels, and the rallying of grassroots support and political pressure, CFI has been pursuing Badawi’s freedom and championing his cause from the first days of his crisis. When his punishment began in earnest, the world took note and cried out in condemnation.

In June, Josephine Macintosh (pictured right), a CFI representative at the UN Human Rights Council, delivered a powerful statement condemning Saudi Arabia for its human rights abuses and its persecution of Badawi. Much to our surprise, the Saudi representative to the Council attempted several times to shout down and silence Macintosh as she spoke. Each time, Macintosh remained undeterred, as the delegations from the United States, Canada, Ireland, and France spoke up in support of CFI. Despite the Saudi representative’s request to “shut that woman up,” Macintosh completed her statement, and video of the altercation went viral.

Apart from the Badawi case, CFI also worked to put pressure on Sudan to secure the life and freedom of Meriam Ibrahim, a Christian mother-to-be who faced a death sentence for refusing to convert to Islam. International outcry from people like you eventually led to Ibrahim’s release, and she now resides in the United States with her husband and new baby.

As we move into 2015, our efforts to fight persecution and support free expression will be bolstered by the fact that this year, CFI’s public policy director and our chief representative to the UN, Michael De Dora, was elected to a two-year term as president of the UN NGO Committee on Freedom of Religion or Belief. In this new capacity, De Dora organizes high-level meetings and public events with UN officials and foreign diplomats, emphasizing to those in positions of power the importance of the rights to freedom of religion or belief and other facets of human rights, such as gender equality and LGBTQ rights.

Refusing to be silenced by one of the world’s worst oppressors.
Grassroots activism was in full force in 2014. CFI–Indiana held its third Civic Day, and CFI–Northeast Ohio held its second Secular Summit. Both events featured workshops and training in lobbying and advocacy and the chance to meet face-to-face with state lawmakers to make the case for science and reason in public policy. CFI–Los Angeles and African Americans for Humanism were among the sponsors of the Moving Social Justice Conference, the first freethought conference focused on the concerns of people of color, women, and the LGBTQ community. In Pride marches across the country, CFI members and supporters were represented in force. And many branches, be it on their own, in partnership with the Office of Public Policy, or working with allied groups, engaged their members in grassroots advocacy on several bills and campaigns.

The legacy of Carl Sagan is something held dearly by the CFI community, and with the release of the rebooted Cosmos, CFI branches held an array of events celebrating Carl Sagan Day. Local groups organized parties, screenings of both Cosmos series, children’s science activities, planetarium visits, telescope outings, even rocket building, and, of course, servings of apple pie. Darwin Day events were just as fulfilling, with lectures, debates, and fun stuff to get kids excited about science.

The most interesting and provocative thinkers of today were regularly to be found speaking to CFI groups across the country. Sam Harris (pictured left), whose strong opinions on issues from Islamic extremism to meditation put him at the center of heated discussion and debate throughout 2014, spoke to both our Washington, D.C., and Portland branches. In Washington, Harris took part in a live, on-stage interview conducted by renowned Washington Post religion reporter Michelle Boorstein, and a PBS documentary crew was there to film for an upcoming special.

Another highlight was the speaking tour of humanist activist Leo Igwe. Several CFI branches had the chance to be deeply moved and inspired by his insight as he shared his experiences in combating the pernicious and widespread belief in witchcraft throughout Africa. Other notable speakers hosted by CFI groups included Jennifer Ouellette, Jennifer Michael Hecht, Edward Tabash, James Randi, Lawrence Krauss, Phil Zuckerman, Greta Christina, Paul Offit, and Sir Harry Kroto, among many, many others.
CFI On Campus
With over 300 affiliate groups throughout North America and overseas, CFI On Campus continued to serve as a valued resource for freethinking students in 2014 by keeping them informed on important secular and skeptical issues, supplying flyers and magazines to help them spread their message, and providing organizing advice on everything from group starting to event planning. From hosting Darwin Day and Carl Sagan Day science lectures to being outspoken advocates for blasphemy rights and LGBTQ equality, CFI On Campus affiliate groups proved themselves to be strong leaders both on their campuses and in the freethought movement at large.

CFI Leadership Conference
A longtime favorite event in the wider freethought movement, the 2014 CFI Leadership Conference expanded its reach to bring together nearly 100 leaders from CFI On Campus affiliated groups, CFI branches, and, for the first time, local secular and skeptical communities. With wisdom and skills gained from speakers such as Desiree Schell, Edward Tabash, Michael Cardus, and James Croft, attendees at all levels of experience sharpened their skills, made new connections, and prepared themselves to foster a society based on reason, science, and secularism for this generation and beyond.

Women in Secularism 3
One of the most talked-about and debated conference series in freethought was also one of its most inspiring. Women in Secularism 3, held in Washington, D.C., highlighted the struggles and triumphs of women in the secular and skeptic movements, along with presenting challenging debates on goals and strategies and uplifting personal stories of liberation and empowerment. Headlined by luminaries such as Barbara Ehrenreich, Lindy West, Susan Jacoby, and Rebecca Goldstein, the third “Women in Secularism” conference was said to be the best one yet, with a fourth planned for 2016.

Camp Inquiry: DIY
There is a particular feeling of pride and affection at CFI for Camp Inquiry, where young minds are encouraged to question and explore while getting the most out of a week with new friends, nature, and an enormous amount of fun. This year’s “Do-It-Yourself” theme took the term hands-on to the next level with opportunities for the campers to cooperatively write this year’s code of conduct, lead self-designed workshops for their peers, and take genuine ownership of their own camp experiences. In addition to cracking cases with experts such as Joe Nickell, new special guests this year included “mathemagician” Ethan Brown and youth activist Jessica Ahlquist. As a final project, campers started their own freethought groups, which then created and facilitated an activity for the rest of the campers. DIY was truly at the core of camp this year.
Humanism and skepticism to make a better world.

The Freethought Books Project
In 2013, CFI took over an ambitious humanitarian program dedicated to getting books about science and secularism into the hands of prison inmates. The Freethought Books Project offers a reality-based alternative to the glut of religious material offered in the prison system. In 2014, the program was stronger than ever because our supporters, as well as authors and publishers helped us send 500 books and magazines to 150 individual inmates in institutions in 28 states. A pen pal program was established in 2014, with 30 volunteers writing to inmates looking to connect with freethinkers. In 2015 we’ll need your support to reach our next goal, which is to make sure every single inmate who requests a book can get one. We know that with your help, we can do it.

Cruise to the Galápagos
CFI’s Travel Club adventure was a truly meaningful one this year as members voyaged to the place that inspired Charles Darwin himself and changed the world forever, the Galápagos Archipelago. Joined by special guests Lawrence Krauss, Elisabeth Cornwell, and Sir Harold Kroto, travelers had the chance of a lifetime to see what Darwin saw and to experience the wonders of Galápagos wildlife, all while enjoying like-minded company. In addition to observation, members of the Travel Club also got a chance to get dirty and do some good, taking part in efforts to restore the Galápagos’s Scalesia forest.

Aiding Our Allies in Uganda in a Time of Crisis
Sometimes we define community by our friends and neighbors at local groups and events, but community can also be something experienced across oceans, over national borders, and even through prison bars. In 2014, our supporters showed the depth of their connection to those in need, particularly to fellow freethinkers who could use a helping hand.

This past summer, our humanist allies in Uganda at the Humanist Association for Leadership, Equity, and Accountability (HALEA) suffered a painful and crippling blow when their offices were burglarized. Everything of value was stolen, including computers, phones, cameras, media players, and more. Their security guard
was beaten unconscious, but we are happy to say that he is now recovering well. We activated Skeptics and Humanists Aid and Relief Effort, a.k.a. the SHARE program, and asked our members to give what they could to help HALEA back on its feet so it could continue with its brave and desperately needed efforts to combat superstition; help unemployed, pregnant, and at-risk teenagers; and provide other valuable educational and support services. They answered our call, and more than $6,000 was raised for the rebuilding efforts. As HALEA’s Kato Musaka wrote in a letter to CFI, “Thanks to team CFI, HALEA can now afford to dream again.”

Being a part of CFI means that I can belong to a community that shares my secular and humanist values. This community can then effect more change than just one person by themselves; through debates, state lobby days, and local outreach and awareness, together we can advance the causes we believe in. I look forward to promoting the separation of church and state, evidence-based policies, and reproductive freedom with CFI.

— Brittani Lenz
INQUIRY

Whether they label themselves skeptics, humanists, or any other name, nothing unites the freethought community more than the shared drive to learn. The freedom to ask questions is at the very heart of the Center for Inquiry, using the tools of reason and science to arrive at the best answers. Through publications, investigations, and educational events, 2014 was a tremendous year for discovery.

Our Magazines: Skeptical Inquirer and Free Inquiry

Skeptical Inquirer, the magazine of the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry, has always boldly challenged misguided beliefs, even if dearly held, and in 2014 the magazine made a major impact for the good of medical science with its cover feature exposing the dubious cancer treatments peddled by rogue physician Stanislaw Burzynski. Dr. David Gorski dug deep into Burzynski’s scientific background, revealing both the origins of his work and the hard facts that undercut Burzynski’s pseudoscientific claims. In the same issue, Robert J. Blaskiewicz detailed the struggle of skeptical activists to challenge Burzynski’s questionable claims, provide reliable information about them to the public, and protect those desperate patients on whom he preys. In July, the Texas Medical Board filed charges against Burzynski, and in its reporting, USA Today sought the insight of CFI.

2014 celebrated what would have been the 100th birthday of a giant in the history of scientific skepticism, Martin Gardner. To mark the occasion, Skeptical Inquirer published in print and online special pieces commemorating the centennial, and it republished some of his greatest works in the magazine, showcasing his sharp eye and even sharper wit in the battle against pseudoscience.

Free Inquiry, the magazine of the Council for Secular Humanism, led the year with an uplifting series of reader-submitted testimonials on their personal journeys from faith to nonbelief, with all of the trials and triumphs experienced along the way. Taking inspiration from Bertrand Russell’s 1927 book Why I Am Not a Christian, the essays were framed with the statement “Why I am not a . . .” People of all religious and spiritual backgrounds told their stories, from former Catholics, Protestants, Jews, and Muslims to those who have abandoned Seventh-Day Adventism and the “magical thinking” of gurus like Deepak Chopra.

The ongoing debate over the truth of Jesus Christ’s existence and the events of the Gospels raged anew in Free Inquiry, as philosopher David K. Clark unraveled happenings surrounding the resurrection, and Michael B. Paulkovich earned the ire of some religious writers for his piece in which he concludes that “Christ is a mythical character . . . an urban legend.”

Central to humanist philosophy is the belief that ethics has a naturalistic foundation. Theists sometimes challenge this claim, arguing that only God can provide an objective grounding for morality. In an insightful essay, Ron Lindsay explained how morality “has the objectivity that matters” without any reference to divine commands.
The Skeptic’s Toolbox
Every summer in Eugene, Oregon, inquiring minds assemble for the enlightening experience that is the Skeptic’s Toolbox, a weekend-long workshop that provides skeptics and would-be investigators the tools and experience they need to evaluate some of the extraordinary claims we run into in our everyday lives. In its 22nd year, the 2014 Toolbox focused on case-based skepticism, using real-life journal articles to study subjects such as homeopathy, “Clever Hans,” the allegedly brilliant horse, and the ideomotor effect. Toolbox faculty Ray Hyman, Lindsay Beyerstein, James Alcock, Loren Pankratz, and Harriet Hall directed attendees through a series of hands-on workshops, and everyone left with an even sharper investigative mind than they came in with.

Honoring the Great Agnostic and his Reformist Contemporaries
The words and works of Robert Green Ingersoll, the nineteenth-century American orator and agnostic, are interwoven into CFI’s DNA. Through the Council for Secular Humanism, we operate the Robert Green Ingersoll Birthplace Museum at his first home in Dresden, New York. The museum saw a major renovation in 2014, thanks to the generous support of T. M. Scruggs, the James Hervey Johnson Foundation, and several other donors. Jeff Ingersoll led the renovation project (and yes, he is related from Robert Green), and the museum reopened in May with its newly installed interior.

CFI provides so many opportunities for students. The Leadership Conference this summer connected me with secular student leaders from all over the country, and I learned tons of useful tools and ideas that have helped me become a better leader. I would not have been nearly as successful this year without CFI, and I appreciate that they are interested in the success of my group and others like it. CFI keeps us all connected and on top of our game!

— Laurelin Berkley, student leader with the University of Northern Iowa Freethinkers and Inquirers
Ingersoll and the museum were central to a special conference in August, “Robert Green Ingersoll and the Reform Imperative,” where scholars and enthusiasts gathered at CFI headquarters to lecture and discuss major figures of nineteenth-century free-thought, such as Elizabeth Cady Stanton, Fredrick Douglass, and Matilda Joslyn Gage. Attendees and speakers then took part in a remarkable tour of the Ingersoll Museum and Seneca Falls, birthplace of the nineteenth-century women’s rights movement. It was a truly remarkable success, as tickets sold out within two days of being announced.

The CFI Institute and Educational Programming
CFI’s educational program, led by David Koepsell, put renewed focused on getting the journal Philo up and running on a new, open-source platform and getting the publication back up to speed with new issues coming. The courses of the CFI Institute attracted over 100 students from all over the world and included an exciting on-site intensive seminar in Amherst on the subject of Humanism and Existentialism, featuring guest lecturers Professor Kimberly Baltzer-Jaray of King’s University College at Western University and Professor Ed Hackett of Kent State.

Through CFI I have learned that I am one of a growing community of non-believers of all races, genders, ages, nationalities and backgrounds. Through African Americans for Humanism and Women in Secularism I have seen CFI’s commitment to give women and minorities a voice and a place at the table and I believe these efforts will pay off in an even more diverse and inclusive secular humanist movement in the future.

—Ernest Parker
CFI IN THE MEDIA

The principled stances and powerful arguments of CFI on behalf of reason and free expression cut through the noise of the news media, and on a wide variety of issues, we were able to deliver some of our most compelling and crucial messages to the public.

Few events in recent years generated the kind of public interest in science and religion than the famous debate between “The Science Guy” Bill Nye and Ken Ham, director of the Creation Museum in Kentucky. The debate over whether creationism was a viable theory for life’s origins was streamed live on the Internet, and as Nye performed in unfriendly territory, the event spurred its own debate as to the wisdom of taking part in such an exercise. To respond to the deluge of questions, Bill Nye chose Skeptical Inquirer magazine to explain his reasoning. “I held strongly to the view that it was an opportunity to expose the well-intending Ken Ham and the support he receives from his followers as being bad for Kentucky, bad for science education, bad for the U.S., and thereby bad for humankind,” wrote Nye. The national media took note, with coverage in the Associated Press, Huffington Post, Salon, and many other outlets.

The Committee for Skeptical Inquiry struck a major blow for accuracy in the coverage of climate change, as 48 Fellows of CSI, including Bill Nye, Ann Druyan, and Lawrence Krauss signed on to a statement drafted by Mark Boslough urging the news media to stop referring to those who refuse to accept the reality of climate change as “skeptics” and instead call them what they are: “science deniers.” A great national conversation began, with coverage of the debate in outlets that included the New York Times, Ars Technica, and even checked in with Sen. Inhofe himself for his reaction.

The statement did not go uncriticized, with swipes taken by Forbes, Newsmax, and Salon, but the most coverage was positive and helped to move the conversation forward. Another key moment in the movement was the release of the video of Bill Nye’s response to the deluge of questions, Bill Nye chose to add his signatures.

The statement was signed by 48 Fellows of CSI. The full list of signatories is available at www.csicop.org/news/show/deniers_not_skeptics. The statement and full list of signatories and their affiliations are also available online at www.csicop.org/news/show/deniers_are_not_skeptics.

Engaging the public and driving conversation with compelling and vital ideas.
journalists to understand the key differences between skeptics, who value science and reason, and those who ideologically deny the facts in front of them.

As the year drew to a close, entertainment behemoth Sony Pictures was cowed into withholding the release of its film *The Interview*, a satire starring James Franco and Seth Rogan premised on an attempted assassination of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. Shadowy threats over the film made some theater managers fear for their safety, prompting Sony to cancel all viewings of the film, in any format, indefinitely. With free expression now threatened by the allegedly hurt feelings of unknown figures, Ron Lindsay made a public offer to Sony Pictures to screen *The Interview* at CFI headquarters in Amherst. The Associated Press picked up the story, adding it to coverage of President Barack Obama’s statements of disapproval of Sony’s self-censorship, and Lindsay gave interviews to Buffalo television and radio news, as did CFI’s Paul Fidalgo. Eventually, Sony would recant and allow the film to be shown.

Ron Lindsay continued to make frequent appearances on *HuffPost Live* and have his articles featured at *Huffington Post*, and he gave two long-form interviews to *WXXI’s Connections*. Investigator Joe Nickell was regularly cited as perhaps the world’s leading source for the skeptical perspective on paranormal questions on outlets from CNN to the *New York Times*. Our vast array of work and activities led to media appearances by several members of CFI’s national and local staff in outlets such as the *Washington Post*, *New York Times*, *Wall Street Journal*, *Los Angeles Times*, *National Journal*, *Associated Press*, *USA Today*, *CNN.com*, *BBC News*, *Fox News*, *Business Insider*, *Slate*, *Salon*, *The Hill*, *ThinkProgress*, *Stars and Stripes*, *Vox.com*, *VICE*, *Ars Technica*, *Grist*, and so many others, along with several appearances on local television and radio news programs across the country.
2014 saw the highly anticipated release of CFI President and CEO Ron Lindsay’s latest book, *The Necessity of Secularism: Why God Can’t Tell Us What to Do*. With clarity and concision, Lindsay makes the persuasive case that secularism should be embraced by all, both nonreligious and religious, as it is an essential requirement for a free and democratic civilization.

Journalists Josh Zepps and Lindsay Beyerstein signed on as cohosts of the rebooted *Point of Inquiry* podcast near the end of 2013, and in 2014 they were firing on all cylinders, and the show was named by *Business Insider* as one of the “Top 10 Podcasts That Make You Smarter,” alongside shows such as *This American Life* and *Radiolab*. They tackled every hot-button issue in the headlines, as well as those lurking just beneath the media’s radar: Ebola, ISIS, abortion rights, airplane disasters, capital punishment, terrorism, and even the thinking that goes behind Fox News. Week after week, they interviewed a plethora of fascinating guests from the worlds of science, politics, philosophy, law, and even comedy, including Sam Harris, Ann Druyan, Barbara Ehrenreich, Katha Pollitt, Janet Mock, Dahlia Lithwick, Paul Offit, Howard Fineman, Montel Williams, the Amazing Randi, and many others. The team was joined by new producer Nora Hurley, improving the show’s behind-the-scenes work and further raising the show’s overall quality. Stay tuned, as CFI’s flagship podcast is set to get even better in 2015.

Reaching across the pond, CFI brought Stephen Law to the Free Thinking blog to bring his signature insight to the organization’s main website. Provost of CFI’s UK branch, as well as an accomplished humanist philosopher, author, and lecturer, Law presents a voice of both deep contemplation and engaging wit. Dubbed *The Outer Limits*, his blog takes on arguments over free expression, morality, and facts and fictions surrounding the way we talk about religion.

CFI’s national leadership team was bolstered in 2014 with the addition of Martina Fern, the new Director of Development. She brings with her experience in international business and nonprofits, as well as a passion for CFI’s mission. CFI’s Board of Directors was joined by Dr. Hector Sierra, a renowned economist and expert in global development formerly of the World Bank, who has sought to bring critical thinking to bear on the complex problems facing developing economies around the world. The Outreach team in Amherst, meanwhile, brought on board a new—and yet familiar—Campus and Community Organizer in the person of Stef McGraw. Stef had been among CFI’s most remarkable outreach interns, and as a student successfully led the University of Northern Iowa Freethinkers and Inquirers (UNIFI) to greatness. Now she brings those skills to CFI full time.
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