

California's 23rd Annual
Freethought Day



NOT **THEOCRACY**

October 6, 2024

California State Capitol

FreethoughtDay.org

Our Theme

In our twenty-third year, we take a **united stand** against theocracy and bigotry.

We've had enough of **voter disenfranchisement**. We are done with **tax exemptions** for clergy. We're saying goodbye to **vouchers** that syphon money from public education and we're kicking **gerrymandered districts** to the curb. We are so finished with **book bans**. We're saying "Bye Felicia" to the bigots and haters who are more afraid of drag shows than **school shootings**. We are well past the **naysayers** of climate change and evolutionary theory. And we've moved on with the people who want to tell us what we can and can't do **with our own bodies**.

Their idea of "religious freedom" is quite clearly the freedom to practice only *their* religion – it's a theocracy that we will not allow to advance.

As a secular community, if there's one thing we can **worship**, let it be the common good. If there's a **creed** we follow, it's that *every* person's vote is precious and of equal weight. Our **gospel**? The voice of the people. And our **sacred ritual**? Casting our vote.

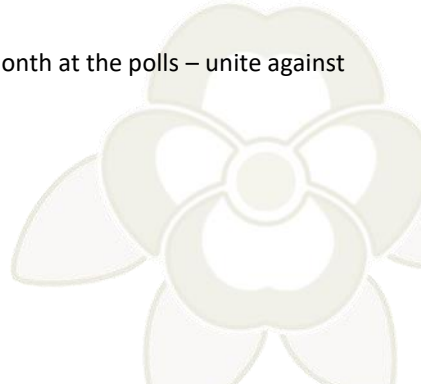
If we have a **savior**, it's not found in any tome, temple, or church — it's in **democracy**.

The **core values** of California Freethought Day are to celebrate secular rights, civic engagement, scientific achievement, social justice, and the freedom of speech and thought.

But never in our twenty-three years have these values been as **threatened** as they are right now.

And so, **let us unite** – today at the Capitol and next month at the polls – unite against theocracy and religious bigotry.

David Diskin, President



The History of Freethought Day

Freethought Day dates back to 1692, during the time of the Salem Witch Trials. Massachusetts Governor William Phips, on October 12, wrote about the quagmire that the trials had become – in part by a reliance on “evidence” of a non-objective nature and especially “spectral evidence” in which the accusers claimed to see devils and other phantasms consorting with the accused.

This year marks the 332nd celebration of Freethought Day, and the 23rd celebration of California Freethought Day.



The Freethought Day Board and Committee

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*Our thanks go out to every volunteer, speaker, donor, sponsor, and past committee member... especially our founders, **Mynga Futrell** and the late **Jerry Sloan**.*

-The CFD Planning Committee



The first Freethought Day at the Sacramento County Courthouse Plaza in 2002.

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**Mandate for
Leadership**
The Conservative Promise

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Foreword by Kevin Roberts, PhD
Edited by Paul Dana and Steven Groves

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Speakers



Fish Stark

Fish is an organizer, educator, social entrepreneur, and, prior to joining the AHA as Executive Director, served as the Director of Programs at Peace First, a global nonprofit that provides training and funding to youth social justice activists.

A self-proclaimed developmental psychology nerd who is passionate about giving everyone the tools to live lives of meaning, service, and self-determination, Fish holds a Master's in Education with a concentration in child development and psychology from Harvard University, and a Bachelor's from Yale University with a certificate in Education Studies.

Learn more about the AHA at americanhumanist.org, on Instagram and Facebook (@americanhumanist) and X (@americnhumanist).



Dr. Anthony Pinn

Anthony received his BA from Columbia University and PhD in the study of religion from Harvard University. He is currently the Agnes Cullen Arnold Distinguished Professor of Humanities and professor of religion at Rice University.

Anthony is the founding director of the Center for Engaged Research and Collaborative Learning also at Rice University. In addition, he is Director of Research for the Institute for Humanist Studies – a Washington, DC-based think tank. Pinn's research interests include humanism and hip hop culture.

He is the author/editor of over 35 books.

Follow Anthony on Twitter/X (@anthony_pinn) and Facebook (@anthonypinn).

Speakers (continued)



Ricky Brock

Ricky, better known as "CaptainDadPool", is an Army veteran, Stay-at-home Dad, and former evangelical Christian who became an Atheist after graduating from Bible college.

Now he creates content, primarily on TikTok, that aims to educate the public on Biblical and early Church history, as well as offer advice on deconstructing from religion, healing from religious trauma, and a variety of other topics.

Ricky also conducts live interviews with scholars, authors, and experts in various fields on YouTube to promote public awareness to modern scholarly discourse.

Follow Ricky through his Beacons links (<https://beacons.ai/captaindadpool>).

Rob Boston

Rob is Senior Adviser at Americans United for Separation of Church and State (AU). He is also the chief writer for AU's "Wall of Separation" blog.

Rob, who has worked at AU since 1987, is the author of four books and has appeared in three documentaries: "We Believe in Dinosaurs," (2019), "American Heretics" (2019) and "God & Country" (2024).

Learn more about AU at au.org and follow them on Instagram (@americansunited), TikTok (@au.org), and YouTube (@audotorg). You can also follow Rob on Twitter/X (@RobBoston1) and Facebook (@rob.boston).



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Please donate and join us in
FIGHTING FOR THE FREEDOMS WE DEFEND



Speakers (continued)



Jason Torpy

Since enlisting in 1994, Jason has been active with the nontheist community. He has addressed issues of separation of church and state and equal opportunity for nontheistic service members through training and while deployed.

His education includes a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Management from West Point and a Masters Degree in Business Administration from The Ohio State University.

Jason has served on the boards of the Secular Coalition for America, the American Humanist Association, the Humanist Society and other movement organizations.

Learn more about MAAF at militaryatheists.org and on YouTube (@militaryatheists) and Facebook (@maafofficial).



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The screenshot shows the NaturalView website with a navigation menu (Home, Topics, Quotes, Science, Faith, Profiles, Reflections) and a featured quote by Sam Harris: "Morality and values depend on the existence of conscious minds - and specifically on the fact that such minds can experience various forms of well-being and suffering in this universe". Below the quote is a section titled "Look at These YouTubers!" featuring a grid of 11 small video thumbnails.



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Awardees



Susan Talamantes Eggman

Susan represents California's 5th Senate District (the Central Valley). With a background as a social worker, educator, and military veteran, Susan has used her diverse experience to be a leading voice in healthcare reform.

Among the secular community, Susan may best be known for authoring California's End of Life Option Act, which allows for terminally ill patients to seek medical aid in dying.

She's also been a vocal advocate for LGBTQ+ rights, authoring AB 960 and AB 2719.

Her support for SB 379 ensured that California's public schools include accurate scientific content and AB 1506 mandated police shootings of unarmed civilians be investigated.



James Underdown

James has been the Executive Director of the Center for Inquiry-West in Los Angeles since 1999. He has written for both *Skeptical Inquirer* and *Free Inquiry* magazines, and is Founder and Chair of the Center for Inquiry Investigations Group (founded 2000), the U.S.'s premiere paranormal investigation team.

He is the host of *Point of Inquiry*, CFI's flagship podcast, and *SkeptiLab: The Bunk Stops Here!*, a web series debunking paranormal claims. James also writes two blogs for the CFI main website – *Ask the Atheist* and *Hollywood Reality Check*.

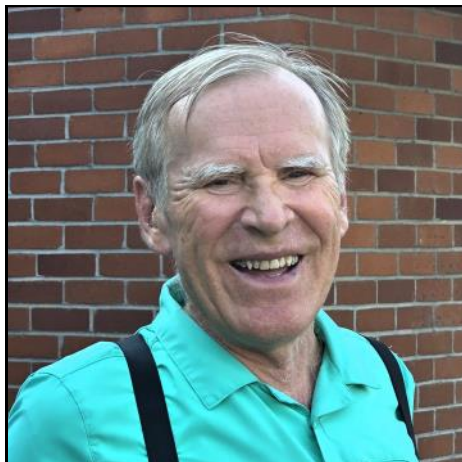
He is a spokesperson for the Committee for Scientific Investigation (CSI), and has appeared on many television shows.

Awardees (continued)



Laura Heywood

Laura has organized with Sunday Assembly since 2014 and is the Treasurer and a board member for both Sunday Assembly San Diego and Sunday Assembly USA.



Don Knutson

Born in Alaska to a military family as a career, Don grew up during the Civil Rights era and studied communal living, learning that competition shouldn't be the essence of life. Don has participated and organized many local volunteer events.



Denounce Project 2025

On Independence Day, we launched an online petition through Change.Org to increase awareness of the horrible legislative “mandate”, Project 2025.

At the time of printing, it has received **7,300 names**.

Shortly after today’s event, we will be printing our letter and mailing it to **every elected official** in California, from

school boards to the Governor, asking them to publicly denounce Project 2025.

Add your name to the list by scanning the QR code above, or by visiting:

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Then share the petition with your friends before it’s closed on October 13, 2024.

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To win, collect stickers from participating groups. Fill up all the spots below and take our survey, then rip this page out and turn it in to our Registration area **before 4:00 PM.**

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What was the best part about today?

How can we make next year even better?

Your Age?

How'd you hear about today?

ZIP Code?

Place organizations' stickers here:

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Authors and Podcasters



Thomas Smith

Thomas began podcasting in 2010 with a quest to read the entire bible while providing critical commentary and humor along the way. That project soon led to many others.

Serious Inquiries Only is a show about science, philosophy, politics and skepticism. Opening Arguments, with co-host Matt Cameron, is a legal podcast that takes complex legal issues in the news and breaks them down in an accessible and entertaining way. Dear Old Dads, with Eli Bosnick and Tom Curry, is a parenting podcast that deconstructs everything Dad. Where There's Woke, with Lydia Smith, debunks all of the "woke" controversies that folks like Fox News use to inflame the "cultrue wars".

Follow Thomas on Instagram and Twitter (@seriouspod) and visit his website (seriouspod.com).



Elbe Spurling

Elbe is an accomplished artist and author, with 18 titles in print that have been translated into 9 languages around the world. Her art has appeared in magazines such as Time, People, Rolling Stone, and Entertainment Weekly. She is best known for The Brick Bible project in which she spent 12 years illustrating the entire Bible in LEGO bricks, from the Garden of Eden to the Book of Revelation.

An atheist herself, Spurling has long been fascinated by religion and Christianity in particular. Her many years of research in this subject have led to her latest work, Salvation: From Ancient Judaism to Christianity Without a Historical Jesus, a richly illustrated new ebook that is a history book like no other.

Visit Elbe's website (elbespurling.com) or follow her on Facebook (@ElbeSpurling).



Authors and Podcasters (con



Kavin Senapathy

Kavin Senapathy is an award-winning science journalist and author of *The Progressive Parent: Harnessing the Power of Science and Social Justice to Raise Awesome Kids* (HarperCollins/Hanover Square).

Kavin's writing appears in SciShow, Slate, Scientific American, SELF, The Daily Beast, Salon, Forbes, and more. Kavin's work delves into a slew of seemingly disparate but interconnected beats, from genomics to biological essentialism and racism in society and in medicine to the inner workings of autoimmune disease to why parents probably shouldn't take their infant to a chiropractor.

Learn more on Kavin's website (kavinsenapathy.com) or follow them on Twitter/X (@ksenapathy), Instagram (@kavinsenapathy), and Facebook (@ksenapathy).



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Lydia Smith

Lydia is new to the full-time content creation scene, though tangentially involved with podcastiverse for over a decade, including voiceover work for shows including Dear Old Dads.

Now as co-host for Where There's Woke, Lydia tackles "woke" controversies alongside Thomas and debunks them to find the truth obscured by hyperbole and misinformation.

Prior to this career change, Lydia was a dedicated civil servant with an education in Experimental Psychology. She utilizes her skills in research, statistics, and communication in her new role on the Serious Pod team with on-air and production duties.

Follow Lydia on her Patreon (patreon.com/wherethereswoke) and on Instagram (@seriouslydiaonly).



Rachel Klinger Cain

Rachel is an award-winning teacher, storyteller, and activist whose work has been featured on The Moth, OnlySky Media, NowThis, and more.

With a background in public media and in public schools, Rachel blends her expertise in trauma-informed education with storytelling.

Born into an evangelical household and Christian schools, Rachel was raised to be a soldier in "God's Army," and trained in theology, rhetoric, and apologetics. After deconstructing her own faith, she now uses her insider understanding of fundamentalism to help others navigate their journeys.

Rachael is currently writing a memoir about growing up in America's "Bible Bra".

Learn more on Rachel's website (iblamebill.com) or follow her on Twitter/X, TikTok, YouTube, and Instagram (@iblamebill).

Entertainment



Julia B. Levine

Julia has published five full-length collections of poetry. She has won many awards, including the 2015 Northern California Book Award in Poetry for her fourth collection, *Small Disasters Seen in Sunlight*, a 2024 Pushcart Prize, the Wolfson Poetry Prize (for a chapbook forthcoming in 2025), as well as the Pablo Neruda Prize in Poetry.

Widely published and anthologized, Julia's poetry appears in *The Southern Review*, *The Missouri Review*, and *Ploughshares*, among other journals.

Currently, she is the Poet Laureate of Davis and a 2022 American Academy of Poetry Poet Laureate Fellow for her work in building resiliency in teenagers related to climate change through poetry, science, and technology.

She holds a Ph.D. from U.C. Berkeley in Clinical Psychology and an MFA from Pacific University in Oregon.

Visit Julia's website (sites.google.com/view/juliablevine).



eggcorn

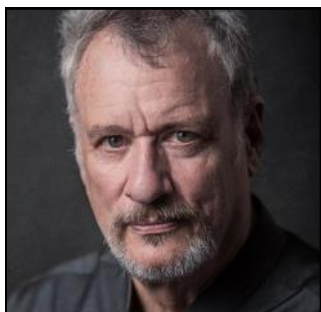
eggcorn, the moniker of Bay Area singer-songwriter Lara Hoffman, refers to a word or phrase that sounds like and is mistook for another word or phrase.

On eggcorn's debut album, *Your Own True Love* (2022), Lara launched her introspective and deft songwriting into an intergalactic soundscape with indie rock, folktronica, and art pop influences. Recording in bed, Lara sang and scribbled over her miniature keyboard or guitar, gradually layering synths, beats, syncopated vocals, fuzz bass, and sentimental samples that constellate YOTL's darkly romantic and playful cosmos.

Since its release, she assembled her band, swapping synths and programmed beats for orchestral strings and live drums. eggcorn has steadily been recording solo and full-band repertoire, and mixing with Maryam Qudus.

Learn more about eggcorn at eggcorn.info/music or follow via Instagram, YouTube, and Facebook (@justeggcorn).

The Dover Panda Trial



On Friday, October 4, we produced a performance of The Dover Panda Trial. The radio play was written by **John de Lancie** and **Kristen Tregar** and was performed by an outstanding cast of fifteen others.

The play is taken from the transcripts of *Kitzmiller v. Dover* (2005), a federal case that challenged a Creationist text book which elected officials used to replace a scientifically accurate book on evolution.

We would like to express our thanks to the cast and crew of the performance, especially John and Kristin, and to NCSE, AU, and the ACLU for successfully arguing the case and allowing science to prevail in the classroom.

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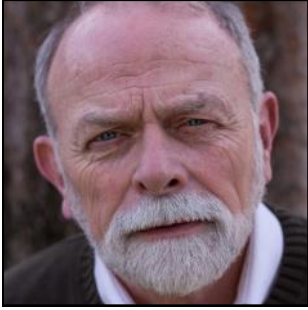
Summer 2025 registration is opening soon, space is limited!



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learn more at www.campomni.org

Entertainment (Continued)



Sean O'Brien

Sean has for many years been performing, directing and teaching the art of acting in professional, community and educational theaters across the country.

Upon retiring from teaching, he began Every Corner Productions which boasts two one-man shows: "The Portable Poe Show" in which Sean performs dramatizations of Poe's poetry and short stories, and

"Bob: The Words of Col. Robert Green Ingersoll" which is a composite of passages taken from Ingersoll's most memorable speeches.



Andy Swan

It all began when Andy's oldest brother, George, taught him how to juggle back in 1966. At first Andy would visit the circuses just to see the jugglers, but once he saw what else the circus had to offer he fell in love. After high school he went off to join the DeWayne Bros. Circus in Oregon. During his year with them he learned just about everything there was to learn about circus life.

Learn more about Andy from his website (sbcircus.com).



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— James A. Baldwin

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— Frederick Douglass

"Mama...it's all a matter of ideas and God is just one idea I don't accept...I get so tired of Him getting credit for all the things the human race achieves through its own stubborn effort."

—From "A Raisin in the Sun," by Lorraine Hansberry

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Our Policies and Code of Conduct

The California Freethought Day Committee is dedicated to providing a harassment-free experience for everyone, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, or religion.

We expect all participants to follow this code of conduct at Freethought Day and all related, in-person events:

- **Alcohol is not permitted** at the event, unless otherwise stated, at any time and anyone exhibiting inebriation will be immediately removed from the event.
- **Smoking and vaping are prohibited** within 50 feet of all venues.
- **Weapons of any kind are prohibited**, regardless of lawful status, with the exception of active law enforcement officers.
- **Ask for consent** before all inter-personal contact, respecting those who do not like to be touched and their personal space.
- To avoid distractions, mobile devices should be **set to silent** during any presentation.
- Refrain from wearing **heavy fragrances** – including perfume, cologne, and scented shampoo – which can cause allergic reactions to other attendees.
- Understand that **seating marked "Reserved"** (or other similar markings) is for specific attendees, those with vision or hearing impairments, and those with mobility accommodation needs.
- The speakers and entertainers, unless otherwise stated during their performance, provide consent to attendees to take **photographs and recordings** (video and audio) of their performance. Outside of their performance, understand that they may not necessarily wish to pose for photographs, provide an autograph, or be interviewed.

Further, events that are in-person or online are also subject to these restrictions:

- Exhibitions of racism, sexism, homophobia, transphobia, and stereotyping are prohibited.

Zero Tolerance

The Freethought Day Committee will not tolerate harassment of the public, attendees, speakers, exhibitors, volunteers, or staff in any form. Harassment includes offensive verbal comments related to gender, sexual orientation, disability, physical appearance, body size, race, religion, sexual images in public spaces, deliberate intimidation, stalking, following, harassing photography or recording, sustained disruption, inappropriate physical contact, and unwelcome sexual attention.

Those asked to stop any harassing behavior are expected to comply immediately. Event participants violating this policy will be expelled from the event (without a refund) at the discretion of the Freethought Day Committee.

Reporting Harassment

If you are being harassed, notice that someone else is being harassed, or have any other concerns, please contact a member of the Freethought Day Committee immediately. Committee members can be identified wearing a special "Committee" event button, and usually found at the Registration area or the Volunteer Hospitality area.

Alternatively, you may anonymously report an incident online.

Local law enforcement and other emergency services can be reached by dialing 9-1-1.

The non-emergency number for Sacramento police is 916-264-5471.

For confidential sexual violence assistance, contact WEAVE's 24-Hour Support and Information Line toll free at 866-920-2952.

If requested, committee members will help victims of harassment contact local law enforcement, provide escorts, arrange for a taxi or lodging, or otherwise assist those experiencing harassment to feel safe for the duration of the event.

A Note to Families

The committee welcomes families with children and expects all attendees to treat these families with courtesy and respect.

Parents or guardians bringing children are responsible for the children's behavior.

Parents or guardians should be aware that not all language may be suitable for children.

Further, photographs and video may be taken of your family for publicity purposes. Learn more.

Your Privacy

The California Freethought Day Committee is committed to protecting your privacy.

Information Collection

Should you decide to register, you will be asked to provide your name, contact information, and possibly your billing information. When you submit a credit card payment request, you are giving us permission to submit information necessary to complete the transaction to our credit card processing vendor. We do not give, share, sell or transfer any personal information to a third party without permission from you. We do not store credit card numbers in our databases.

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When you provide it, this website collects your email address for the purpose of sending you registration confirmation and other information about California Freethought Day, as well as announcements about future events hosted by the Sacramento Area Coalition of Reason.

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Attendees of Freethought Day (and related events) provide their consent to the California Freethought Day Committee to have their picture taken or be included in audio/video recordings of the event. These media (including pictures, audio, and video) may be used in multiple forms of promotion (including the web, social networking, print, and television). Attendees waive any and all rights to review or approve any use of this content, and expect no compensation.

Attendees who have brought guests under the age of 18 to Freethought Day are agreeing to these terms on behalf of their underage guests.

The Freethought Day Committee will consider requests by attendees to not have their photograph taken, and to have photographs of them removed from social media websites upon request.

If you have any questions, please contact the California Freethought Day Committee.



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For their in-kind support of Freethought Day, we would like to especially thank:

- **Paul Wiren** for the design of our theme and t-shirt,
- **Scholarship Impact** for their help launching our Essay Contest,
- **Mynga Futrell** for funding the reprint of several Freethought Gallery posters,
- **John de Lancie, Kristen Tregar**, and the cast and crew of The Dover Panda Trial,
- **Panera Bread** and the **Larkspur Landing** for their discounted food and lodging,
- **Sacramento's Big Day of Giving** for supporting non-profits like ours, and
- **The Reason Center** for hosting our Fundraiser Reception.

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An extremely generous supporter has, again, donated over \$10,000 which has allowed us to make this year even more special and funded much of our scholarship program.

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Event Schedule

All times are approximate.

- 11:00 **Registration Opens**
Visit with community tables, special exhibits,
and our sponsors.
- Noon **Livestream Begins**
Welcome by **Ricky Brock**
- 12:10 Opening Remarks by **David Diskin**
- 12:15 Reading by **Julia B. Levine**
- 12:25 Recognition of **Sen. Susan Eggman**
- 12:30 **Dr. Anthony Pinn**
- 12:55 *Break*
- 1:10 **Authors' and Podcasters' Panel**
Thomas Smith, Elbe Spurling, Kavin Senapathy,
Lydia Smith, and Rachel Klinger Cain
- 1:50 **Scholarship Winners**
- 2:05 **Sean O'Brien**
- 2:20 *Break*
- 2:40 **eggcorn**
- 3:10 **Community Panel**
- 3:20 **Community Awards**
Don Knutson, Laura Heywood, and
James Underdown
- 3:35 *Break*
- 3:50 **Group Photo**
- 3:55 **Rob Boston**
- 4:20 **Freethought Day Committee**
- 4:35 **Jason Torpy**
- 4:55 **Fish Stark**
- 5:15 **Closing Words**

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