








2019

Reason and science
for a better, brighter world.

-  CFI challenged the world's largest retailer on homeopathic fake medicine
-  TIES trained science teachers in its 50th state
-  The Translations Project produced 15 books in four languages
-  Secular Rescue handled 170 cases of atheists in danger around the world
-  CFI West opened with the Carl Sagan & Ann Druyan Theater

A Message from the President and CEO

In 2018, the Center for Inquiry board of directors set the organization on a new course with a strategic plan that would bring us into the next decade. It's a plan we put into operation in 2019 to great effect.

During that strategic planning process, the board clarified that CFI's vision is "A world where people value evidence and critical thinking, where superstition and prejudice subside, and where science and compassion guide public policy."

How would we realize this vision? One way would be by fostering a welcoming, worldwide community of evidence-based thinkers and by providing resources in education, publishing, engagement, and advocacy to promote critical thinking.

Moving forward, CFI would unify the organization's culture around this common idea: CFI stands against magical thinking in all its guises.

The Center for Inquiry always had been a kind of umbrella organization with many active subparts, most notably the Council for Secular Humanism, the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry, and the Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason & Science. There has always been a divide—sometimes subtle and sometimes not—between the people who cared about church-state separation and the rights of atheists and the people who cared about scientific skepticism and challenging pseudoscience.

But the board rightly saw CFI as a unifying force for evidence-based thinking. What does atheism have in common with rejection of psychic power, astrology, and alternative medicine such as homeopathy? The same tools of reasoning are used to evaluate the underlying claims of each. Atheism, the rejection

of a god belief, is a natural outgrowth of skepticism applied to religious claims.

CFI's challenge in 2019 was to be the go-to organization for this way of thinking.

Our work building a strong, worldwide community of evidence-based thinkers resulted in a complete reimagining of our digital presence. Last year, with an expert web team, CFI remade our websites to be engaging, easy to use, and mobile compatible. Decades of humanist writings and reports on investigations into supernatural claims are now instantly available along with real-time information on CFI's activism.

CFI's on-the-ground branches also provided a much needed physical community for people to come together to enjoy intellectual programming, reason-and-science activism, and socializing.

In the legal arena, we stood up for consumers against medical quackery, represented the nonreligious who would like to solemnize marriages, and filed briefs on church-state separation whenever the issue arose at the U.S. Supreme Court.

In state legislatures around the country, we challenged dangerous and absurd exemptions to childhood vaccinations, stood against credentialing fake doctors called naturopaths, and pushed back against the religious Right's onslaught called Project Blitz.

In education, our flagship magazines, *Free Inquiry* and *Skeptical Inquirer*, continued to set the gold standard for deep dives into secular humanism and scientific skepticism. And in 2019, the Teacher Institute for Evolutionary Science (TIES) met a landmark goal by having presented workshops in all fifty states, teaching middle school science teachers how to

teach evolution.

Meanwhile, CFI's work overseas has never been more impactful. Secular Rescue assisted dozens of atheist activists in countries that make it dangerous for them to be one of us.

We appeared regularly before the United Nations Human Rights Council in Geneva to speak out against blasphemy and apostasy laws that stifle free speech and freedom of conscience. And, to spread the gospel of reason and science to places where those ideas are anathema, we professionally translated five of Richard Dawkins's books, including *The God Delusion*, into Arabic, Urdu, Indonesian, and Farsi and made them available as free downloads.

I hope you find the pages of this report inspiring. We had an incredible year of accomplishment thanks to our supporters—meaning thanks to you.

Sincerely,



Fighting Junk Science

There is no other organization doing more to challenge dangerous fake medicine, pseudoscience, and conspiracy theories —and those who profit from them.



Taking on Walmart over Homeopathic Fake Medicine

To protect the health of consumers and expose the fraud of homeopathy, CFI took on the largest retailer in the world, Walmart, filing an audacious lawsuit against the corporate behemoth over its sale and marketing of homeopathic fake medicine. CFI also continued to advance a similar lawsuit against CVS, the nation's largest drug retailer, which was filed in 2018.

Claiming to care about their customers' health and wellbeing, these megaretailers showcase useless homeopathic products right alongside real, evidence-based medicines on store shelves and online, making no distinction between them. They know homeopathic products do not and cannot work, but they happily sell them to people looking for remedies when they or their children are sick. Our historic lawsuits aim to put a stop to the deception and make retailers tell the truth to consumers: homeopathy is fake medicine.

Fast Company magazine broke the story of our lawsuit with a special feature, which was followed by coverage from outlets such as NPR *Weekend Edition* and CBSNews.com.

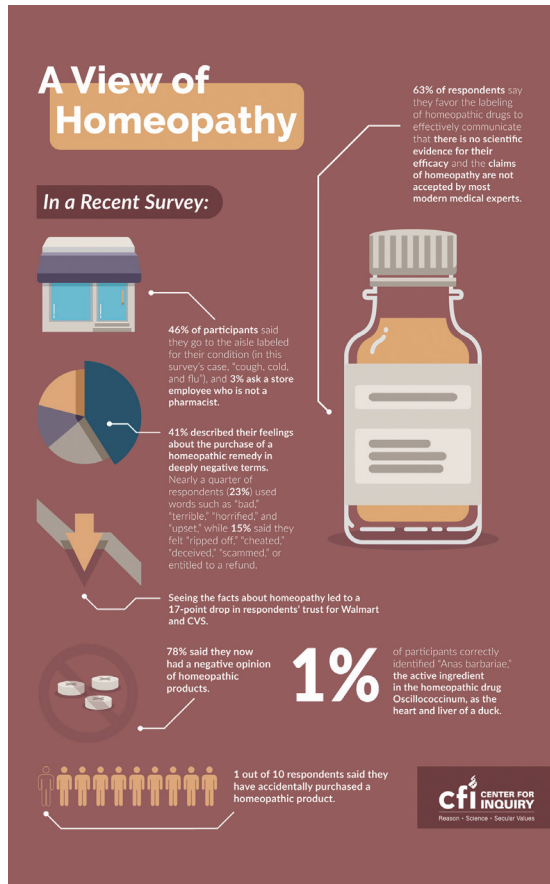
CFI Survey: Americans Feel Scammed by Homeopathy

CFI commissioned a groundbreaking survey on Americans' attitudes and understanding about homeopathy, finding that when presented with the facts about the pseudoscience, consumers lose significant trust in the retailers that sell homeopathic products, with many responding with words such as *horrified*, *upset*, *deceived*, and *cheated* to describe their feelings.

Most importantly: A large majority of respondents favored the labeling of homeopathic drugs to effectively communicate that there is no scientific evidence for their efficacy. The survey was carried out by Lake Research Partners and generously supported by the Stiefel Freethought Foundation.



CFI Vice President and Legal Counsel Nick Little



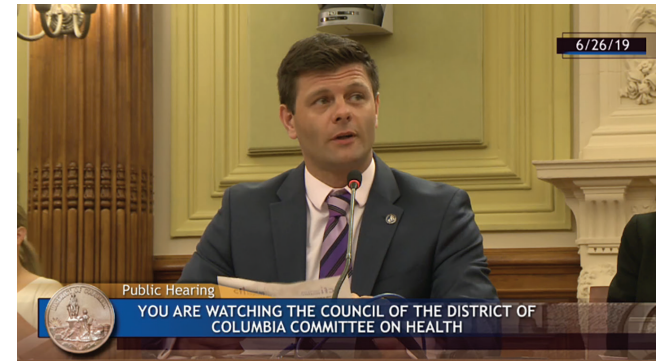
Confronting Quacks and Anti-Vaxxers

As measles outbreaks continued to plague communities across the country, anti-vaxxer hysteria was at a fever pitch. CFI rallied grassroots support for state-level efforts to end religious and other nonmedical exemptions to mandatory vaccinations, with CFI supporters across the nation answering the call to contact their legislators and urge them to stand up for public health over religious privilege and conspiracy theories.

Of course, the best way to have an impact is to show up, and that's why CFI staffers and affiliated experts testified directly before lawmakers to support public health measures and counter anti-vaxxer misinformation, with Dr. Abby Hafer in Massachusetts, CFI Communications Director Paul Fidalgo in Maine, and CFI Director of Government Affairs Jason Lemieux in the District of Columbia.

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CFI also lobbied against state laws in Michigan and New Mexico granting medical authority to naturopaths—medically unqualified practitioners of pseudoscientific treatments. CFI Michigan Executive Director Jennifer Beahan gave testimony to the Michigan House of Representatives, urging them to reject a bill to grant licensure to acupuncturists, which would thereby legitimize a veritable grab bag of quackery.



CFI Director of Government Affairs Jason Lemieux speaking at a public hearing in Washington, D.C.



CFI Michigan Executive Director Jennifer Beahan giving testimony to the Michigan House of Representatives.



CFI Investigations Group vs. the Flat Earthers

The Center for Inquiry Investigations Group, based at CFI West, tests extraordinary claims of pseudoscience and the paranormal, offering a \$250,000 prize to anyone able to prove paranormal ability under mutually agreed upon test conditions.

After being featured on National Geographic television to perform an experiment on the Salton Sea debunking the notion that the earth is flat, the popular YouTube series *Middle Ground* by Jubilee invited the group's director, Jim Underdown, to make the case for reality, refuting the claims of flat earthers in an episode with almost 8.5 million views.

The CFI Investigations Group was also at the center of an episode of *Backstory* for WGN TV, showing just how they test the claims of those who believe they possess paranormal powers.

WEB STATS



445

Online Articles Published



28

Web Contributors



4,500,000+

CFI Websites 2019 Total Pageviews
380,000+ Average Monthly Pageviews



1,450,000+

RDFS Website 2019 Total Pageviews
121,500+ Average Monthly Pageviews



6,000,000+

Total Organization Pageviews in 2019

Defending Atheists

CFI has a direct impact on the lives of persecuted nonbelievers around the world and fervently represents the interests of the rapidly rising population of nonreligious Americans.



Feeding a Hunger for Knowledge: The Translations Project

In a major initiative to share the wonders of science and reason in parts of the world where such resources are in short supply, in 2019 CFI formally launched the Translations Project, providing free, professionally translated editions of books by evolutionary biologist and CFI board member Richard Dawkins to readers in Muslim-majority countries.

With the contributions of fifteen different translators, the Translations Project has now published fourteen translations of the books *River out of Eden*, *The God Delusion*, *The Greatest Show on Earth*, *The Magic of Reality*, and *The Blind Watchmaker* into languages such as Arabic, Urdu, Farsi, and Indonesian, with all of them available to download in multiple formats free of charge. The project's launch was covered by the *Washington Post*.

Even more will be published in 2020, including new titles such as Dawkins's *Outgrowing God* and *The Four Horsemen*, the transcript of the pivotal 2007 conversation between Dawkins, Daniel Dennett, Sam Harris, and the late Christopher Hitchens.



12,792

Translations Project books downloaded

“The Translations Project is ... dear to my heart. ... We’re hoping we can use the internet to educate people in countries like Pakistan where their education system is wholly Islam-dominated, get in there and teach them about science and atheism.”

—Richard Dawkins on the *Armchair Expert with Dax Shepard* podcast

Secular Rescue: Freethought's Lifeline

Five years after Islamist militants brutally murdered our friend and ally Avijit Roy in the streets of Dhaka, freethinking writers and activists still find themselves targeted for violence and death in countries such as Bangladesh, Saudi Arabia, and Iraq. For many of those courageous freethinkers, persecuted and terrorized for blasphemy and apostasy, CFI's Secular Rescue program is their lifeline.

In 2019, we heard from some of those who were able to find safety and the freedom to continue their work and their lives thanks to the help of Secular Rescue. You can read their inspiring stories at the new Secular Rescue website at secular-rescue.org.

Alive, Safe, and Free: Stories of Secular Rescue in 2019

“Durba Zahan” (Bangladesh): Durba lost her father to extremist violence in 2018 and told us: “If CFI hadn't helped me, I don't know what would have happened to me. Now I'm safe here, writing to you because of Secular Rescue.”

Nur E Emroz Alam, a.k.a. “Tonoy” (Bangladesh): “We're fighting against threats, violence, and killings by the religious hard right, as well as sanctions and injustice by the state,” said Tonoy, a noted columnist from Bangladesh. “CFI has proven itself as a trusted partner of the Bangladeshi writers in this fight.”

Mohamed Salih Aldsogi (Sudan): Secular Rescue connected Salih with CFI Kenya, where he now helps supervise programs, coordinate the university office, and visits with the children of the Humanist Orphans program.

“Ali” (Tunisia): A “reluctant activist” who did not seek to become an “atheist leader,” Ali now tells us that he is full of hope, gaining confidence in himself and his right to live a free, secular life.



32

People directly assisted by Secular Rescue in 2019



170

Cases handled by Secular Rescue in 2019



The World Is Watching: CFI at the UN

The Center for Inquiry has held special consultative status with the United Nations since 2005, allowing us to advance our mission on the world stage, form alliances with like-minded international organizations, deliver public addresses to an audience of diplomats and delegations, and sometimes stir up controversy when telling difficult truths.

In 2019, CFI welcomed Andreas Kyriacou, president of the Freethinkers Association of Switzerland, as our official UN Advocate. Andreas has delivered five statements before the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva on topics such as blasphemy and apostasy laws in Iran, Qatar, and Brunei and Saudi Arabia's lack of fitness for membership on the council.



Also in CFI's 2019 international work:

CFI supported the work of One Law for All and the Council of Ex-Muslims of Britain, which put on the Celebrating Dissent Festival in Amsterdam, which featured speakers such as Maryam Namazie, Annie Laurie Gayor, Ali Rizvi, and many others.

CFI Kenya, home to the Humanist Orphans Center and the Ron Lindsay Library in rural Nairobi, expanded into the city when it established an outreach office at Maseno University in Kisumu.



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Statements to the UN Human Rights Council

A Vow to Stand for Secular Celebrants

As the number of religiously unaffiliated Americans grows, so does the need for the law to recognize that the nonreligious deserve the right to have their life milestones presided over by an officiant who shares their deeply held secular values. CFI has won landmark legal victories for Secular Celebrants in Indiana and Illinois and in 2018 launched lawsuits in Michigan and Texas, seeking the right of CFI-trained and certified Secular Celebrants to solemnize marriages in those states.

While the Michigan case is ongoing, in 2019 a judge in Texas rejected CFI's case, callously asserting that Secular Celebrants are unable to treat weddings with sufficient solemnity. CFI has already begun the process of appealing the ruling, so we shall see how well that idea holds up in the Fifth Circuit in 2020. The story was covered in outlets such as the *Washington Post*, *United Press International*, and *Above the Law*.



CFI Vice President and Legal Counsel Nick Little

SOCIAL MEDIA



29,100

CFI Youtube Subscribers
1.8 million channel views



96,900

CFI & Skeptical Inquirer Twitter Followers



99,700

RDERS Twitter Followers



327,000

RDERS Youtube Subscribers
3.25 million channel views



206,000

CFI & Skeptical Inquirer Facebook Likes



1,500,000

RDERS Facebook Likes

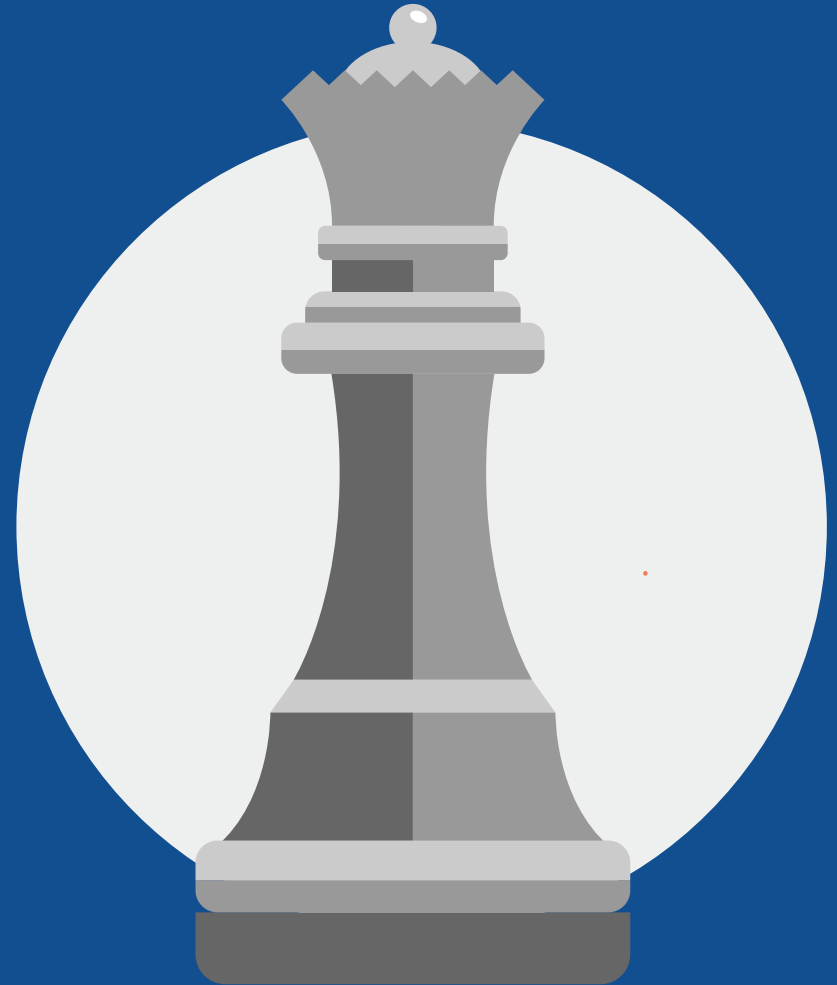


46,600

RDERS Instagram Followers

Challenging Religious Privilege

Through legislation, the courts, and grassroots activism, CFI leads the resistance against the religious Right's quest to dominate and discriminate.



Fighting on Many Fronts

From pro-discrimination “conscience rules” to calls from the president to endorse public school Bible study, 2019 saw a flood of religious incursions into public policy into the nation’s capital, statehouses, and local municipalities. CFI fought them on every front through litigation, legal briefs, direct lobbying, grassroots activism, and exposure in the media.



A Bad Deal in Memphis

When a public charter school in Memphis rented classroom space from the local Catholic diocese, teachers were expected to sign a “morality clause” forbidding them from teaching anything outside the narrow bounds of Catholic dogma. The Center for Inquiry threatened legal action, drawing the attention of media outlets throughout the region, including television news and extended coverage by the *Memphis Commercial Appeal*.



Where Bibles Don't Belong

CFI Director of Government Affairs Jason Lemiux, a Marine combat veteran, called out Veterans Affairs Secretary Robert Wilkie’s claim that Christians were being “bullied” by groups seeking to have Bibles removed from a New Hampshire VA hospital. The story was covered by the *Union Leader*. Plus, the *New York Times* highlighted CFI’s support of omitting the phrase “so help me God” from congressional oaths.





Monumental Supreme Court Cases

Often in collaboration with allies in the freethought movement, CFI authored and contributed to several amicus briefs to the Supreme Court: opposing state funding of religious private schools in *Espinoza v. Montana*; fighting draconian abortion restrictions in Louisiana with *June Medical Services LLC v. Gee*; and standing up to government endorsement of religious symbols in the infamous Bladensburg cross case, for which CFI’s Jason Lemieux and Nick Little took to the steps of the Supreme Court to eloquently champion the secular principles of the Constitution.



A Voice of Reason on Capitol Hill

CFI’s Office of Public Policy led diverse coalitions of organizations and spearheaded important initiatives to advance reason and science in the laws and regulations that affect all of us. Led by Director of Government Affairs Jason Lemieux, CFI met with every single Member of Congress newly elected in 2018 and convened a meeting between secular organizations and White House agencies to address concerns about discrimination by federally funded faith-based organizations.

Working closely with allied groups and members of the Congressional Freethought Caucus, CFI helped persuade Members of Congress to take Facebook to task over its complicity in the persecution of ex-Muslims who rely on its platform, worked for the reauthorization of the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, and saw to the inclusion of support for secular addiction recovery programs in reports to the House Appropriations Committee.

CFI Director of Government Affairs Jason Lemieux

A MEASURE OF PROGRESS



16

Bills lobbied

10 federal bills, 6 state bills



36

Action Alerts Sent



80

Meetings with Lawmakers and Federal Officials

Advancing Science and Free Inquiry

CFI promotes reason and science by connecting great minds and invaluable educational resources to inform and inspire people of all ages.





Evolution for America: A Milestone Year for TIES

This past year was an extraordinary one for the Teacher Institute for Evolutionary Science (TIES), as this beloved program became a truly national phenomenon, now having held workshops in all fifty states. Through free in-person workshops, online seminars, and a library of educational resources, TIES helps middle school science teachers across the country share the wonders of science with their students and navigate opposition to evolution education.

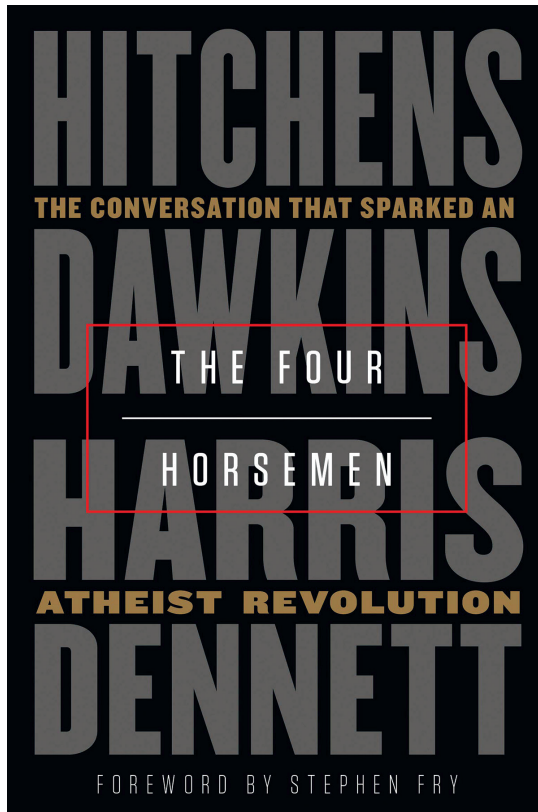
Workshops and webinars in 2019 featured several special guest experts such as Dr. Nathan Lents, author of *Human Errors: A Panorama of Our Glitches*, from *Pointless Bones to Broken Genes*; Dr. Abby Hafer, author of *The Not-So-Intelligent Designer*; and thirteen-year-old activist and author Bailey Harris, who for a limited time donated half the proceeds of sales of her *Stardust* series of children's books to TIES when bought through a special link.

And the vast trove of free TIES resources now has its own fully updated website at tieseducation.org.

The Four Horsemen Ride Again!

On September 30, 2007, the so-called “four horsemen of atheism,” Richard Dawkins, Daniel Dennett, Christopher Hitchens, and Sam Harris, gathered around a table to discuss their thoughts on religion and belief. That conversation was a watershed moment for modern atheism, and its video has been viewed millions of times.

In March of 2019, the text of what would prove to be a literally once-in-a-lifetime discussion was released as the book *The Four Horsemen: The Conversation That Sparked an Atheist Revolution*. The book included brand new essays by the surviving participants as well as a foreword by the incomparable Stephen Fry. All proceeds from the sale of *The Four Horsemen* benefit the Center for Inquiry.



Serious Fun Celebrating Skepticism at CSICon 2019

More than 650 skeptics came together for four and a half days of inspiration and insight, right in the heart of the city of illusions, at CSICon 2019. Scientists, entertainers, activists, and other leading lights of the “reality-based community” from across the country and around the world came to the Flamingo Hotel in Las Vegas to engage with hands-on workshops, fascinating talks, and some very serious fun.

The stellar lineup of speakers included actors John de Lancie and Julia Sweeney, string theory pioneer Brian Greene, ex-naturopath Britt Hermes, thirteen-year-old skeptic and author Bailey Harris, *Fantasyland* author Kurt Andersen, Snopes founder David Mikkelson, entertainers Banachek and Piff the Magic Dragon, and of course our own Richard Dawkins, among many, many others, with all of it delightfully helmed by conference M.C. Leighann Lord.

You can read about many of the best talks and even enjoy video of select presentations on the CFI website.

Skeptical Inquirer Carries the Banner of Reason

Skeptical Inquirer, the magazine for science and reason, continued to honor and extend its legacy as the flagship journal of the skeptic movement for more than four decades. Highlights from 2019 included:

New York Times science writer Carl Zimmer’s cover feature dispelling the myths about DNA and heredity.

A hard-hitting and comprehensive look at the war against pseudoscience in health.

A skeptic’s guide to self-improvement with simple ways to live one’s “best life” with no magical thinking required.



Richard Dawkins at CSICon 2019



Physicist and cosmologist Brian Greene at CSICon 2019



RICHARD DAWKINS IN CONVERSATION

Boston Phoenix Los Angeles San Mateo



“Atheists have the intellectual courage to accept reality for what it is—wonderfully and shockingly explicable. As an atheist you have the moral courage to live to the full the only life you’re ever going to get, to fully inhabit reality, to rejoice in it, and to do your best, finally, to leave it better than you found it.”

—Richard Dawkins at CSICon 2019



Robyn Blumner (second from left) and Jason Lemieux (fifth from left) visiting Rep. Jared Huffman, cochair of the Congressional Freethought Caucus, along with other secular leaders.

SPREADING SCIENCE



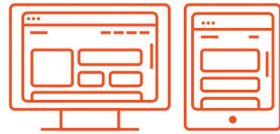
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TIES workshops in 2019



7

New TIES states in 2019



9

TIES webinars in 2019



50

TIES states (all time)



650

CSICon attendees

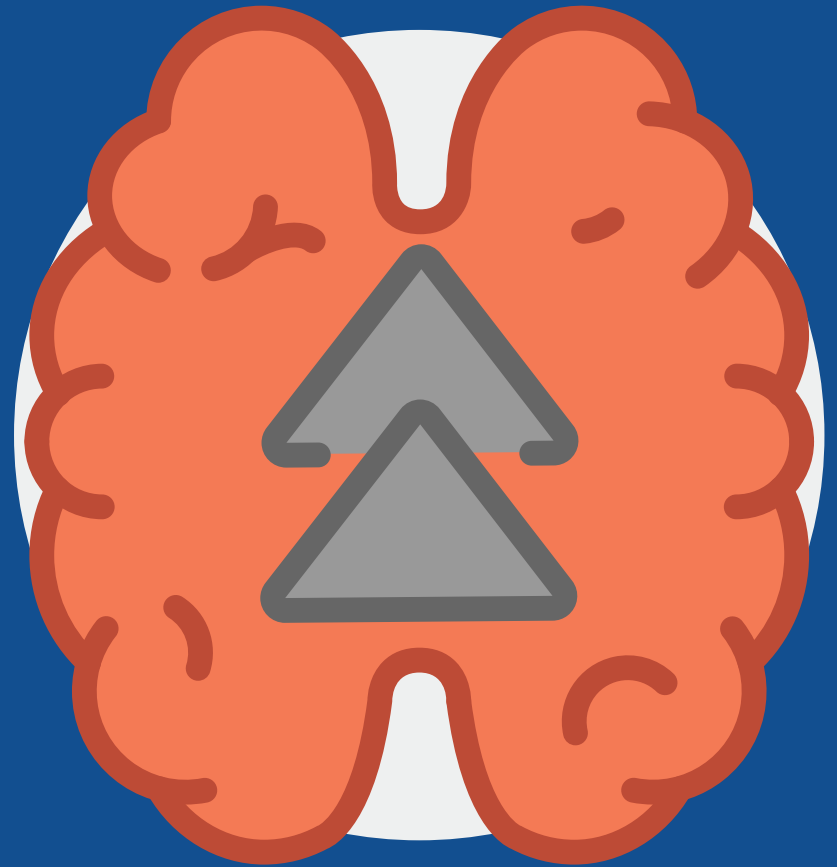


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Skeptical Inquirer Circulation

Enriching Secular Communities

CFI tapped into the talents and passions of the secular and skeptic movements like never before.





CFI West Executive Director Jim Underdown and Ann Druyan at the unveiling of the Carl Sagan & Ann Druyan Theater at CFI West



CFI Board Chair Eddie Tabash



CFI West and the Carl Sagan & Ann Druyan Theater

The Center for Inquiry expanded its reach as an institution with the establishment of a new base of operations in Los Angeles, the all-new CFI West. Along with CFI's primary headquarters in Amherst, New York, and Executive Offices in Washington, D.C., CFI West is now the organization's official home on the west coast.

At a standing-room-only event on October 21, leading lights from the worlds of science, skepticism, and the arts celebrated the grand opening of the new CFI West in an event that also marked the inauguration of the Carl Sagan & Ann Druyan Theater and the Eddie Tabash Bookstore, named for CFI's board chair. Druyan, who cocreated *Cosmos* with her late husband, was on hand for the evening, with special appearances by Richard Dawkins, actor John de Lancie of *Star Trek* fame, and comedian Matt Walsh of *Veep*.

Free Inquiry Holds Nothing Sacred

Free Inquiry, the journal of secular humanism, thoughtfully engaged with some of the most pressing and controversial issues surrounding religion, politics, philosophy, and history. Highlights in 2019 included:

A special issue on the potential political power of the religiously unaffiliated, the "Nones."

An issue devoted to refutation of religious-Right pseudo-history, the false claim that the United States was founded as a "Christian nation."

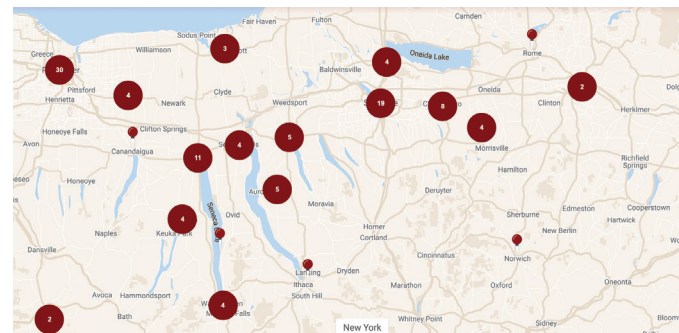
A sobering exposé on the violent and systematic sexual abuse of deaf students at a Catholic school for the deaf in Wisconsin.

American Freethought's History, Expanded Edition

The Freethought Trail is both a real-life historical experience and a deeply researched website that honors the legacy of west-central New York's nineteenth-century radical reform movements, anchored by the Robert Green Ingersoll Birthplace Museum in Dresden. In 2019, the trail expanded both physically and digitally with a special emphasis on woman's suffrage and the centennial of the Nineteenth Amendment, which gave women in the United States the right to vote.

Plus, CFI's Council for Secular Humanism introduced the Robert Green Ingersoll Chronology, a comprehensive search engine and database specific to the Great Agnostic, comprising 1,345 public lectures, 113 political speeches, 344 letters, 217 interviews, and 2,517 events in all.

The number of historical sites on the Trail grew to 137, with dozens more slated for 2020.



Speaking Truth to Podcast on *Point of Inquiry*

Point of Inquiry is the Center for Inquiry's flagship podcast, where the brightest minds of our time have engaged in deep conversation about the big questions in science, religion, politics, and culture since 2005. Special guests sharing their insights on *Point of Inquiry* in 2019 included CFI's newest board member, actress and playwright Julia Sweeney; "Gwyneth Paltrow's worst nightmare," OB/GYN Dr. Jen Gunter; *Veep* star Matt Walsh; comedian and former Jehovah's Witness Jerry Minor; *New York Times* science writer Carl Zimmer; psychologist and magician Richard Wiseman; Adam Conover of *Adam Ruins Everything*; and many others.





Julia Sweeney Brings Her Wit and Wisdom to CFI

Beloved actress, comedian, and playwright Julia Sweeney was formally elected to the Center for Inquiry's Board of Directors in 2019. Delighting audiences for decades as a performer in television, film, and theater, Sweeney has been a singular pioneer for atheist acceptance in mainstream culture, grappling with the personal challenges of being a nonbeliever with raw honesty, eloquence, and humor. At CSIcon 2019, Sweeney treated attendees to a performance of a selection from her latest stage piece, *Julia Sweeney: Older & Wider*.

“I’m such a big supporter of the organization [CFI]. I love their mission. I want to further the culture of knowledge, inquiry, and skepticism and everything that they’re trying to promote.”

—Julia Sweeney on *502 Conversations*



Richard Dawkins with Richard Dawkins Award recipient Ricky Gervais

Ricky Gervais Wins the Richard Dawkins Award

Before a sold-out crowd at London's Troxy theater on September 3, 2019, the incomparable comedian and actor Ricky Gervais received the Richard Dawkins Award. “Thanks to the Center for Inquiry for my award for exceptional service in the fight for reason,” tweeted Gervais after the event. “It’s going on the shelf.”

This year's Richard Dawkins Award was particularly special, as it marked the first time it was bestowed under the official auspices of the Center for Inquiry and the Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason & Science.

Richard Dawkins and Friends in Conversation

On the heels of the publication of his latest bestselling book *Outgrowing God*, Richard Dawkins returned to the U.S. in the fall of 2019 for a four-city tour presented by the Center for Inquiry. Dawkins enlightened audiences with stimulating, unscripted conversations with luminaries from a wide variety of fields, joined on stage by M.I.T. physicist and cosmologist Max Tegmark in Boston, actress and activist Amber Heard in Phoenix, *Cosmos* cocreator Ann Druyan in Los Angeles, and neuroscientist Robert Sapolsky in San Mateo, California.



CFI Branches: Fellowships of Freethought

CFI's local branches and campus affiliates were bustling with exciting and enlightening events and activities in 2019, from lobbying state representatives to hosting educational lectures and social gatherings, fostering welcoming and engaged communities of freethinkers. CFI branches in Indiana and Michigan held Civics Days, where attendees became educated about policy issues, learned about the process of lobbying lawmakers from expert activists, and met in person with their state representatives.

Plus, several branches held wonderful celebrations for occasions such as Darwin Day, Carl Sagan Day, and the Winter Solstice, along with hosting dozens of fascinating lectures and fun family activities.





Get Your Deep Cuts at the CFI Store and Archives

Serving your reality-based retail needs, the CFI Store was fully redesigned and stocked full of great gifts for the enlightened people in your life (including you). It includes apparel, stickers, DVDs and Blu-rays, mugs, jewelry, and a variety of fantastic books by authors such as Richard Dawkins, Susan Jacoby, Paul Offit, Joe Nickell, and more. There's even some "retro" swag from CFI's past events and campaigns. So yes, you can even get an old-school CSICOP T-shirt!

Speaking of old-school: Are you pining for a divinely irreverent voice to deliver some secular scriptural scholarship? Hoping to find a peer-reviewed jewel of alt-med myth-busting? Now you can delve into the rich history of the Center for Inquiry's previous publications and programs at the new CFI Archives website. It's never been easier to check out episodes of podcasts such as *The Human Bible* or *Center Stage* or browse the contents of *The Scientific Review of Alternative Medicine* or the Spanish-language skeptics' journal *Pensar*.

FINDING COMMUNITY



19

CFI Branches in the US and International



1,000

Total Events held by CFI Branches



15,100

Free Inquiry Circulation



1,000,000

Point of Inquiry Podcast Downloads

Center for Inquiry Board of Directors

David Cowan: Venture capitalist

Richard Dawkins: Evolutionary biologist

Brian Engler: Operations research analyst, nonprofit executive

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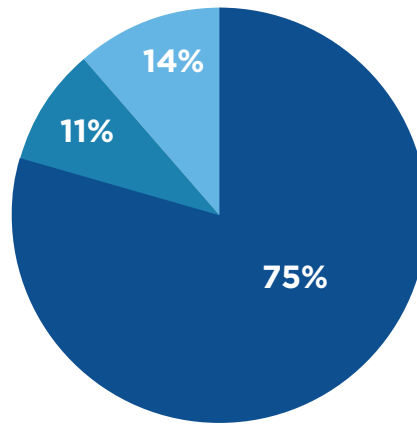
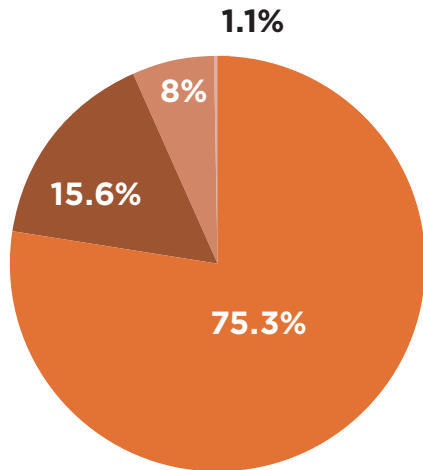
Julia Sweeney: Comedian, actress

Where Your Money Goes

When you give to the Center for Inquiry and its programs, you want your donation to be stewarded with care and attention to the mission. That's why we report our revenue and expense ratios here. In addition, our Form 990 is available on our website.

In 2019, we generated \$5,402,763 in revenues. Seventy-six percent came from individual donors, and the balance came from magazine sales, events, and similar earned income. CFI receives no government funding and very limited corporate support.

We are keenly aware of the responsibility we have to our donors when it comes to expenditures. This commitment is reflected in our expense breakdown:



- Private Donations
- Magazine Sales
- Events
- Other

- Programs
- Management and General
- Fundraising

Fellows of the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry

James E. Alcock*, psychologist, York Univ., Toronto

Marcia Angell, MD, former editor-in-chief, New England Journal of Medicine

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