

The Minnesota Atheist

March Public Meeting

God’s Lady Problem: Breaking Up With Abusive Supernatural Beings

Why are women more religious than men when most religions are so anti-woman? Jen McCreight will address this paradox, make the case for why it’s time for women to leave religion, and discuss why skepticism and atheism are empowering for women.

Jen McCreight is a lifelong non-theist, but became vocal about her atheism when she started college at Purdue University. Surprised and alienated by the highly religious atmosphere, she co-founded the Society of Non-Theists for like-minded students. During this time she also started to blog at Blag Hag (<http://freethoughtblogs.com/blaghag>).

The blog became infamous thanks to “Boobquake,” Jen’s response to an Iranian leader who said women’s immodest dress caused earthquakes. On April 26, 2010, Jen dressed to show off as much cleavage as possible, and invited other women to do the same, to see if there would be an increase in earthquakes that day. The event made international news (<http://freethoughtblogs.com/blaghag/2010/04/in-the-name-of-science-i-offer-my-boobs>).

Jen graduated from Purdue University in 2010 in Genetics and Evolution and is working towards her PhD in Genome Sciences at the University of Washington. She is now on the Board of Directors of the Secular Student Alliance. Her writing isn’t limited to her blog, having written articles for *The Daily Beast*, *The*



Guardian, and a piece for the American edition of *The Atheist’s Guide to Christmas*.

Please join us!

If You Go...

When:

Sunday, March 18, 2012

Where:

**Roseville Library
2180 Hamline Avenue
Roseville, 55113**

(first room on the right as you enter the library)

Schedule:

1:00-1:15 p.m. – Social time

1:15-1:45 p.m. – Business Meeting

1:45-2:00 p.m. – Break

2:00-3:30 p.m. – Presentation

4:00-whenever – Dinner at Panda Garden

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- Provide a community for
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- Educate the public about
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- Promote separation of state
and church.

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Minnesota Atheists Mission Statement

Minnesota Atheists is dedicated to building a positive atheist community that actively promotes secular values through educational programs, social activities, and participation in public affairs.

PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

God, Gays, Gender, and Genes



by August Berkshire

Why is it that whenever the Religious Right gets power, they always go after gays and women first? Is it because their faith is basically a fertility cult, and so all sex must be procreative and women must be submissive?

If there is a genetic component to being susceptible to believing in gods, then this might explain why very religious people tend to have more children than atheists.

Scientists, who are mostly atheists, do not study "god" – there is nothing tangible to study. Instead, they study *god-belief*. One of the main questions they ask is whether the propensity for god-belief evolved as a primary trait or a secondary trait.

A primary trait is something necessary, such as the fact that blood carries oxygen. A secondary trait is one that is not necessary, such as the color of blood. Our blood could be green and, as long as it carried oxygen and carbon dioxide, that would be fine.

One good hypothesis for god-belief is that it is a secondary trait. The primary trait is what is called "agency detection" – the evolutionarily beneficial trait of looking for intelligent agents that cause natural phenomena.

Imagine you are in the woods and you hear a noise behind you. It is beneficial if you assume the noise is being caused by an intelligent agent, such as an enemy or a bear, and you turn around to check. If you guess right,

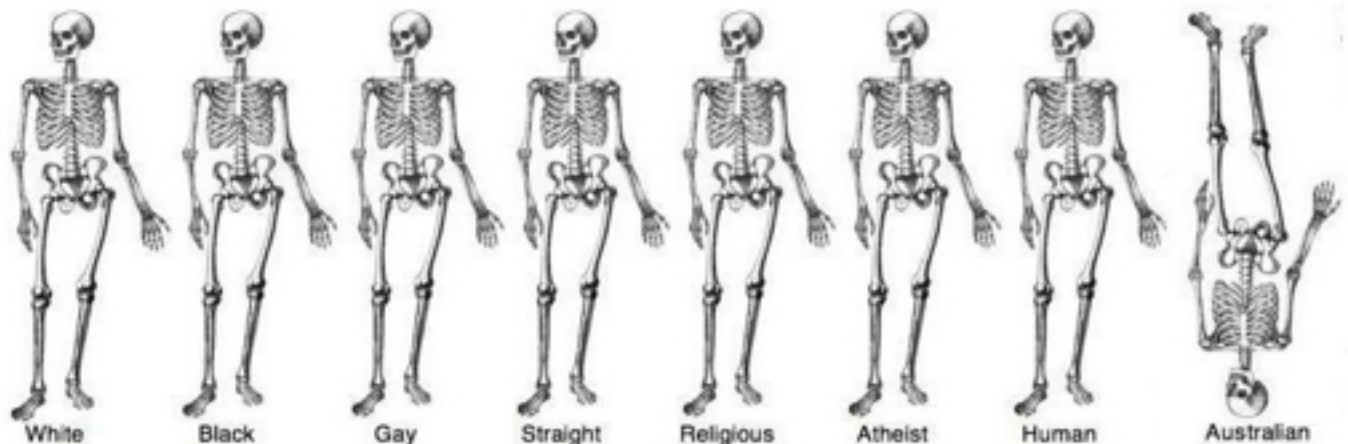
you get a chance to defend yourself or run away. If you guess wrong, if it just the wind, you haven't expended much time or energy. But if you don't turn around, you might quickly find yourself out of the gene pool!

From this simple, primary trait of agency detection, we may have developed a secondary trait of *hyperactive* agency detection – "detecting" imaginary, invisible beings as the source of the natural world.

If god-belief were a primary trait, it would not be so easy to abandon. Think of your sexual orientation. This is a primary trait that is virtually impossible to change. Now think if you are attracted to people of a certain hair color. This is a secondary trait, and might well be changed if you have a good experience with someone of another hair color. After all, there is no correlation between hair color (a secondary trait) and fertility or companionship (primary traits).

So, the bad news is that we may have a hard-wired tendency to believe in gods. The good news, as 1970s feminists used to say, is that biology is not destiny. We can prevent a natural tendency to get pregnant by using condoms and the Pill, and we can prevent god-belief with a good dose of critical thinking.

Deep down, we're all the same. Almost...



News and Notes



George Kane

Separation of Church and State was back on the front page when the Department of Health and Human Services announced the employer mandates for the rollout of the new health insurance reform. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops screamed that the rules violated the Free Exercise Clause of the First

Amendment by forcing the Catholic Church to pay for coverage for contraceptives.

Their claim was debatable, but in an election year the Republican presidential candidates were quick to denounce Barack Obama for declaring war on the Catholic Church. Under Obama's plan, the Church itself was given an exemption from the requirement to provide health insurance to employees that includes, without copayment, preventive reproductive services. That exemption was not applied, however, to the businesses operated by the Church, such as hospitals, universities and charities.

Many of these organizations affiliated with the Catholic Church already provide contraception coverage for employees to comply with laws currently in effect in most states. In some cases they have used loopholes to avoid the mandates, either through self-insurance or declining all drug coverage. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission ruled in 2000 that the 1978 Pregnancy Disability Act covered all women, not just those who were already pregnant. Therefore, employers cannot discriminate against women by refusing contraception coverage in their health insurance package.

The new HHS requirement borrows from state regulations language that has already been affirmed by the courts, but the bishops have chosen to use their roll-out as the occasion to take an uncompromising stand. Last year they accused Obama of anti-Catholic

bias when his administration cut off funding for their campaign against human trafficking, because the program refused to provide contraception and abortion services to clients. Is this the state into which government entanglement with religion has fallen, that churches claim government support as an entitlement?

Churches also run commercial enterprises that are far removed from a ministerial purpose. Catholic cemeteries and mortuaries are always lucrative. For years the Church owned Christian Brothers Vineyards in Napa, California, and priests have claimed tax exemptions for companies that they have set up for mail-order product sales. What about the manufacture and sale of the Mormons' magic underwear? Should these church-affiliated enterprises also be entitled to the exemption?

The Catholic claim runs far beyond even enterprises affiliated with the Church. Catholic bishops want to extend the exemption to Catholic businessmen, so that they individually will not be required to violate Church teachings. It will, not incidentally, give their businesses a competitive advantage to be able to provide employees a trimmed-down, lower-cost insurance plan than their secular competitors. The Church would probably not object if the bottom line induces anti-contraceptive moral outrage among the owners of those nonreligious businesses.

Can I get a tax exemption, to assuage my very consolable conscience? I object on principle to any government that issues currency with "In God We Trust" written on it.

Noncompliance with government policy based on moral principle is not new. In Menlo Park, California, where I grew up, a well-known pacifist activist owned a bookstore. Every year, Roy Kepler filed personal and business taxes, but included a check for only half the amount because he objected to funding the military. It settled into an established routine, in which the IRS just filed papers with the court and withdrew the remainder of the tax bill from Kepler's accounts.

This arrangement permitted Kepler to satisfy his conscience, but the government still got its money. President Obama has offered Catholic-affiliated

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organizations a much more generous accommodation. They will be exempted from the contraceptive coverage mandate, but the cost to provide this coverage to their employees with no copayment will be covered by the insurers. The administration asserts that the insurers will make up the expense with the money saved in reduced pregnancy coverage payments.

The U.S. Conference of Catholic Bishops promptly rebuffed this attempt at compromise. They announced they would pursue, “with no less vigor, no less sense of urgency” a demand that the administration rescind the mandate for everyone

“to protect religious liberty and freedom of conscience for all.” It is not enough to preserve their religious liberty that **they** be exempted from the requirement to fund contraceptive coverage. The only answer that they will accept is that **no one** can be required to cover it. They only recognize religious freedom if their dogma can nullify secular public health policy. If separation of Church and State means anything, no woman should find herself without access to contraception because of someone else’s religious beliefs.

It is a truism that almost any sect, cult, or religion will legislate its creed into law if it acquires the political power to do so. – Robert Heinlein

FREETHOUGHT CRYPTOGRAM

BY GEORGE KANE

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(Answer on page 14.)

Billboards Were a Great Success, But We Need to Fund Other Projects, Too

The first ever foray into billboards for the Minnesota Atheists turned out to be a success that exceeded expectations in many respects except one: generating donations for other Minnesota Atheists campaigns. But before I get into that, let's celebrate some of the successes that came from our billboards.

The goal was to promote and reach out to local freethinkers and make them aware of our organization. We wanted to do this with a clever design and a positive, pithy message that the majority of atheists could get behind. After factoring in feedback from over a hundred comments on Facebook, American Atheists President David Silverman, and Minnesota Atheists board members, we submitted our final design to CBS Outdoor for what we hoped to be a good investment. Thanks to a significant financial contribution from American Atheists and almost \$2000 in member donations, the Minnesota Atheists spent only \$300 out of the financial coffers for what ended being an incredible amount of publicity!

We received most of our media attention on the Friday after the billboards went up (27 January). *The Pioneer Press* featured a front page article about our billboards that day which not only generated dozens of comments on the *Pioneer Press* website, but many of their readers sent letters to the editor that were published in subsequent *Pioneer Press* editions. I responded to one of those letters in a letter to the editor of my own.

That same day, Minnesota Atheists President August Berkshire and I were interviewed on KFAI radio and Minnesota Atheists Chair George Kane was interviewed on KSTP (Ch. 5 – ABC). His interview was broadcast on KSTP and their sister station KSTC (Ch. 45) at 10:00pm and 9:00pm, respectively, during a two-minute news package at the top of the news. Everyone should check George's excellent performance by going to Google and keyword search "Minnesota Atheists billboards" and "KSTP."

Other popular media outlets that covered our billboards were the "Acts of Faith" blog on the *Star Tribune*, *City Pages*, and *Christianpost.com*. We

were also featured on several atheist-friendly blogs, where, unlike all other media sources, aesthetic designs were critiqued instead of the message.

For the overall cost of \$300 (thanks again to generous donations), the all-volunteer Minnesota Atheists organization received a lot of bang for the buck and sparked some important public and private discussions. Our Meetup page saw one of its biggest member increases in its five year history and our Facebook page along with our Facebook group page witnessed a huge spike in activity as well. Likewise, the traffic on our website doubled.

We added two new features to the website in anticipation of the increased activity. One was a special note from the President and Associate President-elect explaining the history, mission, and



by Eric Jayne



events of the Minnesota Atheists. We also added a special web-only article explaining the messages of the billboards, particularly what it means to be a "born-again atheist."

On 17 February, five days before the billboards were slated to come down, a group of atheists

Billboard Project (continued)

gathered at the Public House, a restaurant and bar across the street from the billboard in the Minneapolis warehouse district, to celebrate and bid our billboards farewell. Thank you to Richard W. Trombley for taking a picture of some of the attendees under the Minneapolis billboard.

Now on to the one aforementioned disappointment: No significant increases in donations to other Minnesota Atheists projects that are in desperate need of funding. I'm speaking specifically about the Building Fund and Radio Fund.

We're a couple hundred thousand dollars shy of having enough for our own building and the radio show costs nearly \$10,000 per year so there is a need for financial contribution to both of these funds. Since the radio show has to be paid annually to KTNF, we could very well be forced to cancel the show unless we get more funds to pay our contractual debt.

Every week our all-volunteer production staff donates their time in preparation of the show. They

research the content of the upcoming show, coordinate with the guests to appear on the show, and perform the demanding task of conducting a live, on-air interview. These popular shows have featured nationally famous atheists, experts in science and philosophy, and interesting discussions with former church leaders from a variety of denominations.

If you value our weekly radio program (available on radio broadcast, live web feed, and podcast) please donate with a financial contribution so we can keep it operating. We are an all-volunteer, 501 c (3) non-profit (and non-prophet) organization. The only way we can keep the radio program up and running is through financial donations from our members and radio listeners. Please visit our Radio Fund donation page on our website to make a one-time donation or recurring monthly donation that will be automatically withdrawn from your bank account. Thank you!

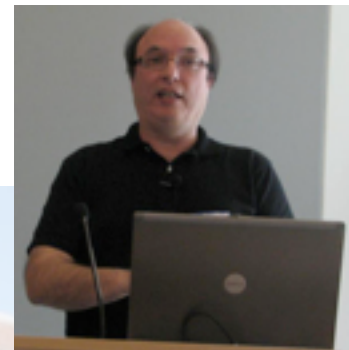
February Meeting Review: Greg Laden

by *Bill Lehto*

At the well-attended February public meeting of Minnesota Atheists, Greg Laden presented a lecture on "Darwin, Evolutionary Biology, & Race." Greg, who holds a PhD from Harvard in Archaeology and Biological Anthropology, has a gift for explaining how scientific findings are relevant to social and political debates. His talk, which covered the relationship between biology, race, and racism in both Darwin's day and the twenty-first century, effectively debunked the arguments typically used to perpetuate racist policies and stereotypes. His information on Darwin, the person, was particularly

fascinating. The balanced picture Laden painted was of a man who, while certainly not a liberal by modern standards, was able to shed his religious dogma and certain racist concepts through his exploration of the world and the development of his theory of evolution by natural selection.

If you missed this one, be sure not to miss your next chance to see Greg speak!



Photos courtesy of Matthew Richardson. -ed.

Atheists Talk: February Radio Report

Atheists Talk is produced by Minnesota Atheists and directed by Carl Hancock. Original music is composed, played, and recoded by Brent Michael Davids. Producers and hosts this month included Carl Hancock, Brianne Bilyeu, Greg Laden, August Berkshire, Scott Lohman, Stephanie Zvan, George Kane, Rachel Reiva, and Steve Petersen. The radio program is broadcast live from KTNF studios in Eden Prairie every Sunday morning from 9:00 to 10:00 at AM950. Listen to live steaming through our web page, www.mnatheists.org. The six month cost is \$5,320; each donation to support the program is greatly appreciated. To donate, send in a donation to our PO box or online at <http://minnesotatheists.org/join-and-donate/radio-fund>. All past programs can be accessed via web page.

If you are interested in helping on the radio program please send a note to radio@mnatheists.org.

Recent shows include:

January 29: Denying Science, Program #152. Host Scott Lohman, interviewer Carl Hancock.

John Grant joined *Atheists Talk* to speak about his newly published book, *Denying Science: Conspiracy Theories, Media Distortions and the War Against Reality*.

He discussed the question: What motivates people to deny science? In some cases the answer is ignorance and lack of the ability to think critically: scientific answers can be complicated and nuanced and require some education to understand, while the answers of gurus and quacks seem simpler. Far more sinister are the active campaigns mounted, through "think tanks" and fake grassroots organizations, by ideological and commercial entities in a deliberate and often far too successful attempt to deceive the public – from fundamentalists promoting Intelligent Design Creationism to the tobacco giants muddling the science on the health effects of smoking to the fossil-fuel corporations claiming climate change is a hoax. Grant surveyed these and a gamut of other denials of established science raised by various panics, urban legends and deliberate distortions amid a general climate of misinformation.

February 5: An Atheist Album, Program #153. Host Scott Lohman, interviewers Brianne Bilyeu and Michelle Los.

Australian singer and songwriter Shelley Segal joined *Atheists Talk*. She played songs from her new release, *An Atheist Album*, and discussed her

by Steve Petersen

upcoming concerts at the Global Atheist Convention in Melbourne and in New Orleans for the Annual American Humanists Conference.

February 19: Deconstructing Mormonism, Program #155. Host Stephanie Zvan and interviewer Carl Hancock.

If you think you've learned all you need to know about Mormonism from South Park episodes and the Broadway musical, *Book of Mormon*, Thomas Riskas came to say you don't know the half of it. Carl Hancock interviewed this author, lecturer, and secular humanist about his book *Deconstructing Mormonism: An Analysis and Assessment of the Mormon Faith*, which is introduced in the forward by philosopher and professor Kai Nelson.

Thomas Riskas converted to Mormonism as a young man and spent 20 years in the Church. He rose up through the ranks of leadership, acting as Elder, Seventy, and High Priest. He was a missionary, a mission leader, and mission president for seven years. He had a family and raised his children in the Church. Years later he came to believe that the claims made by Mormonism – and by all religions with similar belief systems – are not only untrue, but an empty nonreality. In *Deconstructing Mormonism*, Mr. Riskas examines in detail the Mormon concepts of God, the "Plan of Salvation", and faith in God and Christ, and then breaks down these ideas by illuminating the contradictions in Mormon faith and examining the psycho-social effects of the faith on its believers.



Planning your estate?
Don't forget to include
Minnesota Atheists.

February Atheists Talk Television Show Report

by Steve Petersen

In February, we recorded two episodes for our TV show. With the anti-marriage constitutional amendment proposal appearing on the ballot this November, there has never been a better time to discuss the state of GLBT rights in Minnesota. In the first episode, host James Zimmerman interviewed GLBT activist Arthur Schultz on the ballot measure, including the exact wording and what will change if the measure passes or fails. Schultz offered reasons why atheists, agnostics, Humanists, and other freethinkers should be concerned about the rights and freedoms of the GLBT community regardless of whether they themselves are gay or lesbian. Arthur noted that the current legislative bias against the GLBT community has its roots in religion, and he offered rebuttals to common objections to GLBT rights. After giving details about the GLBT population in Minnesota, Schultz provided resources for how freethinkers can assist in the cause and learn more.

In the second episode, James Zimmerman talked with librarian Mindy Rhiger, and book club organizer and editor Eric Jayne. Together, they discussed Richard Dawkins' latest book, *The Magic of Reality*. After providing a brief survey, Mindy and Eric offered opinions on the book's target audience and if the book succeeds in addressing that audience. The trio gave details about their favorite chapters, and noted how Dawkins' writing was not as strong when outside the field of biology. Eric discussed the

synopses of four other science books for the children of secular parents.

All episodes can be viewed on the cable stations listed below, or through iTunes, thanks to Grant Hermanson.

If you would like to sponsor our program in your community, or have an idea for a program, or if you have a public access television station in your community, please contact me, Steve Petersen, at dir3@mnatheists.org or 651-484-9277.

Cable Crew: George Kane, Brett Stembridge, Shirley Moll, Steve Petersen, Wendy Steinberg, Grant Hermanson and Art Anderson.

Podcasts: MinnesotaAtheists.org. Available via iTunes. Made possible by Grant Hermanson.

Cable Schedule:

Burnsville/Eagan Community Television: Channel 14. Check their web site www.bect.tv for day and times. Sponsor: Kevin Hardisty

Bloomington: Channel 16. Sunday 11:00 p.m. Sponsors: David and Joanne Beardsley.

Minneapolis: Channel 17. Saturday 8:30 p.m. Sponsor: Steve Petersen.

Rochester: Channel 10. Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday 7:30 p.m. Sponsor: Jim Salutz.

Roseville, Shoreview, Arden Hills, North Oaks, Little Canada, Falcon Heights, Lauderdale, Moundsview/New Brighton: Channel 14. Wednesday 10:30 p.m. Sponsor: Shirley Moll.

St. Cloud: Channel 12. Thursday 8:30 to 9:00 p.m. Sponsor Tom Stavros.

Stillwater: Channel 16. Tuesday 7:00 p.m.; Wednesday 9:00 a.m. Sponsor: Lee Salisbury.

White Bear Lake, Hugo, Lake Elmo, Mahtomedi, Maplewood, North St. Paul, Oakdale, Vadnais Heights: Channel 15. Saturday 7:30 p.m. Sponsor: Michael Seliga.



beauty of the illustrations and mentioned which pictures his children find most appealing. Mindy, meanwhile, provided information regarding the book's availability in local and school libraries. After responding to objections by the religious community, Eric offered a selection of other notable Dawkins books, while Mindy gave brief



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Things to Do, Places to Go: A Calendar for Atheists

In addition to these regularly scheduled events, there are many more events every month. Please subscribe to Atheist Weekly e-mail on our web site, mnatheists.org, and join our Meetup group.

Sundays, 9:00am-10:00am *Atheists Talk* Radio. AM 950 KTNF in the Twin Cities or stream live at <http://www.am950ktnf.com>. Contact us during the show with questions or comments at (952) 946-6205 or radio@mnatheists.org.

Sundays, 6:00pm-7:00pm Atheist/Agnostic Alcoholics Anonymous. Men's Center, 3249 Hennepin Avenue South Suite # 55, Minneapolis Meet in the basement. Open to all genders.

2nd Sundays, 1:00pm Minnesota Atheists Little Canada Book Club, Caribou Coffee 3354 Rice St, Little Canada, MN 55126

3rd Sundays, September through May, 1:00pm-4:00pm. Minnesota Atheists Public Meeting. Various libraries. Business meeting, educational program and dinner afterwards at a nearby restaurant.

5th Sundays, 5:00pm (January, April, July, Sept, Dec). Flying Spaghetti Monster Dinner. Old Spaghetti Factory, 233 Park Ave., Minneapolis. Get together for drinks and pasta.

1st & 3rd Mondays 6:00pm Freethought Toastmasters. Larpenteur Estates Party Room, 1276 Larpenteur Ave. W, St. Paul 55113. This group meets the 1st and 3rd Monday of every month. George Kane, chair@mnatheists.org.

2nd and 4th Mondays, 5:00pm-7:00pm Freethought Dinner Social. Davanni's, 8605 Lyndale Avenue South, Bloomington, MN. For more information call Bob or Marilyn Neinker at 612-866-6200.

1st Tuesdays, 11:30am-1:00pm Freethought Lunch. Old Country Buffet, County Road B2 between Fairview and Snelling. Bob or Marilyn Nienkirk at 612-866-6200.

4th Tuesdays, 7:00pm Maple Grove Book Club. Byerly's Meeting Room - 12880 Elm Creek Blvd N Maple Grove, MN 55369

Every other Tuesday, 7:00pm Secular Bible Study. Various locations. See the Meetup page <http://www.meetup.com/Secular-Bible-Study/>.

1st Wednesdays, 7:00pm Minnesota Atheists Burnsville Book Club. Davanni's, 14639 County Road 11, Burnsville MN 55337. Meet in the Party Room.

3rd Wednesdays, 11:30am-2pm Lunch at Dragon House Restaurant. Dragon House Restaurant 3970 Central Avenue Columbia Heights. Private room reserved. Bill Volna 612-781-1420

3rd Wednesdays, 6:30pm Minnesota Atheists Monthly Board Meeting. Party Room, 1276 Larpenteur Avenue, St. Paul, 55113. Open to all members. George Kane, chair@mnatheists.org.

1st Thursdays, 6:00pm-9:00pm *Atheists Talk* television show. MTN Studio A, 125 SE Main Street, Minneapolis. Steve Petersen at 651-484-9277.

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To sign up for Minnesota Atheists Meetups, visit atheists.meetup.com/493.



Midwest Science of Origins Conference

The Midwest Science of Origins Conference (MSOC) is an upcoming science conference organized by students at the University of Minnesota-Morris from Friday, March 30, 2012, to Sunday, April 1, 2012, in Morris, MN. The MSOC strives to inspire the rural communities of the Midwest – its students, its parents and community leaders – to contemplate the scientific origins of the universe, of life, of humans and what it means *to be* human. Scheduled speakers will include:

Dr. Neil Shubin, is a paleontologist and Robert R. Bensley Professor of Organismal Biology and Anatomy at the University of Chicago. Dr. Shubin is the author of *Your Inner Fish: A Journey in to the 3.5-Billion-Year History of the Human Body* (Pantheon Books, 2008). Dr. Shubin will be talking about his book and the evidence for evolution.

Dr. PZ Myers, associate professor of biology at the University of Minnesota-Morris and blogger at *Pharyngula*. Dr. Michael Wilson, Assistant Professor of Anthropology at the University of Minnesota, Twin Cities.

Chris Stedman, Interfaith and Community Service Fellow for the Humanist Chaplaincy at

Harvard University, the founder of the Atheist-Interfaith blog NonProphetStatus and columnist for the Huffington Post. Mr. Stedman will be speaking about his interfaith outreach work and will be leading a community service program on the last day of the conference.

Dr. Marco Peloso, professor of physics at the University of Minnesota's School of Physics and Astronomy. He will be speaking about the Origin of the Universe starting with the "Big Bang".

Dr. Dan Demetriou, the Assistant Professor of Philosophy at the University of Minnesota-Morris. He teaches ethics, political philosophy and the philosophy of law. In addition, Dr. Demetriou is writing a book on honor ethics and is the administrator of www.honorethics.org. His MSOC talk (co-authored by Miles Taylor) is entitled, "What is the Origin of the Honor Ethos?"

Visit <http://atheonomy.wordpress.com/the-midwest-science-of-origins-conference> to learn more and to register for the event.

Information supplied by Joshua Preston, co-chair of the Morris Freethinkers at the U of M Morris. -ed.

"I'm an atheist, an that's it. I believe there's nothing we can know except that we should be kind to each other and do what we can for each other."

-Katharine Hepburn, as quoted in *The Ladies Home Journal*, October 1991

Check us out on the radio!
AM950 on Sundays at 9:00 a.m.