

2015

PROGRESS REPORT

IN DARK TIMES, KEEPING THE
FLAME OF REASON ALIGHT





Message from the President

I hope you enjoy reading the 2015 annual report for the Center for Inquiry. No doubt many of you reading the report are already supporters of our work—in which case this report is effectively a record of what you have helped accomplish. The work of CFI is a collaborative effort among our staff, volunteers, and supporters.

And together we accomplished a lot in 2015. Much of our work focuses on advocacy for humanist values and principles. Whether at the United Nations, Capitol Hill, various state legislatures, or in our courts, we have worked relentlessly to protect and promote freedom of expression, freedom of conscience, separation of church and state, and science-based public policy. As our report details, we have been successful in many of these endeavors.

In addition to working at the level of local, national, or international government bodies, CFI also works at the grass roots through its network of communities and affiliates. Person-to-person contact is a critical component of our work. We care not only about shaping policy that affects millions but about each individual person who is trying, sometimes against daunting odds, to live his or her life in accordance with humanist values.

Let me mention one example that illustrates the scope and reach of our efforts. In 2015 we established the Freethought Emergency Fund to assist writers and bloggers who suffer persecution. For many of these individuals, our assistance was literally a lifeline. Simultaneous with our direct assistance to these individuals, we also worked closely with the United Nations, the U.S. State Department, and various other NGOs to try to change government policy in those countries, in particular Bangladesh, where writers face persecution. To protect fundamental freedoms, a coordinated, concerted effort that involves work both with individuals and with high-level government agencies is often necessary. CFI is the secular nonprofit best positioned to carry out that work.

As you may know, 2015 was my last full year with CFI. It has been my privilege to work with you. From the bottom of my heart, I thank you for all that you've done to help us carry out our work and make the world a better place for all of us. In 2016, CFI will be strengthened by its merger with the Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason & Science, and the merged organization will be ably led by Robyn Blumner, the new president and CEO. But whether we will continue to be successful in our mission ultimately depends on you—I hope CFI will be able to continue to rely on your generous support.

With deep gratitude and warmest regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "R. Lindsay". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Ronald A. Lindsay

ADVOCACY

RISING TO THE CHALLENGE WHEN FREE EXPRESSION IS THREATENED

In 2015, the fundamental rights to freedom of expression, thought, and belief were challenged in unprecedented and deadly ways, as dissent and religious criticism was met with persecution, torture, terror, and murder. The Center for Inquiry confronted this challenge head-on, and at every level. From the United Nations to the grass roots, from the political to the deeply personal, CFI fully embraced its role as a leading advocate for free expression.

The year opened with a terror attack in Paris, in which Islamic extremists massacred 12 people at the French satire magazine *Charlie Hebdo*. It was an assault on the right of free people to criticize and even ridicule religion and religious figures, a battle CFI has fought before. In 2006, our magazine *Free Inquiry* was banned from booksellers for reproducing the infamous “Danish cartoons” of Muhammad that caused uproar in the Muslim world, [CFI stood in solidarity](#) with the journalists and artists of *Charlie Hebdo* for their right to satirize religion. Our director of public policy, Michael De Dora, appeared on [The Ed Show on MSNBC](#) to bring our unique perspective to the attacks, and president and CEO Ronald Lindsay was interviewed at length on [WXXI's Connections](#) about the broader implications of the attacks.

In June, U.S. Reps. Joseph Pitts, a Republican, and Sheila Jackson Lee, a Democrat (both at lower right), introduced a bill of great significance to CFI: House Resolution 290, [calling for the global repeal of blasphemy laws](#). Citing the myriad cases of state-sanctioned persecution of those who criticize religion or do not subscribe to a state's dominant faith, the resolution declared that the House “recognizes that blasphemy laws inappropriately position governments as arbiters of truth or religious rightness as they empower officials to enforce particular religious views against individuals.” CFI wholeheartedly backed this measure, calling upon our own supporters to contact their own representatives to move it forward.

Since the arrest of Raif Badawi in 2013, CFI has been one of the foremost advocates for the Saudi Arabian dissident and father of three. Arrested and imprisoned for his criticism of Islam on his website, in 2015 Badawi was sentenced to an outlandish 10 years in prison, an outrageous fine, a decade-long travel ban following his imprisonment, and most shocking of all, 1,000 lashes—50 of which have been inflicted, and more are threatened once Badawi is healthy enough to withstand them. In collaboration with Badawi's tireless wife, Ensaf Haidar, CFI obtained official Saudi court documents that grimly spelled out the specifics of Badawi's so-called crimes. When Badawi's sentence was announced, CFI rallied international pressure to have Badawi freed, including pleas to President Obama to bring his case to King Salman face to face. At the UN Human Rights Council, Michael De Dora [called out Saudi Arabia's hypocrisy](#) as a member of that body and host of an international conference on human rights. In June, CFI's Los Angeles branch helped organized a protest for Badawi in front of the Saudi consulate. In September, De Dora was chosen to serve on the board of the newly formed [Raif Badawi Foundation](#). CFI will continue its efforts until Raif is reunited with his wife and children.



Michael De Dora on MSNBC



Reps. Joe Pitts and Sheila Jackson Lee

“The world can no longer sit by and allow this global crackdown on free expression to continue. The rights to free expression and dissent must be protected and cherished, and these killings must be stopped now.”
— Ronald A. Lindsay

CRISIS FOR SECULARISTS IN BANGLADESH: A PERSONAL FIGHT

Consuming much of CFI’s attention and energy throughout 2015 was the string of brutal murders of secular writers in Bangladesh, at the hands of Islamic extremists linked to Al Qaeda, which began with the killing of CFI’s friend and ally, [writer and activist Avijit Roy](#). The attack at a book fair in Dhaka was to begin a campaign of killings that targeted secularist bloggers and publishers, claiming the lives of four others, and injuring many more—including Avijit’s wife, writer and activist Bonya Rafida Ahmed.

Roy had partnered with CFI in our coordinated global protests against Bangladesh’s imprisonment of atheist bloggers in 2013 and contributed to *Free Inquiry* magazine, including his final piece, “[The Virus of Faith](#),” which was published posthumously in the April/ May issue. His death was a hard blow for everyone at CFI.

As the world grieved the loss of Avijit Roy, and as other secularists fell to militants’ machetes, CFI launched a wide array of initiatives to confront the crisis in Bangladesh, rallying both grassroots and high-level diplomatic support for the right of Bangladesh’s people to live, speak, and believe as they choose, without the fear of violent reprisal. CFI urged the Bangladeshi authorities to take seriously their responsibility to protect their citizens and pushed the U.S. State Department to add pressure.

In June, CFI took part in [two Capitol Hill briefings](#) on threats to free expression and religious freedom around the world, including one focused on Bangladesh specifically, along with the Hindu American Foundation. In July, U.S. Representative Tulsi Gabbard of Hawaii introduced House Resolution 396, which called on Bangladesh to protect human rights and curb violence caused by religious extremists. CFI proudly endorsed the resolution and rallied support.



Avijit Roy and Bonya Rafida Ahmed



Rep. Tulsi Gabbard

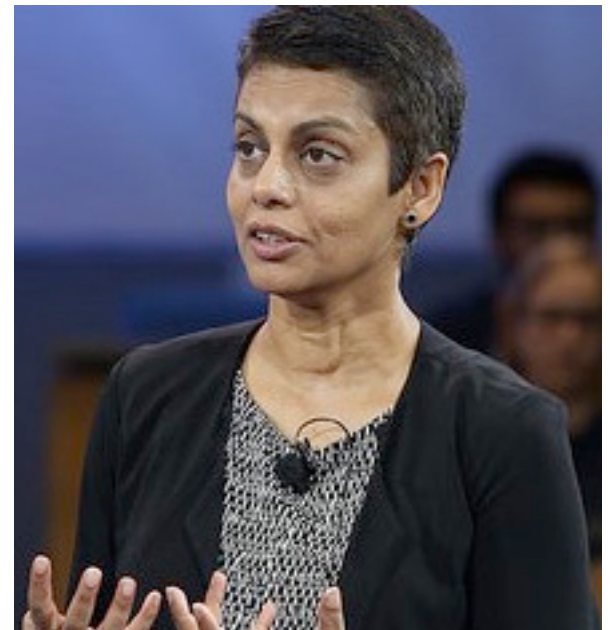
At the UN Human Rights Council in Geneva, CFI representatives [spoke with passion and urgency](#) about Bangladesh's human rights emergency. And as further threats were made by radical Islamist groups, CFI established the [Freethought Emergency Fund](#), an initiative to help secularist writers and activists in Bangladesh and elsewhere who feared for their lives, and assist them with escape and relocation—the first being world renowned human rights champion Taslima Nasrin, a Bangladesh native exiled to India, who was publicly targeted by Islamists and helped by the Freethought Emergency Fund to safety in the U.S.

Foremost among CFI's partners in this fight has been Bonya Rafida Ahmed (at right). Recovering from her horrific injuries from the attack that took her husband's life, Ahmed still had the courage and determination to continue to speak out publicly against radical Islamism and in favor of free expression, despite the risks to herself. CFI delivered [her first public statements](#) after the attack, and *Free Inquiry* provided her the platform to address her attackers directly in a powerful essay. Near the end of 2015, she took part in a major congressional briefing on the Bangladesh crisis put on by CFI, along with partners from the Tom Lantos Human Rights Commission, the U.S. Commission on International Religious Freedom, and the PEN American Center. She also met one-on-one with members of Congress, making a compelling case for the United States to take action.

The turmoil and terror in Bangladesh, particularly for secular writers and activists, continues. CFI will continue to lead the fight for change.



Capitol Hill briefing on Bangladesh



Bonya Rafida Ahmed

"I urge the world to recognize what has happened and join us in this demand for justice." — Rafida Bonya Ahmed

FEDERAL SCRUTINY FOR HOMEOPATHY

Every year, Americans spend billions of dollars on homeopathic treatments for all kinds of ailments and conditions, despite the fact that there is absolutely no evidence that homeopathy can have any effect on any condition whatsoever, except perhaps excessive disposable income. For years, CFI has urged the Food and Drug Administration to take seriously this massive alternative-medicine boondoggle, wherein the manufacturers of homeopathic products rake in enormous profits, as their “treatments” go unregulated for safety or efficacy. Meanwhile, their products are sold right alongside real medicines on the shelves of pharmacies and grocery stores, which sends a signal to consumers that homeopathy and science-based medicines are of equal merit.

In 2015, homeopathy’s facade began to crack, as the FDA finally heeded CFI’s calls for a fresh approach to the sale and marketing of homeopathic products. CFI was invited to deliver testimony at public hearings on homeopathy, where Michael De Dora delivered a compelling presentation on the need to treat homeopathic products the same as any other pharmaceutical, with the same standards and testing for safety and efficacy. He also called for a fundamental change in the way homeopathic treatments are marketed to consumers, with clear, unmistakable labeling informing them that these products are untested and entirely unproven.

The Federal Trade Commission agreed with us and on its own decried the questionable promises of homeopathy’s manufacturers. It invited CFI’s input on its own workshop on the topic. CFI partnered with the Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason & Science to submit joint comments arguing that the FTC has the authority to end homeopathy’s false advertising.

We don’t yet know what the results of this new examination of homeopathy by the FDA will be, but thanks in large part to the consistent work of CFI, a substantive debate about homeopathy’s merits and status as a “medicine” is finally underway.



Michael De Dora addresses the FDA



“Those who reject mainstream climate science have a bully problem... Yet when it comes to taking a personal risk to prove they mean it, they back down. Like all bullies, they are cowards.”
— CSI fellow Mark Boslough on the \$25,000 challenge

CHAMPIONING SCIENCE-BASED POLICIES: CLIMATE CHANGE, VACCINES, AND END-OF-LIFE

At the same time that CFI was mounting its highly successful “Reason for Change” conference (see the “Community” section), the right-wing Heartland Institute, which denies the reality of humanity’s role in global warming, was holding its own conference on climate change. CFI’s Committee for Skeptical Inquiry took the opportunity to offer Heartland, which claims that global warming stopped in the 1990s, [a challenge](#): If Earth’s average temperature set a new record high in 2015, Heartland would donate \$25,000 to the science-education organization of CSI’s choosing. If no new warming record was set, CSI would pay the same to a nonprofit chosen by Heartland. This was an excellent opportunity for a science-denying organization like Heartland to, as Ron Lindsay expressed it, “put its money where its exhaust pipe is.” It will not surprise you to know that Heartland did not take CSI up on the challenge. Perhaps they knew, somewhere deep down, that they couldn’t possibly win.

The debate over vaccines reached a fever pitch this year, as diseases such as measles and whooping cough made troubling comebacks in the United States. Still, it remains that many otherwise well-educated Americans reject the long-proven science of vaccinations and use all manner of religious and “personal belief” exemptions to keep their children from being given legally mandated vaccinations. It’s no wonder, when so many celebrities and alt-med gurus were getting so much attention for causing panic over vaccines.

That’s why CFI decided to activate the [Keep Health Care Safe and Secular](#) campaign to help those who understand the importance of getting vaccinated to speak out and make themselves known. CFI offered to send anyone who wanted to show their support for science and public health a free bumper sticker which read “[Protect Yourself. Protect Others. Vaccinate.](#)” In fact, everyone who signed up received two of them—one to keep, and one to give to a friend. The response was amazing, as thousands of people asked for, and then proudly displayed, their pro-vaccine stickers from CFI, until none were left.



The State of California was at the center of vaccine controversy, being a hotbed of anti-vaccine sentiment and where dozens of people were infected by a measles outbreak. It was here that CFI rallied support for a new law that would have ended the “personal belief” exemption for parents who wanted to keep their kids from getting legally required vaccinations before attending public schools. The pushback from antisience interests was intense, but in the end Gov. Jerry Brown signed the bill into law, signaling a real victory for science-based medicine and all of CFI’s supporters in California who helped make it happen.



California was the site of another important victory, this time for secular government and individual autonomy over religious doctrine: the issue of whether a terminally ill person may decide to end his or her life. CFI has long been a staunch advocate of the so-called “right to die,” having spelled out our position in a 2008 policy paper by Ronald Lindsay, an expert in bioethics and philosophy. Policy reform has been slow on this issue, however, principally because of opposition to physician-assisted dying from powerful and well-funded religious interests. Nonetheless, in the fall, Gov. Brown was presented with the End of Life Option Act, which would legalize physician-assisted dying in California. Supporters of this right in the state mobilized when CFI called upon them to take action, and on November 5, Gov. Brown signed the bill into law. Ron Lindsay praised Gov. Brown at the time, saying, “The signing of this bill is a victory for secular government and humanist values, because religious beliefs about God’s will and sin have no place dictating public policy in end-of-life decisions or in anything else.”



HARD-FOUGHT WINS, FRUSTRATING LOSSES, AND CONTINUING BATTLES FOR SECULARISM

A landmark victory for love was also a powerful reaffirmation of secular government, as the Supreme Court ruled that the U.S. Constitution guaranteed marriage rights to same-sex couples. As the court was preparing to hear the case of *Obergefell v. Hodges*, CFI, along with allies at the American Humanist Association, filed an *amicus* brief with the court, explaining that bans on same-sex marriage were rooted only in a disapproval of homosexuality based in religious morality. CFI argued that relying on religious moral codes to decide upon Americans’ basic rights is blatantly unconstitutional, and the right to marry belongs to all Americans. On June 26, five of the nine justices agreed that the core principle of equal treatment in the Constitution protects the right of same-sex couples to marry. As Ron Lindsay said in CFI’s celebratory statement: “This decision strengthens American secularism, and finally acknowledges what we have always known to be true: People who love each other should be free to marry, no matter what any church has to say about it.”



Meanwhile, CFI continued to pursue its lawsuit in Florida, where taxpayers are funding explicitly religious rehabilitation programs for former prison inmates. Two self-described Christian ministries that provide these services base their treatment on biblical principles and Christian teachings, and yet are still funded in part by the State of Florida, a blatant violation of the Florida Constitution's prohibition of any aid, direct or indirect, to religious institutions. In May, CFI filed for summary judgment in the case, citing the reality that there was no dispute about the facts of the case; these facilities openly describe themselves and their services as religious. And as Ron Lindsay noted, "The Florida Constitution expressly prohibits the funding of religious institutions and activities. That money would be far better spent on secular, evidence-based rehabilitation programs." Unfortunately, in a disappointing development, the court decided against CFI in early 2016, with reasoning that defied logic and spoke volumes about the ideological leanings of what has become a very conservative Florida court system.



A consistent and perennial battle is waged in both Washington and state capitals across the country over the issue of school vouchers, and 2015 was no different. Proponents of what is often misleadingly referred to as "school choice" seek to direct taxpayer funds, money that would otherwise be used to bolster public education, to private and religious schools by way of vouchers for students' parents. This scheme is vehemently supported by conservative religious interests, who are happy to have taxpayers help foot the bill for sectarian, parochial education, an obvious violation of church-state separation.



CFI has fought against the implementation of voucher schemes wherever they arise, citing both their unconstitutionality as well as evidence that shows that voucher programs are ineffective in improving students' educational outcomes. In October, CFI joined a broad coalition of 57 groups in pushing to keep vouchers out of the reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act in the U.S. Congress, [and they were successful](#), despite the lobbying push from pro-voucher interests. As 2015 came to a close, efforts to shoehorn a voucher scheme for the District of Columbia into an omnibus spending bill, which CFI worked to defeat, also failed, and the bill passed without the DC voucher program.



**"If a religious organization accepts state money, it should play by the same rules as everyone else. A secular humanist should not have to pay taxes to fund a rehabilitation facility claiming that faith in Jesus Christ is the only way out of addiction."
— Nicholas Little, CFI Legal Director**

COMMUNITY

The branches, chapters, and affiliates of CFI are what give this institution its national and international reach. From Austin to Uganda, local activists put the ideals and principles of CFI into action, building welcoming communities, putting on unforgettable events, and acting for positive change.

The Center for Inquiry fosters secularism, skepticism, humanism, and critical inquiry at the grassroots level, in large part through its network of CFI grassroots communities. From California to New York and from Michigan to Florida, the communities organized hundreds of events that engaged thousands of people.

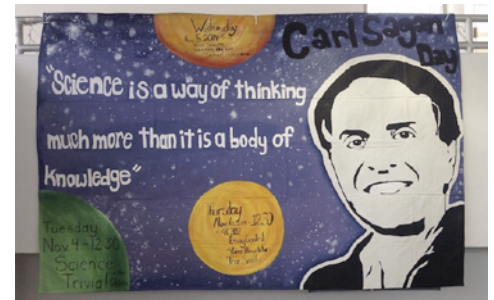
CFI branches and chapters hosted a variety of thought-provoking lectures, including a talk in Los Angeles about bad health science by video-blogger SciBabe, whose takedown of “natural” health blogger Food Babe went viral; an International Blasphemy Rights Day lecture at CFI’s headquarters by Ex-Muslims of North America president Muhammad Syed; and monthly meetings in Fort Lauderdale with a local resident who just happens to be James “The Amazing” Randi. Traveling to the CFI branches in Los Angeles, Northeast Ohio, DC, and Tampa Bay, journalist Tony Ortega gave highly praised lectures about his book, *The Unbreakable Miss Lovely*, which documents how the Church of Scientology went after Paulette Cooper for exposing the secretive organization.

Several branches and chapters also hosted events that helped make science more accessible to the public, including children, with interactive activities such as storytelling, digging for fossils, and physics demonstrations. CFI–Fort Lauderdale successfully hosted their annual Carl Sagan Day event, which featured a rocket-building contest, a robotics demonstration, and telescopes courtesy of a local astronomy association.

While focusing on engaging intellectual events, CFI’s communities also understand the importance of fostering a strong, connected community. This includes support groups for those struggling with the aftermath of leaving religion, as well as joyful events like marching in local LGBT pride parades and celebrating the summer and winter solstices. Casual social Meetups and discussion groups at cafés, parks, and restaurants have also been key to providing the freethinking community what so many nonreligious people are looking for. The highlight of the year for many CFI members in Michigan was the annual Secular Summer Retreat, where CFI–Michigan saw around 100 members, including 30 children, come together for a fun and relaxing weekend full of activities, crafts, and delicious meals. Many families return to the retreat summer after summer, having forged lasting friendships that connect them to CFI members all across the state.



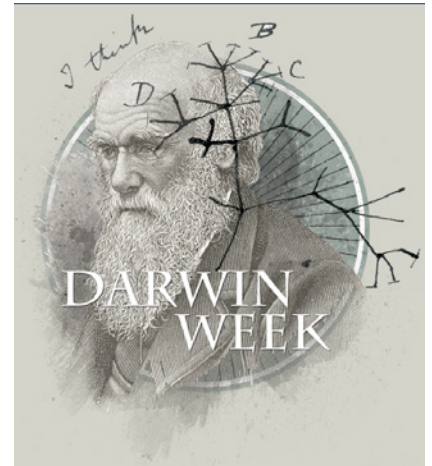
Tony Ortega and Paulette Cooper at CFI–Los Angeles



CFI–Michigan’s Secular Summer Retreat

Indiana's Religious Freedom Restoration Act "allows people to use their religious beliefs to discriminate against other people, and that's wrong."
— CFI-Indiana's Reba Boyd Wooden to NBC News

With over 300 affiliate groups throughout North America and overseas, CFI On Campus continued to foster vibrant freethought communities on college campuses, keeping them up to date on important secular and skeptical issues, supplying educational materials to help them spread their message, and providing advice on launching a group, event planning, and keeping the group alive and active beyond their own time in school. Hundreds of attendees came to take part in Darwin Week events put on by the University of Iowa Freethinkers & Inquirers, and sponsored by CFI On Campus. In March, CFI On Campus helped sponsor Freethought Festival 4, put on by the Atheists, Humanists, and Agnostics (AHA!) of the University of Wisconsin-Madison, which featured speakers such as Susan Jacoby and Ed Brayton.



WORKING FOR CHANGE AT THE GRASS ROOTS

CFI's activism and advocacy aren't limited to the U.S. Congress and the United Nations. Some of the most important work to foster a secular society based on reason and science is done at the state and local levels, where laws immediately impact people's everyday lives. In 2015, CFI branches were more civically active than ever, championing pro-secular legislation, fighting back against the incursion of religion and pseudoscience into public policy, and building the skills and connections necessary for all of us to get active and press for change.

CFI-Indiana held its fourth Indiana Civic Day, where they partnered with the Indiana branch of Americans United for Separation of Church and State to present expert speakers and meet with legislators in the Statehouse. CFI-Northeast Ohio held its third Secular Summit, a day of training for civic-minded secular Ohioans to train in activism and meet with members of the General Assembly. And CFI-Michigan held its first-ever Civics Day for workshops in lobbying, a tour of the state capitol, and of course face-to-face meetings with state legislators.

Our branches also worked hard on specific pieces of legislation, mustering support and making news on groundbreaking issues. Following in the footsteps of CFI's landmark win in federal court in 2014, allowing Secular Celebrants to solemnize marriages in Indiana, CFI branches pushed forward Secular Celebrant bills in two new states. In Ohio, State Sen. Michael Skindell collaborated with CFI-Northeast Ohio to [introduce Senate Bill 50](#), which would have allowed anyone, regardless of religious affiliation, to register with the Secretary of State and receive the authorization to solemnize marriages. Even more progress



Monette Richards of CFI-Northeast Ohio

was made in Oregon, as State Rep. Mitch Greenlick worked with CFI-Portland to introduce HB 3483, which would allow secular humanist organizations to authorize members to solemnize marriages in the state. This bill actually [passed the Oregon House](#) with 35 votes in favor.



Reba Boyd Wooden of CFI-Indiana

The dedicated members of the CFI-Indiana community were particularly proactive in 2015, as they helped lead the fight against the state's woefully misguided "religious freedom" bill. Mirroring the kinds of legislation that many states and municipalities were suddenly adopting, Indiana's version of the Religious Freedom Restoration Act was a veiled attempt to clear the way for businesses, organizations, and individuals to circumvent the law, avoid regulations that apply to everyone else, and discriminate against people because of their religion, sexual orientation, or other trait that conflicts with a religious belief. CFI-Indiana was on the front lines of the fight against this law, and Executive Director Reba Boyd Wooden even [appeared on NBC News](#), explaining why it had to be stopped.

SKEPTICS AND HUMANISTS COME HOME FOR "REASON FOR CHANGE"



The leading lights of humanism and skepticism from around the world came together in Western New York, the home of the Center for Inquiry and birthplace of much of the freethought movement, for one of CFI's most successful conferences ever, the [Reason for Change conference](#). Taking place June 11-15, some of the brightest minds and most intriguing personalities from the fields of science, journalism, and activism connected, collaborated, and celebrated the great achievements of our movement, and took a critical look at the challenges we still face.



Jim Underdown of CFI-Los Angeles

Highlights included the keynote address by Rebecca Newberger Goldstein; the honoring of Richard Dawkins and Susan Jacoby with CFI Lifetime Achievement Awards; special tours of the Freethought Trail, historic Buffalo, and the Center for Inquiry itself; mind-opening presentations and conversations from luminaries such as science education champion Eugenie Scott, *New Yorker* science journalist Michael Specter, secularism scholar Phil Zuckerman, and many more; discus-

sions from fascinating panels of experts in skeptical investigation, humanism and religion, and the science of climate change; and special live-audience editions of *Point of Inquiry*, with Josh Zepps's conversation with Richard Dawkins himself, and Lindsay Beyerstein's interviews with courageous Bangladeshi freethought writers Taslima Nasrin and Asif Mohiuddin. Ronald Lindsay also gave his last address at a major CFI conference as its president and CEO, galvanizing and inspiring attendees as he looked to the future of CFI and its singular importance as a lasting institution.

MOVING FREETHOUGHT FORWARD AT THE CFI LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

Buffalo remained the center of freethought activity as CFI hosted in July its latest [Leadership Conference](#), an event focused on student and community leaders who want to sharpen their skills, broaden their horizons, and make valuable connections. Participants got hands-on training and workshops from experts such as humanist leader James L. Croft and union organizer Desiree Schell; political scientist Juhem Navarro-Rivera illuminated secularism's demographics and politics; psychology and education expert Melanie Brewster explored how maligned minority groups can foster a stronger sense of well-being; CFI's Nick Little provided inspiration and insight into church-state legal battles; and Michael De Dora even organized an on-the-spot lobbying effort to telephone senators and urge them to oppose a bill to defund Planned Parenthood. It was also an event that provided everyone with a deeper understanding of how the movement can improve, with discussions ranging from the Black Lives Matter phenomenon in the United States to the crackdowns on free expression in the Muslim world.

AT THE WHITE HOUSE, GETTING TO KNOW OUR NEIGHBORS

CFI believes that living the values of secular humanism means fighting for equal treatment for all, no matter their religious beliefs, and building a sense of community even with those with whom we might disagree. On countless occasions, CFI has partnered with groups of all faiths when we have shared a common goal. In 2015, CFI worked directly with a wide range of faith-based groups, including Catholics for Choice on reproductive rights, the Hindu American Foundation on the crisis in Bangladesh, and the Baha'i International Community and LDS Charities on a wide array of humanitarian efforts at the United Nations.



Michael Specter at Reason for Change



CFI Leadership Conference



Michael De Dora (second from left) at the White House



Michael De Dora with the Hindu American Foundation

This work across religious and secular lines brought CFI to the White House in December, as it was [selected to join a multi-faith coalition](#) to launch a campaign aimed at bridging divides and increasing understanding among people of differing beliefs. The [Know Your Neighbor coalition](#) was kicked off at a White House event hosted by Melissa Rogers of the president's Office of Faith-based and Neighborhood Partnerships. The Center for Inquiry, represented by Michael De Dora, was the sole organization within the coalition to represent nonreligious and unaffiliated Americans. The fifteen-member coalition included a wide variety of religious and ideological perspectives, including the American Civil Liberties Union, the Baptist Joint Committee, the National Sikh Campaign, Muslim Advocates, and our sometime-adversaries the religiously conservative Becket Fund for Religious Liberty. The Know Your Neighbor campaign continues into 2016, and we're looking forward to working alongside this diverse collection of organizations to make significant strides for understanding, tolerance, and freedom for everyone.



YOU MADE US LAUGH

To challenge the negative stereotypes of atheists as heartless or hopeless in popular entertainment, CFI partnered with the Freedom From Religion Foundation and secular activist Pamela Koslyn to task talented freethinkers with creating an original sitcom featuring a lovable atheist lead character for the 2015 "No God But Funny" contest. Contestants were asked to "contribute to the downfall of civilization" by submitting either a 22-minute pilot script or a fully produced three-to 15-minute "webisode." A panel of judges with expertise in comedy and television pored over the many excellent teleplay and webisode submissions and [in August announced the winners](#). Rachel Lewis and Daniel Beecher of Salt Lake City won \$15,000 for their pilot script *Thank God I'm an Atheist*, in which two young atheists contend with their devoutly Mormon parents; and John Dardis of Los Angeles won the big \$25,000 prize for [the pilot webisode of Earth Angel](#), the story of Angel, a sharp young woman who must find a way to come out as an atheist to her very religious family, on Christmas Day! CFI—Los Angeles presented the awards, hosting a live staged reading of *Thank God I'm an Atheist*, and a debut screenings of *Earth Angel*. Best of all, civilization never collapsed. Maybe next time?



Scene from "Earth Angel"

A TRULY GLOBAL FREETHOUGHT COMMUNITY

CFI is one of the few freethought organizations with a genuinely global reach. Run by Bill Cooke, CFI's international program includes branches and affiliates based in countries around the world. In 2015, [CFI welcomed a new international branch](#), the very existence of which was—and is—an act of considerable courage: CFI–Pakistan. Established by Emanuel Enoch (a pseudonym for safety), this branch stands in stark contrast to the oppressive atmosphere of Pakistan, where atheists and religious minorities are persecuted, blasphemy laws are carelessly and maliciously invoked, and apostasy is seen by many as an unforgivable offense. Amid the trepidations for their security, there is also deep gratitude and high hopes for what CFI–Pakistan can accomplish in the years to come.

The achievements of CFI–Kenya in 2015 are a brilliant success story among CFI's international branches, standing tall for reason and humanism in a country where superstition and belief in witchcraft is rampant. These dedicated activists, led by George Ongere, [established the Humanist Orphans Program](#), which provides education and other assistance to children who have been abandoned or have lost their parents—on some occasions because their parents relied on religion or quack remedies to combat AIDS. Especially notable was that CFI–Kenya was able to have the Humanist Orphans Program officially registered by the Kenyan government, a real victory given the resistance to recognizing groups that question religious beliefs. In November, [Ron Lindsay paid a visit to CFI–Kenya](#) and helped officially open the Humanist Orphans Center in Kisumu County, which brought inspiration and encouragement to activists and students alike.



Members of CFI–Pakistan, identities protected



Ronald Lindsay with the Humanist Orphans Program



Ronald Lindsay with members of CFI–Kenya

“With the continued support that CFI–Kenya gets from CFI–Transnational, we believe that there is going to be a great impact on the communities that benefit from this project. ... With this initiative, children who had no future can now smile again.”

— George Ongere, CFI–Kenya

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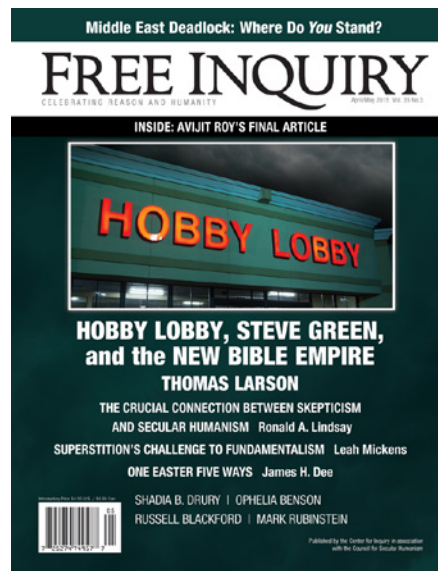
Questions are at the very core of freethought: the freedom to ask them, and the freedom to seek their answers, using the tools of reason, science, and critical thinking. Through its publications, digital media, investigations, and educational programming, the Center for Inquiry celebrates curiosity, exploration, and the hunger to learn more.

The Influence and Impact of Our Magazines: *Free Inquiry* and *Skeptical Inquirer*

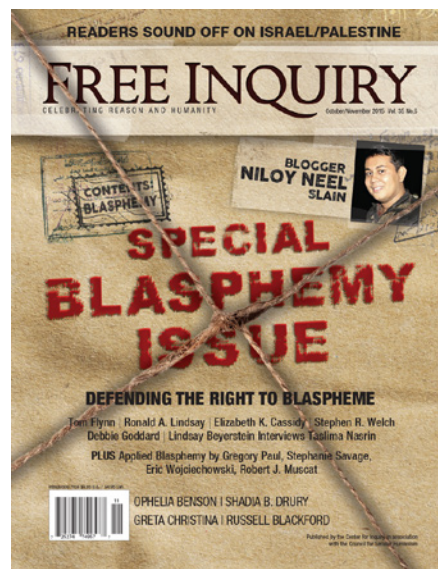
Free Inquiry, published by the Center for Inquiry in association with the Council for Secular Humanism, is the premier magazine of humanist thought and the critical examination of religion. In 2015 it was the journal of record for one of the defining struggles of our time: the global crackdown on free expression and the mortal plight of outspoken secularists, particularly in Bangladesh.

In February, Bangladeshi-American writer and activist Avijit Roy was murdered by Islamic extremists at a book fair in Dhaka (see page 4). Just before his death, which spurred outrage and demonstrations around the world, Roy had written a special essay for *Free Inquiry*, “[The Virus of Faith](#),” which happened to be set to be published only days later in the April/May issue. Sadly the article would be among his final published words, but, somewhat prophetically, they powerfully spelled out the threat he and fellow secularists faced in a Bangladesh growing more deeply in thrall to fundamentalist Islam. In a subsequent issue, Roy’s wife, who narrowly survived the attack that killed him, activist and writer Rafida Bonya Ahmed, penned a [powerful message of defiance](#) to her attackers: “Human civilization will shiver when it discards you in the trash pile of history, when it sees your barbaric insanity.”

Then in September, *Free Inquiry* [published a special Blasphemy Issue](#), commemorating both International Blasphemy Rights Day (an event begun by CFI in 2009) and the violence that broke out over the 2005 publication of the infamous “Danish cartoons” of Muhammad—cartoons that *Free Inquiry*, alone among U.S. publications, dared to republish in its own pages, causing the magazine to be banned from national bookstore chains at the time. The 2015 Blasphemy Issue broke ground for free expression yet again by once more being the only U.S. publication to [publish the winning cartoon](#) from the American Freedom Defense Initiative’s “Draw Muhammad” contest in Garland, Texas, an event that had been terrorized by a shooting attack in May. The special issue also included hard-hitting pieces tackling subjects such as blasphemy laws and the fatwa on Salman Rushdie, and a [defiant expression of resolve](#) from Ronald Lindsay, who wrote, “This journal is not going to be intimidated or cowed into silence about any claim, political or religious... whether the attempt to silence us is based on overt threats or rhetoric derived from the canons of identity politics.”



FREE INQUIRY



“Maybe we should be giving more respect to the amazing resilience of the human brain and be more humble about the limits of our knowledge about it. And while we’re at it, let’s not underestimate the boundless powers of imagination.”
— Stephanie Savage in *Skeptical Inquirer*

Skeptical Inquirer, published by the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry, dispelled a wide array of myths, many of which struck at the heart of how we live our lives in terms of our health, our planet, and how we perceive the blurry lines between life and death. In the July/August issue, Stephanie Savage struck a chord with her firsthand account of her “near-death experiences” during a six-week coma. While in her “coma-dream,” her imagination took her on extraordinary mental journeys (complete with storylines from the *Hitchhiker’s Guide to the Galaxy*), but at no time did she approach the pearly gates or pay a visit to the afterlife. “It was no act of God that saved my life,” wrote Savage. “It was science.” Her story was picked up by outlets such as the *Washington Post* and *VICE*.

But there of course remained a parade of medical myths to expose, a task well suited to the experts of *Skeptical Inquirer*. The May/June special issue on [medical misinformation](#) took on the anti-vaccination movement, quack health gurus like the “Food Babe,” the placement of alternative medicine “advertorials” in respected scientific journals, and even the problem of entire governments promoting dangerous pseudoscience as medicine, with China pressuring the World Health Organization to legitimize dubious traditional forms of medicine. *Skeptical Inquirer* also deeply explored why people can be made to believe in things that are not so. Psychologist Preston R. Bost explained how wild conspiracy beliefs are not merely the purview of the pathological, but are more often the product of [normal and even rational mind-sets](#). Also, Charles S. Reichardt and Ian A. Saari made plain an uncomfortable truth: that higher levels of education can [harden anti-evolution beliefs](#) rather than dismantle them.



Skeptical Inquirer

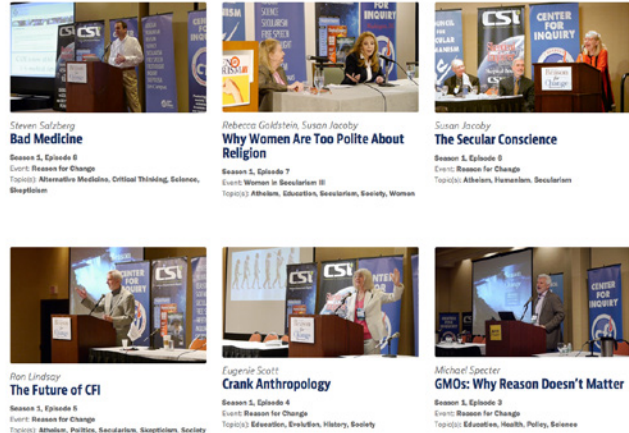
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THE BEST OF CFI EVENTS, ON DEMAND

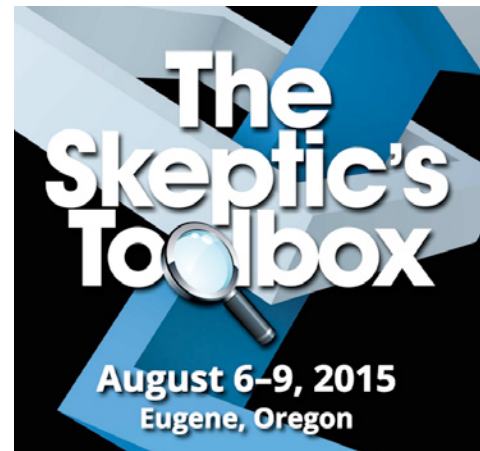
Center for Inquiry events, from local talks to international conferences, bring audiences the brightest minds and most compelling speakers from a wide variety of fields. But rather than disappearing into the ether once they wrap up, these presentations are finding a new permanent home online to be enjoyed for years to come. In November, CFI launched [Reasonable Talk](#), a weekly series presenting high-quality video of the best live talks and conversations from Center for Inquiry events. Presented in “seasons” of episodes, just like your favorite shows on TV, a new talk is posted every week at [ReasonableTalk.tv](#), giving viewers a chance to “binge-watch” on freethought. Season one featured talks from such freethought luminaries as Rebecca Goldstein, Michael Specter, Eugenie Scott, Susan Jacoby, and more, and Season 2 will launch in early 2016.

Reasonable Talk



BUILDING SKILLS AND SHARPENING MINDS AT THE SKEPTIC'S TOOLBOX

Members of the reality-based community are better prepared to confront the storm of misinformation conjured up in our information-soaked culture, thanks to a weekend of hands-on training and events at the 2015 [Skeptic's Toolbox](#) in Eugene, Oregon. This year's program examined how the framing of information affects how



“Not long ago I thought I was the only atheist in Indianapolis. Then I saw an article in the newspaper about an organization called the Center for Inquiry. ... I jumped at the chance to join. Now, many years later, I know I am not alone, but part of an active community of freethinkers who care and take action to better the human condition, locally and internationally.”

—Craig Gosling

“At this point in time, it seems religious extremism is invading every part of our public consciousness. I joined CFI to have a sane, logical conversation about today’s issues, and hopefully find a way to mitigate the zealotry in our world.”

—Jackie McCaman



it is perceived in journalism, medicine, politics, and other areas in which people have to choose to believe or reject dubious and extraordinary claims. The weekend was opened with a moving memorial discussion of the late skeptic luminary Wally Sampson. But there was also new life and new blood to invigorate the proceedings with the inclusion of scholarship students from San Francisco. On hand to sharpen attendees’ minds was a full roster of expert skeptics, such as “SkepDoc” Harriet Hall, psychologists James Alcock, and Loren Pankratz, *Point of Inquiry* cohost and investigative journalist Lindsay Beyerstein, and of course the Toolbox’s founder, venerated skeptical movement pioneer Ray Hyman.



Skeptics' Toolbox

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMMING

CFI’s educational program, led by David Koepsell, continued its [CFI Institute Online](#) courses with offerings examining the future of humanism and the theological problem of evil. The Institute also hosted a two-day seminar at CFI–Transnational in Amherst, New York, focusing on the field of Experimental Philosophy and featuring guest lecturers Prof. Joshua Knobe of Yale University, Prof. James Beebe of the University at Buffalo, and Prof. Wesley Buckwalter of the University of Waterloo. CFI also hosted the tenth and final year of Camp Inquiry in Holland, NY, where campers spent a week conducting science experiments, nature excursions, and workshops on basic philosophy, humanistic and skeptical values, and critical thinking.



Students at Moving Freethought Forward

INSIDE CFI

A YEAR OF UNIFICATION

For the Center for Inquiry, 2015 began with a formalization of the union between CFI and what had been its affiliate organizations, the Council for Secular Humanism and the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry (CSI). In January, it was announced that these two organizations had [officially merged into the Center for Inquiry](#), creating one unified corporation with the Council and CSI now operating as programs of CFI. Those who had been donors of any one of the three organizations were made full members of the Center for Inquiry. Nothing about any of the three organizations' programming or publications changed as a result, and in fact the merger helped to streamline operations and increase efficiencies throughout the three groups. The work of the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry and the Council for Secular Humanism remain as active and vital as ever, and the Center for Inquiry is stronger as a result.

In March, Ronald A. Lindsay, who had served as CFI's president and CEO since 2008, announced that he [intended to step down](#) by the end of the year. His reasoning was simple: No organization should become too tied in the public's mind to one individual, be it a president, founder, or celebrity, and that to solidify CFI's place as an institution the time had come for him to make room for a new leader. [His address to the "Reason for Change" conference](#) in June, and his last op-ed in *Free Inquiry*, explained more of the reasoning behind his decision, and his determination to see CFI prosper and grow well into the future.

What was not known at the time of Lindsay's retirement announcement or the CFI/CSI/CSH merger was that this unification was just the first major step toward building upon the CFI family of institutions. As 2015 came to a close, discussions began in what would eventually become [the merger](#) of the Center for Inquiry with the Richard Dawkins Foundation for Reason & Science. But it so happens that this monumental joining of freethought groups would not be made official until 2016, and so that is a story for another annual report...



Richard Dawkins and Ronald Lindsay at Reason for Change



NEW CSI FELLOWS AND CONSULTANTS

The Committee for Skeptical Inquiry elected ten distinguished scientists, scholars, educators, and investigators as its [newest Fellows](#), each selected for their distinguished contributions to science and skepticism. They join prominent figures such as Neil deGrasse Tyson, Jill Tarter, Richard Dawkins, E.O. Wilson, Eugenie Scott, and many other luminaries of skepticism. Coming from countries around the world, the 2015 CSI Fellows are:

- Climate change scholar and communicator **John Cook** (Australia)
- Medical journalist and folklore expert **Krista Federspiel** (Austria)
- Science communicator **Julia Galef** (U.S.)
- Cognitive psychologist **Stephan Lewandowsky** (Australia)
- *Junior Skeptic* editor and author **Daniel Loxton** (Canada)
- Virologist, pediatrician, best-selling author, and vaccine proponent **Paul Offit** (U.S.)
- Geologist and science historian **Naomi Oreskes** (U.S.)
- Executive director of the National Physical Science Consortium **James L. Powell** (U.S.)
- Paleontologist and author **Donald R. Prothero** (U.S.)
- Psychologist and *Skeptical Inquirer* columnist **Stuart Vyse** (U.S.)



In addition, CSI welcomed four new Scientific and Technical Consultants for 2015:

- Founder of Guerrilla Skepticism on Wikipedia, **Susan Gerbic** (U.S.)
- Chairman of European Council of Skeptical Organizations, **Gabor Hrasko** (Hungary)
- Computer scientist and skeptical activist **John R. Mashey** (U.S.)
- Neurobiologist and science journalist **Julia Offe** (Germany)

NEW FACES AND LONGTIME FRIENDS

CFI's stable of leaders saw some other significant changes and fantastic additions. Brian D. Engler, a devoted freethought activist and longtime friend (and unofficial photographer) of CFI, was elected to the Board of Directors in December. A veteran of the U.S. Navy with rich experience in nonprofit advocacy, Brian's wisdom and his generosity have been indispensable to CFI, and now his role as one of CFI's leaders has been formalized on the Board of Directors.

At CFI-Transnational in Amherst, two new staff members were brought on board to support both CFI's online presence and its fund-raising operation. Lauren Foster became CFI's new development manager, coming to CFI with over thirty years of experience in research, human resources, financials, fund-raising, and event planning. Marc Kreidler was brought on as the new web content coordinator, and their creative and technical talents have proven invaluable.

In September, President Obama bestowed a high honor on one of CFI's honorary board members, when Rebecca Newberger Goldstein was [awarded the National Humanities Medal](#) for her lifetime of inspiring and enlightening work in philosophy, literature, and the history of science. Ron Lindsay heralded the honor saying, "Few writers are as gifted as Rebecca Goldstein is in fiction, or as insightful as she is in nonfiction. Her wide-ranging body of work is philosophically compelling, richly rewarding, and deeply humane, engaging both our intellect and our emotions, and in the process making us laugh, cry, sigh ... and think."

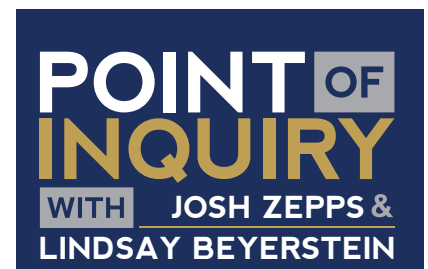
POINT OF INQUIRY: BROADCASTING TO NEW AUDIENCES

One particular part of CFI that appeals well beyond the secular and skeptic community is its podcast [Point of Inquiry](#), where journalists Lindsay Beyerstein and Josh Zepps talk to the most fascinating and brilliant minds in science, religion, and politics in thought-provoking long-form interviews. Tens of thousands of curious people listen in every week, so it's no wonder that in the summer of 2015, Spotify, one of the world's most popular streaming music services, selected *Point of Inquiry* to be one of the handful of programs to be part of its [first foray into podcast streaming](#). As Spotify rolls out its podcast offerings, it will be a fantastic opportunity for many more people who are hungry for new perspectives and big ideas to discover *Point of Inquiry*.

When those listeners look at the caliber of *Point of Inquiry* guests from 2015, they won't be disappointed. They included [Ta-Nehisi Coates](#), whose book *Between the World and Me* won the National Book Award; science advocacy champion [Eugenie Scott](#); and [Alex Garland](#), director of the sci-fi blockbuster *Ex Machina*. Also, religion reporter [Sarah Posner](#) discussed the politics of the religious right; journalist [Johann Hari](#) who revealed some incredible truths about addiction and recovery; video blogger [Laci Green](#) dispelled myths about love and sex; Egyptian satirist [Bassem Youssef](#) talked about the struggle for free expression; international human rights icon [Taslima Nasrin](#) told her inspiring and harrowing personal story; and so much more.



Rebecca Newberger Goldstein



Ta-Nehisi Coates

CFI IN THE MEDIA

2015 saw the Center for Inquiry establish itself firmly with the news media as a nearly unrivaled authority on some of the most heated and critical topics in current events.

Beginning in 2014, CFI's Committee for Skeptical Inquiry kickstarted a national debate about the way climate change, especially humanity's role in global warming, is discussed. In a campaign to strip from science-deniers the mantle of "skeptic," some of the country's most important journalistic institutions were spurred to publicly grapple with the tension between accuracy in language and the pretense of "fairness and balance" favoring misinformation. In September of 2015, these efforts bore fruit. The Associated Press, the U.S.'s primary news service, [announced](#) that it would no longer refer to those who deny the reality of climate change as "skeptics," recognizing that the word cannot apply to those who reject science and facts. Unfortunately, the AP decided to replace the word "skeptics" with "doubters," which still muddled the distinction between genuine scientific skepticism and ideological rejection of reality. Outlets including [The New York Times](#), [National Journal](#), [Newsweek](#), and [The Washington Post](#) covered this debate and CSI's role in the change at the AP, and on public radio's [On the Media](#), host Bob Garfield gave a representative from the AP quite a grilling for not going far enough with the change in guidelines.

Also on the topic of climate change, when Pope Francis delivered his encyclical on environmentalism and global warming, outlets such as [Politico](#), [The Washington Post](#), and the journal [Science](#) cited CFI for our criticism of the pope for failing to raise the issue of the Catholic Church's ban on contraception and its prime role in exacerbating climate change.

TECH & SCIENCE

THE REAL SKEPTICS BEHIND THE AP DECISION TO PUT AN END TO THE TERM 'CLIMATE SKEPTICS'

BY ZOE SCHLANGER ON 9/24/15 AT 3:13 PM



Newsweek headline

“CFI On Campus has been a tremendously useful resource when organizing a student group. The Leadership Conference allowed me to get together and interact with people from throughout North America. This was immensely helpful when we started organizing the Southern Secular Student Regional Conference (S3RC). S3RC might not have even begun to be a thing if it weren't for the skills and connections gained at the Leadership Conference.”

—Sam Farooqui

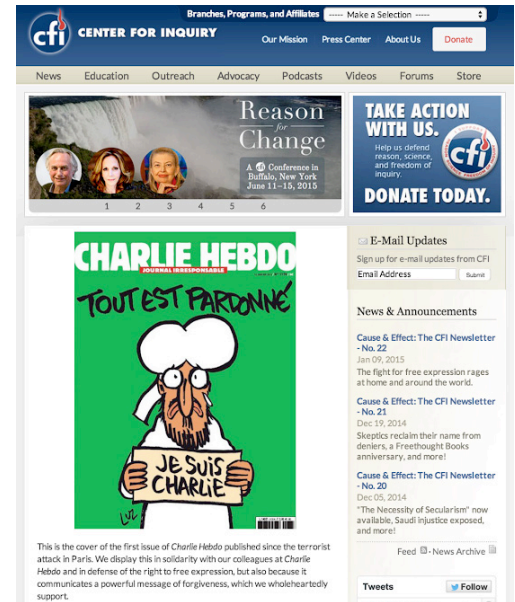
President of the Secular Student Alliance at Florida State University



CFI also established itself in the media consciousness as a singular champion of free expression around the world. As the U.S. organization most closely connected to Avijit Roy and the secularist bloggers of Bangladesh, journalists covering this crisis frequently sought the insight of CFI's experts. CNN, *The New York Times*, BBC, MSNBC, *The Washington Post*, *Mashable*, *Time Magazine*, NPR, Bloomberg, *Buzzfeed*, and Reuters, along with Bangladesh's top news publications, were just some of the outlets that looked to CFI.

MORE HIGHLIGHTS FROM CFI IN THE MEDIA:

- CFI's response to the *Charlie Hebdo* attacks in Paris was covered by outlets as varied as MSNBC's *Ed Show*, *Variety*, and *U.S. News & World Report*.
- Joe Nickell, CFI's star investigator, was the subject of a [short documentary by VICE](#), focusing on the UFO culture of Roswell and Joe's work as "the real-life Dana Scully" of *X-Files* fame.
- Joe also appeared on *CBS Sunday Morning* to discuss a haunting case, and *The New Yorker* reposted its 2002 profile of Joe as part of its best-of series.
- Ron Lindsay joined a panel on NPR's *Diane Rehm Show* to discuss the rise of the religiously unaffiliated in America.
- Michael De Dora discussed CFI's position on homeopathy on NPR's *To the Point with Warren Olney*, with additional coverage of our work on the issue from outlets such as *Science*, *The Guardian*, *Boing Boing*, and *Discovery News*.



CFI homepage following the Paris attacks



Joe Nickell on a VICE documentary



Michael De Dora on CNN

- Communications director Paul Fidalgo penned two op-eds for CNN, on challenges secularists face [in the political realm](#) and a call for the pope to speak out for the rights of [persecuted nonbelievers](#).
- Religion News Service also published an opinion piece by Fidalgo, calling upon American religious groups to [truly pursue religious freedom](#) by focusing less on manufactured outrages, and more on the genuine mortal threats faced by secularists in Bangladesh.
- Stef McGraw, a CFI Campus and Community Organizer, appeared on [KRBK TV news](#), and talked about her own lack of belief in religion at Scepticon in Missouri.
- Ron Lindsay, Paul Fidalgo, and Michael De Dora all took part in the panel discussions on the web video network *HuffPost Live*.



Stef McGraw on KRBK News



Ron Lindsay on HuffPost Live

“I have supported the Center for Inquiry for over thirty years through its publications and symposia because it is the one organization I have discovered to be best aligned with my own beliefs intellectually and philosophically.”

— William Ameen, MD
Greensboro, NC



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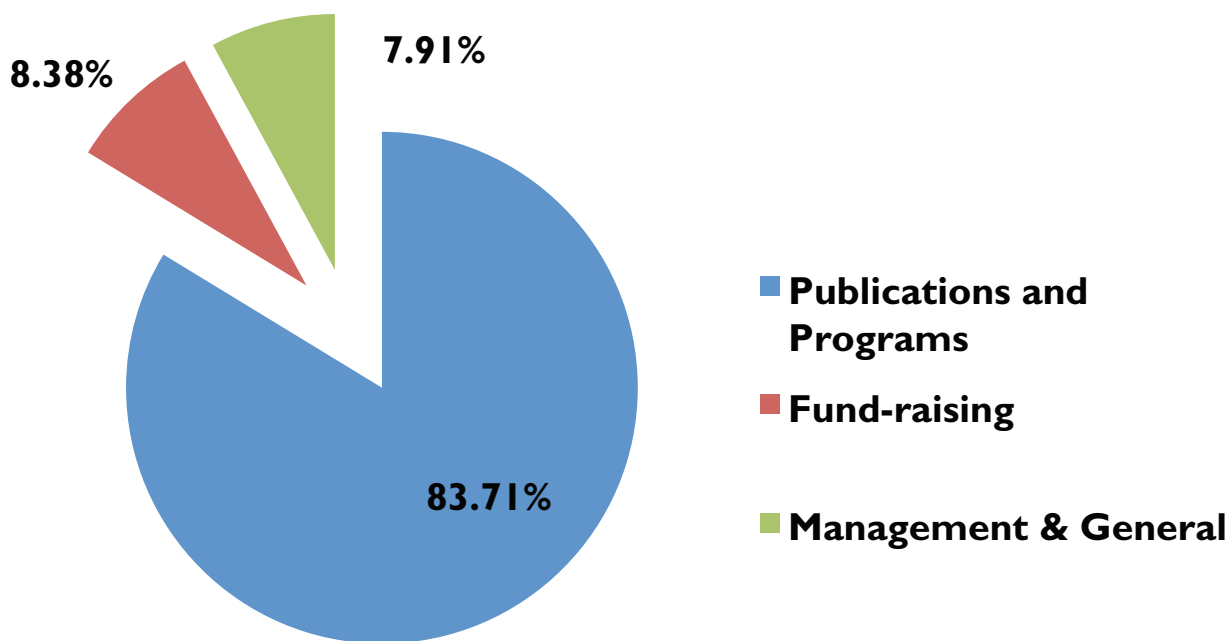
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ON A PERSONAL NOTE

Being a part of the CFI community impacts every person's life in a different way. Throughout this report, you've heard from a few of CFI's friends and supporters who have shared some of their reasons for being a part of the Center for Inquiry family, and what this community means to them. Here's one man's personal story of how his involvement with CFI's Michigan branch helped him and his family through extremely difficult times. **Meet Jeremiah Bannister.**

The Center for Inquiry has played an essential role in my life since first moving to Grand Rapids in the winter of 2012. We were new to town, and CFI helped to connect us with other local nonbelievers, events, and organizations—even volunteer opportunities!

After my parents' divorce and the death of my best friend, I found solace and camaraderie attending Living Without Religion, feeling free to vent, to speak from my heart, and to do so without any fear of judgment. As a media personality and public speaker, CFI has provided me with many great opportunities to talk about important issues, to further develop my craft, and even to connect with other professionals and professional opportunities.



Most importantly, when our 10-year-old daughter was diagnosed with brain cancer in March of 2015, the Center for Inquiry was there for us. They helped my wife and me with the children, picking them up from school, babysitting them late into the night, and making sure the kids were able to talk openly about their thoughts and feelings. CFI also set up a network for providing us with meals while we were in the hospital. They gave us fresh, warm, healthy entrees, and it really helped with time and money.

Since our daughter's release from the hospital, I've been accepted to the board of CFI-Michigan; my daughter and I represented the Center for Inquiry at the 16th Annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Celebration; I spoke on behalf of Living Without Religion when giving the eulogy for one of our members; and Cafe Inquiry even invited my daughter and me to present "God & Cancer: The #TeamTinyDancer Story" to their group, discussing our thoughts and experiences with science and religion since learning that she has cancer.

In short, with all the events we've attended, the opportunities that have arisen, and the friends that we've made over these past four years, Center for Inquiry is without a doubt the single-most important organization in both my life and in the life of my family.

Special thanks to you, Jeremiah, for sharing your story. CFI is proud to have you as part of our community.

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