

# AOF News & Views - Newsletter for March 2019

# **♦♦ Upcoming AOF Events ♦♦**

# Board of Directors Meeting

# Tuesday, March 12, 2019, 7pm - 9pm

An AOF planning meeting for AOF Directors & officers, but open to all interested friends and members. These happen about every other month. Sinister things happen at the Board meetings. Dark, sinister things. Please join us and keep an eye on the machinations.

Location: Reason Center, 1824 Tribute Rd, Ste A, Sacramento. Map: https://goo.gl/iVQL8z.

Contact: See http://www.aofonline.org/contact.html.



# > Free Movie Night!

## Friday, March 15, 2019, 7pm - 10pm

Twice a month, Reason Center (RC) and AOF join hands to host a Free Movie Night under an excellent MPLC License. We can't name the movies, but we can hint.

The March 15th one is a 1944 thriller-drama about a woman whose husband manipulates her into thinking she is going insane. Nominated for seven Academy Awards, it is considered a classic of psychological thrillers. Must you know the name? Then contact Reason Center (see below). They won't gaslight you. And then you can tell the world.

Another will occur April 5, but more info on that next issue. Or see the AOF website.

Movie Nights are informal, picnic-style family evenings. The venue has a huge silver screen and a dynamic sound system. Chairs are available, but it is OK to bring blankets, pillows, lawn chairs and your own snacks & beverage, nonalcoholic please. RC may provide fluffy, buttery theatre popcorn. Children are welcome if they're cool children -- and if you judge the movie appropriate for them.

This is especially for Reason Center members, but non-members are welcome too. Really you are! RC may beg a small donation to cover costs. How can you become a member? Sign up at http://reasoncenter.com/donate/. Membership, a measly \$5 a month, is tax deductible if you itemize. And the perks (like this one) will thrill you.

Contact: Reason Center, 916-426-6416, or email <reasoncenter (at) gmail (dot) com>. Location: Reason Center, 1824 Tribute Rd, Suite A, Sacramento. Map: https://goo.gl/iVQL8z. Free Movie Nights occur two Fridays a month. Suggest your own fave film for next time!

# Rock Stars Discover Deep Time

## Sunday, March 31, 2019, 2pm - 4pm

The Rock Stars are geologists. Deep Time is the vast and almost fathomless history of the earth. Dr. Earl Arthur Murchison, AOF member and resident science historian, has produced an audio/video gem of science lore. His presentation is "A History of Geology: Rock Stars Discover Deep Time," and it shows how we can trace much of the human origins story by looking carefully at the old, old, old rocks beneath our feet.

Our time-tripping tour guide is an enthusiastic science history buff who has spent much enjoyable and informative time with 19th-century British scientists (called "natural philosophers" in the day). Once again, he will take us into his Wayback Machine and revisit their world with the help of digital images, music, and narration flavoured with sound effects. Please join him, and us, in another adventure.



Note, this event begins at 2 pm, a bit later than usual. When we speak of aeons, does it matter?

Location: Reason Center, 1824 Tribute Rd, Suite A, Sacramento, see map

**Contact:** See http://www.aofonline.org/contact.html.

Free. With free parking. But do bring some light snacks for the hospitality table (finger-foods) and drop an ancient dollar or two in Reason Center's donation jar.



# **♦♦ Other Upcoming Events (non-AOF) ♦♦**

# Sacramento Politics and Philosophy Group

# Saturday, March 2, 2019 10am - 12pm

The next discussion will be in the Reason Center conference room. The topic: *Trump, Now What?* (Sound Familiar?) The event host says, "It seems to echo in my head. Words that I am reminded of each week or so ... because paying attention and asking questions will lead you to this never ending repeat in reaction to hearing his words or hearing everyone in the media using his words and behavior to maintain the attention of others." Hmm, a point there, somewhere.

Location: Reason Center, 1824 Tribute Rd, Suite A, Sacramento. Map: https://goo.gl/iVQL8z.

Contact: See https://www.meetup.com/Sacramento-Politics-and-Philosophy-Group/

Your event host is David Jacobs.

# ➤ Sunday Morning Coffee and Community Sunday, Mar 3 & Mar 17, 2019, 9am – 11am

Come enjoy hot coffee, donuts and natty talk with your fellow freethinkers. Check out the library, the latest FFRF newspaper, and yummy donuts from Marie's. "C&C" is open to all, especially Reason Center members. (Membership is just \$5 a month, btw.) We look forward to seeing you!

Location: Reason Center, 1824 Tribute Rd, Suite A, Sacramento. Map: https://goo.gl/iVQL8z.

Contact: Reason Center, 916-426-6416, or email reasoncenter@gmail.com.

March 3rd event hosted by Gary A and Allen, March 17 hosted by Mynga and Nancy S



# Compassionate Humanists

# Sunday, Mar 3, 2019 10am - 12pm

A group for those that value kindness and compassion in their lives, those interested in enhancing their relationships with loved ones, their communities and the larger world. They use material from these books to guide the discussions:

- -- Twelve Steps to a Compassionate Life, by Karen Armstrong
- -- The Moral Arc: How Science and Reason Lead Humanity Toward Truth, Justice, and Freedom, by Michael Shermer

You need not have read either; the facilitator will present topics by reading excerpts or introducing points to nudge the conversation along. Compassionate Humanist meetups are thought-provoking, uplifting and fun. Join them!

Location: Roseville Labou, 1730 Santa Clara Drive, Roseville. Map: <a href="https://goo.gl/maps/UC4975CE19P2">https://goo.gl/maps/UC4975CE19P2</a>.

Contact: Ph. 916-836-5269, or email <a href="mailto:info@compassionatehumanists.com">info@compassionatehumanists.com</a>.

# > Critical Thinking Workshops

## Tuesdays, March 5 & 19, 2019, 7pm - 9pm

A bi-monthly workshop series sponsored by the Sacramento Area Skeptics, to learn, practice and explore the concepts of critical thinking. Each workshop begins with a video or reading to teach a fundamental concept; students then apply it to current/ relevant topics in a group discussion format. Meetings on the first & third Tuesday each month. \$1 fee for costs. **Location:** 1824 Tribute Rd, Suite A, Sacramento, California 95815.

Contact: See Sacramento Area Skeptics in Other Groups listing, or call 831-419-7225 (Angelo).

# > Sunday Assembly Sacramento

## Sunday, Mar 10, 2019, 10:30am - 1pm

A secular celebration of life: 75 minutes of inspirational talks, music (mostly 80s and 90s pop hits), poetry and art, with donuts & coffee, followed by a potluck (optional). Radically inclusive – all are welcome, regardless of beliefs (or lack thereof), sexual slant, age, gender or politics. Free for all, though donations are appreciated. Childcare available for ages 2 and up. Sunday Assembly Motto: *To live better, help often, and wonder more*.

Stay and join your fellow Sunday Assembly goers for lunch. Bring a dish to share -- just remember the food will be waiting about an hour until we dig in. We provide drinks, napkins, plates, and plastic ware.

See https://www.meetup.com/Sunday-Assembly-Sacramento/events/xxxbxlyzfbnb/ for more details.

**Location:** Reason Center, 1824 Tribute Rd, Suite A, Sacramento, California 95815. Map: <a href="https://goo.gl/iVQL8z">https://goo.gl/iVQL8z</a>. **Contact:** See <a href="http://sacramento.sundayassembly.com">https://goo.gl/iVQL8z</a>.

# ➤ Sarah Levin on Building Political Clout

# Sunday, Mar 10, 2019, 4:30pm - 6pm

How's the political climate? Not comfy? Want to do something about it? This action-oriented talk is for people who want to rise to make a difference. Learn how to engage in political advocacy.

<u>Sarah Levin</u>, Director of Grassroots and Community Programs at the Secular Coalition for America (SCA, see <a href="https://secular.org/">https://secular.org/</a>), will share updates from the SCA lobbying team on Capitol Hill and present the Secular Values Voter campaign, a long-term vision to build and mobilize a cohesive, influential secular voting bloc united by shared values.

Sarah studied at American University, where she was president of the university's Secular Student Alliance affiliate. She graduated *cum laude* from with a Bachelor's Degree in International Studies. Since joining the SCA in 2013, she has managed and grown its state advocacy program and implemented various grassroots campaigns at the national and state levels, including:



- The 2014 Knit a Brick campaign to protest the Hobby Lobby v. Burwell decision;
- The 2015 (now annual) Bad Bill Madness; and
- A new political party organizing initiative in 2016 when the first-ever Secular Caucus was established at the Texas Democratic Convention and three secular policy resolutions were incorporated into the party platform.

Prior to joining the Secular Coalition for America, Sarah completed her AmeriCorps service by serving low-income immigrant and refugee families as a community liaison at the Greenbrier Learning Center in Arlington, Virginia.

*Please bring*: \$3.00 per person to help pay for the room, and (if you can) a snack or beverage to share. Political advocacy builds one's appetite, you know. Nom-nom. (More details at <a href="https://www.meetup.com/SacFAN/events/258955711/">https://www.meetup.com/SacFAN/events/258955711/</a>.)

Location: Reason Center, 1824 Tribute Rd, Suite A, Sacramento. Map: <a href="https://goo.gl/iVQL8z">https://goo.gl/iVQL8z</a>.

Contact: Sarah Levin, Director of Grassroots and Community Programs, sarah@secular.org, ph. 202-299-1091 ext. 202.

# ➤ Roy Zimmerman in Concert

Saturday, March 16, 2019, 7pm - 9pm

Musical satirist Roy Zimmerman will perform his full <u>RiZe Up</u> show: 90 minutes of laughter and encouragement for political Resistance. **Requested donation: \$20 per adult.** This event is courtesy of sister-group HAGSA (see "Other Groups" listing at the end of this newsletter).

**Location:** Reason Center, 1824 Tribute Rd, Suite A, Sacramento. Map: <a href="https://goo.gl/iVQL8z">https://goo.gl/iVQL8z</a>. **Contact:** Ph. 916-302-7176 (Bill), email <a href="mailto:president@hagsa.org">president@hagsa.org</a> or see <a href="http://wfpws.com/sacramento.humanists.net/contact">http://wfpws.com/sacramento.humanists.net/contact</a>



## > Yet more events ...

Not enough? Wow, you awe us! For yet more secular & freethought events in the area, see the Sacramento Coalition of Reason general events calendar at <a href="https://unitedcor.org/event-calendar-2/">https://unitedcor.org/event-calendar-2/</a>.



## You need Reason Center! It needs you!

Reason Center is *your* safehouse of freethought. Since July 2014 it has hosted hundreds of events and has garnered twelve partner organizations. Its mission: to support an intellectual and social community for freethinkers, contribute to society via education and community service, advance the civic understanding and acceptance of freethinkers, and uphold a separation of religion and state.

But Reason Center can't continue without support from members and donors. Please stand up for Reason Center; visit ReasonCenter.org to join or donate. You'll feel good about it.



# When you donate blood...

Blood donors save lives! See the Donation Center list at: <a href="http://www.bloodsource.org/Locations">http://www.bloodsource.org/Locations</a>. (BloodSource changed its name to Vitalant, don't ask why.) Then if you donate, please use AOF ID# **4857**. AOF gets no perks for it, but it saves lives and shows we serve the public good. Donating blood, that's as humanistic as you can get!

## Also, Support AOF!

Support AOF without spending a dime. How? When you shop at Amazon.com, simply use this link: <a href="https://smile.amazon.com/ch/68-0325762">https://smile.amazon.com/ch/68-0325762</a>. Prices & service will be the same, but AOF will get a small kickback for whatever you purchase. Bookmark it; remember it; use it.





♦♦ Secular Holidays ♦♦

➤ International Women's Day Friday, March 8, 2019

International Women's Day (IWD), an international celebration, honours the social, economic and political achievements made by women everywhere. The holiday dates to the early 1900's. Among other relevant historical events, it commemorates the "Triangle Shirtwaist Factory Fire", on March 25, 1911 in New York City, where over 140 women lost their lives.

Born from the socialist and labour movements, International Women's Day has grown to become a global day of recognition and celebration across developed and developing countries alike.

Promoted by the United Nations since 1975, it is "a day when women are recognized for their achievements without regard to divisions, whether national, ethnic, linguistic, cultural, economic or political. It is an occasion for looking back on past struggles and accomplishments, and more importantly, for looking ahead to the untapped potential and opportunities that await future generations of women."



IWD is an occasion that can be celebrated by all community groups that believe women's rights are human rights. It is about honouring all women and their accomplishments, this can be done by taking part in a large organized activity or by simply honoring the women in one's life with flowers, a small gift, or even a thank you.

# ➢ Pi Day

## Thursday, March 14, 2019

Pi, Greek letter ( $\Pi$ ), is of course the symbol for the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter. Pi = 3.1415926535... (This is pi to just ten decimal places; it is an irrational number, meaning the digits continue *infinitely* without repeating.) Math enthusiasts around the world celebrate Pi Day on March 14th, i.e. 3/14 in the American dating convention, since the first three digits of PI are 3.14. (March 14 also happens to be Albert Einstein's birthday.) "Pi Moment" occurs on that day just before 3:10 pm (more precisely, 15:9:26.5).



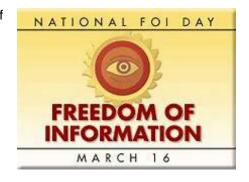
Celebrate Pi Day by doing anything to get students interested in mathematics. Teachers can organize many unique activities for students to generate interest. It is also used to inform students as well as the rest of the public about Pi, its history and applications. Pi Day parties in math and science classes are common, utilizing different types of pies, all the while teaching students about Pi.

# > Freedom of Information Day Saturday, March 16, 2019

<u>Freedom of Information (FOI) Day</u> is an annual event on March 16, the birthday of James Madison, widely regarded as the Father of the Constitution and a foremost advocate for openness in government.

On this day, the <u>American Library Association</u> presents the James Madison Award and the Eileen Cooke State & Local Madison Award to recognize those individuals or groups that have championed, protected, and promoted public access to government information and the public's right to know.

The **James Madison Award** – Named for President James Madison, the award was established in 1986 and is presented annually on the anniversary of his birth. That award is designed to celebrate an individual or group that has brought awareness to these issues at the national level.



The **Eileen Cooke State & Local Madison Award** – Named for Eileen Cooke, former director of the ALA's Washington Office, this award honours an extraordinary leader who has built local grassroots awareness of the importance of access to information. Cooke herself was a tireless advocate for the public's right to know and a mentor to many librarians and trustees.

## > Sunshine Week

## Saturday, March 16 - Friday, March 22, 2019

<u>Sunshine Week</u> begins with FOI Day (March 16), the birthday of James Madison, and runs through March 22. Madison was the principal author of the US Constitution and the Bill of Rights which guarantee the rights of citizens. Therefore, Sunshine Week stands as an initiative to open discussions about open government and the freedom of information.

Sunshine Week dates to 2002 when the Florida Society of Newspaper Editors launched Sunshine Sunday in response to efforts by some Florida legislators to create new exemptions to the state's public records law. After Florida's initiation on this topic, other states followed its course. The American Society of Newspaper Editors launched Sunshine Week in March 2005. It has become an annual event.



Sunshine Week is not just for journalists. Anyone can be involved: students, teachers, bloggers, private citizens, public officials and non-profit groups. The only requirement is to engage in a public discussion either small or large about the

importance of open government. To participate in Sunshine Week, contact the <u>state or regional coordinators</u> for your area. Examples of the myriad ways journalists, students, lawmakers and public groups marked Sunshine Week in 2005 and 2006 are collected in "Bright Ideas for Sunshine Week 2007" and "Bright Ideas for Sunshine Week 2006".

# ➤ Equinox (March)

# Wednesday, March 20, 2019

**The March** Equinox is one of two days in the calendar year when day and night hours are nearly equal; in the northern hemisphere it is also the first day of Spring (Gregorian calendar).

The Vernal (Spring) Equinox is almost exactly halfway between the winter and summer solstices, and in the sky the sun appears about midway between its highest and lowest points. It is one of the two days of the year when day and night are almost exactly 12 hours long, and very close to being equal. The other is the Autumnal Equinox, which usually falls on or near the first day of Autumn in the Gregorian calendar.



The First Day of Spring has been a time of celebration throughout recorded Western history. Most ancient Mediterranean Pagan religions had some sort of festival at or around the time of the Vernal Equinox. The celebrations were a way to rejoice in the rebirth of nature and to ritually act out this seasonal change, from the symbolic death of the earth in winter to its resurrection through the budding and blooming that came after the equinox. Many of these religions had stories of a man-god, born of a virgin, who was killed and reborn at this time each year, and this day was often connected to the worship of many fertility goddesses with such names as Ostara, Astarte, Eostre, Ishtar, and Ostra. The name for the modern Christian Easter holiday may have originated from these celebrations.

Another freethought holiday to celebrate around this time, and as an alternative to Easter, is the Excitement of Life Week.



# Writing Letters to the Editor

Tips from the Secular Coalition for America, https://secular.org/

Writing letters to the editor of your local or regional newspapers (or even national, for some issues) is an easy and effective way to inform your elected officials and the general public how important a particular issue is to your community and the nation. "Letters" pages are one of the most highly read sections of newspapers and magazines.

From the standpoint of congressional offices, letters to the editor are impossible to overuse. For many public officials, the press represents the overall buzz in the community. Moreover, having your name in the paper as a frequent letter writer makes you "somebody." Thus, when you send a press release or make any other contact with a reporter, or when you seek to go on a talk show, people can Google your name and see the letters you've written. That will give you credibility. So write often and everywhere.



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The best ways to use letters to the editor are to correct or interpret recently released facts or biased articles, to explain the

connection between a news item and your issue of concern, or to praise or criticize a recent article or editorial.

Here's an example of a letter to the editor of the Washington Post written in October 2008 and accepted for publication.

#### Dear Editor,

The Washington Post got it right ("What Colin Powell Also Said," Tuesday, October 21, 2008; A16) when it commended Colin Powell for standing up for Muslim Americans in the wake of claims that Barack Obama is a Muslim (he isn't) and that this would somehow be an un-American thing. But now could someone please stand up for nontheists, who are slandered more than any other "religious" group when it comes to running for office?

After all, people have also stated that Obama is un-American because his mother was a secular humanist. Yet when does anyone of prominence stand up and say that there's nothing wrong with that, either? The U.S. Constitution stipulates that there shall be no religious test for public office, and that encompasses both freedom of and freedom from religion. In that spirit, a nontheistic child should also be able to dream that one day she or he could be president.

Fred Edwords, Director of Communications, American Humanist Association 1777 T Street, NW, Washington, DC

Know the paper's policy regarding letters. Some have specific requirements about the length, how letters are to be emailed, or where they are to be postal mailed. Most will require your full name, address and phone number (although your address and phone number would never be printed). Rules are posted on the Internet. Letters must usually be short and not posted elsewhere.

Be timely. A letter to the editor has the best chance of being printed if it is in response to a recent article, op-ed, or editorial. (If the letter is a response, be sure to mention the name and date of the article in the first line of your letter.) You can also capitalize on recent news, events, or anniversaries. The anniversary of an Act or other landmark legislation, introduction of new related legislation or release of a new report that has implications on the issue, all provide good hooks for writing a letter to the editor.

Stay on message. Be sure your letters are concise, informative, and to the point. Focus on one subject. Keep the length to no more than three or four paragraphs. Have only one or two points to make. Write your first line so it is short and compelling, and don't be afraid to be controversial.

Get local and personal. When it comes to local or regional publications, community is an especially big focus for newspapers. Editors often prefer, and thus print, letters that demonstrate local relevance. Also, by showing the importance of your message to local issues, it will likely have a greater impact.

Use local statistics. Use personal stories. Use names of legislators or other public officials where relevant. Use your credentials. If you have expertise in the area you are writing about, state it. *Follow up*.

Don't be discouraged if your letter isn't printed. You can send a revision with a different angle later, or to another publication.

If your letter is published, you might want to send a copy to your local and national politicians, with a personal note attached. Please also send a copy to the Secular Coalition for America so we can share your letter online and expand its reach, as well as inspire others to submit their own letters. You can send your letter to our Director of Grassroots and Community Programs, or contact her with any questions:

Sarah Levin, Director of Grassroots and Community Programs Secular Coalition for America, <sarah@secular.org>



**Help improve this newsletter.** AOF is open to ideas and submissions. Cast your kudos and your darts at the newsletter editor via the AOF Contact Page (see box at right).





# Not yet an AOF member? Please join us!

Atheists and Other Freethinkers is a 501(c)(3) non-profit association, FEIN 68-0325762, incorporated in 1993. Meetings are free and open to the public. AOF also hosts civic service projects, dinners, movies and parties! See what awaits you at <a href="https://www.aofonline.org">www.aofonline.org</a>.

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#### **How to Contact AOF:**

- Call 916-304-3796 (voicemail)
- Or write to PO Box 15182, Sacramento, CA 95851-0182 Or visit <a href="http://www.aofonline.org/contact">http://www.aofonline.org/contact</a> to e-message us

#### How to Join AOF:

Visit <a href="http://www.aofonline.org/join">http://www.aofonline.org/join</a>, or come to a meeting. We have forms.

#### AOF's Facebook page:

https://www.facebook.com/pages/Atheists-and-Other-Freethinkers/533365556831322

## **AOF Mission Statement:**

"The purpose of Atheists and Other Freethinkers (AOF) is to promote the civic understanding of atheism and the acceptance of atheists in our community. Through educational programs, projects, and publications, AOF will extend secular perspectives, including the separation of religion and government and the right to think and speak freely on these perspectives."

What is a Freethinker? One striving to form opinions of life, religion, politics and philosophy on the grounds of reason and experience, rather than tradition, authority or custom. He or she need not be an atheist, though in a religious society most atheists do tend to be freethinkers.

AOF supports a benign separation of Church and State as the best means to protect the liberty and intellectual commerce of citizens. "... to keep forever from these shores the ceaseless strife that has soaked the soil of Europe in blood for centuries" (James Madison, 1803).

Our vision: to be a venue where secular and unchurched citizens can socialize, dialog, develop friendships and enjoy shared company. AOF does not discriminate on such grounds as race, sexual orientation, age, gender, class, physical debility or (\*cough\*) religion. We welcome the fair-minded of all political persuasions and preferences. Be respectful, and you may join.

Donations to AOF are tax deductible, and the newsletter is free by email. Please share with sympathetic friends.

Letters, submissions? We love them! See: http://www.aofonline.org/read/submission-guide.html.

#### **Other Groups of Interest**

Reason Center, a freethought venue and safehouse for all. 1824 Tribute Rd, Suite A, Sacramento; ph. 916-426-6416 Email reasoncenter@gmail.com; https://reasoncenter.org/, https://www.facebook.com/reasoncenter/

# United Coalition of Reason Sacramento (SacCoR)

A group of all the groups.

Ph. 916-572-7020 or email <u>sacramentocor@gmail.com</u> https://unitedcor.org/coalition-of-reason/sacramento-area/

# **Humanist Association of the Greater Sacramento Area**

Meets 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday most months at Reason Center. POB 216223, Sacramento, 95821-8223; ph. 916-514-9974 http://hagsa.org/; email president@hagsa.org

#### **Sunday Assembly Sacramento**

Church alternative, each 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at Reason Center. http://sacramento.sundayassembly.com/, https://www.facebook.com/SundayAssemblySacramento or https://www.meetup.com/Sunday-Assembly-Sacramento/ Email david@LodiUnited.org

#### **Compassionate Humanists**

Meets 1st Sunday each month in Roseville.
PO Box 769, Newcastle, 95658; ph. 916-836-5269
https://compassionatehumanists.com/discussiongroups/roseville/ or https://www.meetup.com/CompassionateHumanists/; email info@compassionatehumanists.com

#### Think Atheist of Sacramento

A social network and discussion group.

http://www.thinkatheist.com/group/sacramentocalifatheists

## Americans United chapter in Sacramento (AU-Sac)

Church/State Separation and issue advocacy. P.O Box 163418, Sacramento CA 95816; ph 916-684-4730 <a href="http://www.au-sac.org/">http://www.au-sac.org/</a>; email <a href="mailto:president@au-sac.org">president@au-sac.org</a>

## Central Valley Alliance of Atheists and Skeptics (CVAAS)

438 E. Shaw Ave #221, Fresno, 93710, ph. 559-335-3228 http://www.cvaas.org/ or https://www.meetup.com/Fresno-cvaas/events/; email info@cvaas.org

## Sacto Atheist-Agnostic Gatherings & Events (SAAGE) †

Online social group (Yahoo ID required).

https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/SAAGE/info or https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/SEINE/info

#### First Atheist Church of True Science (FACTS)

PO Box 233345, Sacramento, 95823; ph. 707-739-6837 http://www.factschurch.com/; email factschurch@gmail.com

#### Sacramento Area Skeptics (SAS)

Meets monthly for critical thinking, science advocacy, beer! <a href="https://www.meetup.com/sacskeptics/">https://www.meetup.com/sacskeptics/</a> or <a href="https://www.facebook.com/groups/sacskeptics/">https://www.facebook.com/groups/sacskeptics/</a> Email sacskeptics@gmail.com or sbaker81@comcast.net

## **Greater Sacramento FFRF Chapter**

Church/State watchdog, secular advocacy. <a href="http://sac.ffrf.org/">http://sac.ffrf.org/</a>; email <a href="mailto:sacffrf@gmail.com">sacffrf@gmail.com</a>

## Sacramento Freethinkers, Atheists and Nonbelievers

https://www.meetup.com/SacFAN/ or https://www.facebook.com/groups/SacFAN/

#### **Sacramento Brights Action Meetup**

https://www.meetup.com/Brights-Action-Sacramento/Email the-brights@the-brights.net

#### **Black Humanists and Non-Believers of Sacramento**

Multiple meetings each month, breakfast parties, outreach! <a href="https://www.facebook.com/blackhumanistsofsacramento">https://www.facebook.com/blackhumanistsofsacramento</a> or <a href="https://www.meetup.com/bhnb-sacramento/">https://www.meetup.com/bhnb-sacramento/</a> Email BlackHumanistsNonBelievers@gmail.com

## Sacramento Area Multi-Belief Discussion Meetup

Meets monthly each 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday in Roseville. https://www.meetup.com/Sacramento-Area-Multi-Belief-Discussion-Meetup/members/

## Stockton Area Atheists and Freethinkers (SAAF)

Ph. 209-610-0651 or email <a href="mailto:david@LodiUnited.org">david@LodiUnited.org</a>
<a href="mailto:https://www.stocktonaaf.org/">https://www.stocktonaaf.org/</a> or
<a href="mailto:https://www.meetup.com/StocktonAtheists/">https://www.meetup.com/StocktonAtheists/</a>

## UC Davis Agnostic & Atheist Student Assoc (AgASA)

Secular student association.

457 MU Bldg, One Shields Avenue, Davis, CA 95616 https://www.facebook.com/groups/DavisAgASA/ Email davis@secularstudents.org or agasadavis@gmail.com

#### **CSUS Secular Student Alliance**

Secular student association.

https://www.facebook.com/SacStateSSA/ or https://sacstatessa.wordpress.com/ Email csus@secularstudents.org

#### Sacramento City College Freethinkers

Secular student association, meets each Tuesday. https://www.facebook.com/SSAatSCC/
Email SacCityFreethinkers@gmail.com or secularstudentssaccity@gmail.com

## Sierra College Secular Student Alliance

5100 Sierra College Blvd, Rocklin, CA 95677 Email <u>freethinkersofsierra@gmail.com</u> or sierra@secularstudents.org

### Yuba Community College Freethinkers †

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## **Waldorf School Secular Students**

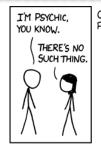
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