



**Atheists and Other Freethinkers**  
AOF Events for May 2012

Friday, May 18 2012, 7:00pm - 10:00pm

**Sean Faircloth: The Theocrats Attack**

Sean Faircloth, Director of Strategy and Policy for the Richard Dawkins Foundation for Science and Reason, is a skilled speaker, an accomplished legislator, a strategic thinker, and the author of the new book: *Attack of the Theocrats: How the Religious Right Harms Us All and What to Do About It*.



Sean served five terms in the Maine Legislature, served on the Judiciary and Appropriations Committee, and was a state Assistant Attorney General. In his last term his colleagues elected him Majority Whip. During public service he had numerous successes in children’s issues and justice system reform. He spearheaded the "Deadbeat Dad" child support law, which saved Maine taxpayers hundreds of millions of dollars and was later incorporated into federal law. He chaired a Commission on sex crime law reform which led to substantive improvement in that area of law. And he had the idea for the Maine Discovery Museum, leading the four-year project from concept to completion in 2001. At that time, of the twenty-five children’s museums in New England, the Maine Discovery Museum was the second largest.

He also served two years as Executive Director of Secular Coalition for America. For the Coalition, he conceived and led the Secular Decade plan, a vision for resecularizing American government. He has spoken around the United States on separation of church and state, the Constitution, children’s policy, obesity policy, and sex crime law, earning a reputation for innovative ideas and energizing presentations.

Come to our May meeting to hear this remarkable speaker! Copies of his book will be available for purchase and signing.

**Note, two official video cameras will record this presentation plus the Q&A session following.** Unofficial video recording will be prohibited. DVDs of the presentation will subsequently be available for a modest fee (est. \$5). This will be a joint meeting with the Humanist Association of the Greater Sacramento Area and Americans United Sacramento, and **will not occur at the usual Sierra 2 site**. All are welcome. Bring a friend! Bring an enemy, he will become your friend!

**Location** : Hilton Garden Inn, South Natomas, 2540 Venture Oaks Way - Pine Room

Voluntary donations at the door (\$10 suggested) will defray expenses. Please \*do not\* bring snacks to this event - the Hilton doesn't allow outside food! Its snack bar will provide food credit, however.

**Other May 2012 Events**

**Board of Directors Meeting**

**Monday, May 21 2012, 7:00pm - 8:30pm**

An AOF planning meeting for AOF Directors & officers, but open to all interested members.

Bring your ideas for AOF, your suggestions for future activities!

**Location** : Home of Kenneth Nahigian, Rosemont area of Sacramento. Call AOF for address, directions.

**Davis Community Meal - Feed the Hungry**

**Tuesday, May 29 2012, 4:30pm - 7:00pm**

Join AOF in an ongoing effort to feed the poor, the hungry, the outcast. Your reward will be the opportunity to meet new minds and hobnob with freethinker friends, a likely free meal, and the warm hearts-glow of benevolence. The core staff will perform all food prep and kitchen work. Our job is simply to set up the chairs & tables, serve, put things away at the end, and clean a bit. (Extra points if you can arrive for setup, but if you can't, that is OK, any help is good help!)

**Location** : St. Martin's Episcopal Church, 640 Hawthorne Lane, Davis, CA. Call AOF or email the Service Project Coordinator via the AOF Website if you need a ride.

“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.”

AOF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit association, FEIN 68-0325762. General Meetings, free and open to the public, occur about quarterly, in March, June, September and December, often at the Sierra 2 Community Center, 2791 24th Street, Sacramento. AOF has monthly activities too: civic service projects, dinners, movie outings, parties! To see what awaits you, visit the website, [www.aofonline.org](http://www.aofonline.org); or contact AOF at our 24/7 voice-mail: 916-447-3589; or write to PO Box 15182, Sacramento, CA 95851-0182  
President: Vincent M. Wales. Vice-president: Mynga Futrell. And their band of merry elves.

**AOF apologizes for the absence of a regular newsletter this month. Next month we hope to be back on track. Please contact AOF if you can help!**