

TOWARD A REASONABLE WORLD

Conference Program

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16

REGISTRATION-3:00 to 8:00 p.m.

Regency Ballroom

CONFERENCE KICKOFF-7:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Regency Ballroom

Introduction: Rebecca Moore, San Diego State University

Keynote Address

Creationism and its Contribution to Modern Unbelief

Ronald L. Numbers, University of Wisconsin, Madison

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

REGISTRATION-6:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Regency Ballroom

BREAKFAST MEETING-7:00 to 8:30 a.m.

Registration Closed

Facilitator: Beverley Zarnow, Kahal Am Humanistic Jewish Community

Q&A Session with Greg Epstein, the Humanist Chaplain at Harvard University, and author of the bestselling book *Good Without God: What a Billion Nonreligious People Do Believe*

SESSION I: Beginnings-9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

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Welcome and Introductions

Paul Wong, Dean, College of Arts and Letters, San Diego State University

Facilitator: Mark Wheeler, San Diego State University

Michael Servetus

Marian Hillar, Texas Southern University

Calvin, Servetus, and the Italians: On the Slippery Slope to Unitarianism and Universalism

Peter Hughes, Universalist minister and scholar of Unitarian Universalism

The Religious Origins of Unbelief

Gavin Hyman, Lancaster University, United Kingdom

BREAK FOR LUNCH -11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

Restaurants are located on hotel grounds, as well as in Fashion Valley

SESSION II: The Eighteenth Century-1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

Regency Ballroom

Facilitator: David Moseley, University of San Diego

Unbelief in Early-Modern France

Alan Charles Kors, University of Pennsylvania

The Deism of the American Founding Fathers

David Holmes, College of William and Mary

The British Enlightenment

James Herrick, British humanist, secularist, journalist, and scholar

From Mary Wollstonecraft to Anne Nicol Gaylor: Women of Unbelief

Annie Laurie Gaylor, Freedom From Religion Foundation

BREAK-3:30 to 3:45 p.m.

SESSION III: Alternatives in Unbelief-3:45 to 5:45 p.m.

Regency Ballroom

Facilitator: Barbara Bruff Hemmingsen, San Diego State University, Emerita

From Revelation to Reason to Intuition: The Development of Unitarianism and Universalism in America-A Local Perspective

Mark Harris, Unitarian minister and scholar of Unitarian and Universalist origins

Romantic Infidels and Victorian Doubters: British Unbelief from the French Revolution to 1900

Martin Priestman, Roehampton University, London

Gender and American Atheism, 1865 to 1995

Evelyn Kirkley, University of San Diego

Unbelief in the African American Community

Anthony B. Pinn, Rice University

SATURDAY NIGHT BANQUET-7:00 to 9:30 p.m.

Pre-Registration Only

Cash Bar Opens at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner will be served promptly at 7:15 p.m.

Master of Ceremonies: Morris Casuto, Founding Director, San Diego Anti-Defamation League

Entertainment: Comedian Keith Lowell Jensen

Free Raffle!

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

REGISTRATION-7:30 to 9:00 a.m.

Regency Ballroom

SESSION IV, PART A: Twentieth Century to the Present-8:00 to 9:45 a.m.

Regency Ballroom

Facilitator: Roy Whitaker, San Diego State University

The First Humanist Manifesto and the Rise of Religious Humanism

William F. Schulz, President and CEO, Unitarian Universalist Service Committee

Ethical Culture and the Modern Tradition of Unbelief in the Jewish Community

Emily Mace, Brevard College

Twentieth Century Unbelief in North America

S. T. Joshi, Independent Scholar and Author

Modern Atheism in the Post-World War II World

J. Gordon Melton, Institute for the Study of American Religion and Baylor University

James Beverley, Tyndale Seminary, Toronto

BREAK-9:45 to 10:00 a.m.

SESSION IV, PART B: Twentieth Century to the Present-10:00 a.m. to Noon

Regency Ballroom

Facilitator: Debbie Allen, San Diego Coalition of Reason

Contemporary Unbelief and the Crusade against Pseudoscience

Benjamin Zeller, Brevard College

Shraddha, Sacrifice, and Unbelief in the Veda

Carlos Lopez, University of South Florida

The Heritage of Nontheistic Belief in China

Joseph A. Adler, Kenyon College

The Future of Humanism, Skepticism, and Freethought

Robert B. Tapp, University of Minnesota, Emeritus

CONFERENCE ADJOURNS SUNDAY AT 12 NOON