

National Capital Area Skeptics Public Lecture Series

Conflicts of Interest in Alternative Medicine Chris Mooney, journalist

Chris is a former staff writer for Skeptical Inquirer and is currently writing for American Prospect magazine. He has recently produced articles on alternative medicine for Washington Monthly and the Washington Post. His talk will deal with his current assignments.

Saturday, November 2
2-4pm
B-CC Services Center
4805 Edgemoor Lane
Bethesda, Maryland

- **Next month:** Dr. Stuart Jordan, NASA solar physicist, will review the current state of knowledge on the role of the Sun in relationship to the “hot topic” of global warming (December 7).
- The **Bethesda-Chevy Chase Services Center** is located at 4805 Edgemoor Lane in downtown Bethesda across the street from the Bethesda Metro Station. It is located in the two-story County office building above a parking garage. Parking is free on weekends.



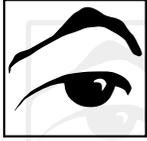
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FREE admission – Everyone welcome - members and nonmembers

For more information, call the 24-hour NCAS Skeptics Line recording at (301) 587-3827

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Shadow of a Doubt

THE MONTHLY CALENDAR OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA SKEPTICS

NOVEMBER 2002

Michael Shermer at St. Mary's College

Dr. Michael Shermer will be giving a talk at St. Mary's College of Maryland on Tuesday, October 29 at 7 PM in St. Mary's Hall. Dr. Shermer is a noted authority on the psychology of belief and the author of such books as "Why people believe weird things" and "Denying the Holocaust". The title is "Why people believe weird things". There will be a book signing following the talk. This talk is part of the Division of Natural Science and Mathematics Colloquium series. For more information, contact Prof. Charles Adler (phone: (240) 895-4343; email: cladler@smcm.edu).

Ohio Plan Would Teach Evolution Debate

New York Times, Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Oct. 14 (AP) - A committee of the Ohio Board of Education recommended today that science classes in the state emphasize both evolution and the debate over its validity.

The committee left it up to individual school districts to decide whether to include in the debate the concept of "intelligent design," which holds that the universe is guided by a higher intelligence. Full story at:

<http://www.nytimes.com/2002/10/15/education/15OHIO.html?ex=1035679308&ei=1&en=071c0f1632a>

The Amazing Meeting

The James Randi Educational Foundation is planning a weekend conference beginning Friday, January 31, 2003 in Ft. Lauderdale FL. The speaker list looks exciting (Michael Shermer, Jamy Ian Swiss, Jack Horkheimer, others). Register by November 30. \$130 registration fee. Space limited.

Critical Eye

(A new series on the Discovery Channel produced in cooperation with CSICOP and the Skeptical Inquirer magazine.) This series hosted by William B. Davis (The X-Files-smoking man), looks into the science behind the paranormal, new age philosophies, and the unexplained.

The series will investigate 34 topics including, subliminal messaging, alien abduction, acupuncture, ghosts, astrology, exorcism, Stonehenge, near-death experiences, and the lost city of Atlantis. Each topic will be addressed by leading experts and scientists. These subjects will be brought to life through lively debate and extraordinary visuals in order to shed light on its scientific relevance.

Critical Eye will premiere on Monday Oct 28 at 8pm/ET. A second hour of the series will also air on 10/28 at 9pm. Please see schedule below for more details:

<http://science.discovery.com/tuneins/criticaleye.html>

- 10/28 (8pm) - Mind Games
- 10/28 (9pm) - Dark Side (repeats Thu 10/31 at 10pm)
- 11/4 (8pm) - Alternative Medicine
- 11/11 (8pm) - Legendary Myths
- 11/18 (8pm) - Fortelling the Future
- 11/25 (8pm) - Mystical Wonders
- 12/2 (8pm) - Death Zone

Time to renew?

Check your mailing label – **this means you**. If the renewal date has passed, please send \$30 (for 1 person) or \$40 (for 2 member households) for a one-year renewal to the NCAS address below. Multi-year discounts are available – avoid the annual hassle of renewing by signing up for 2, 5 or lifetime memberships. (See rates on website.)

Have any questions? Contact Linda Shallenberger at (954) 467-1112 (Linda@randi.org) at JREF. (More information at JREF website: www.randi.org.)



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