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Education

Ph.D. Claremont Graduate School: 1991 History of Science

(Dissertation: Alfred Russel Wallace: Heretic Scientist. Ann Arbor, MI: UMI Dissertation

Information Service)

M.A. California State University, Fullerton: 1978 Experimental Psychology

B.A. Pepperdine University: 1976 Psychology/Biology

Professional Positions

2010 – Present: Presidential Fellow, Chapman University

2007 - 2011: Adjunct Professor, Claremont Graduate University

1992 - Present: Founding Publisher/Editor-in-Chief, Skeptic magazine

1992 - Present: Executive Director, Skeptics Society

2015 - Present: Host, Science Salon Podcast

2001 - 2019: Contributing Editor and Monthly Columnist, Scientific American

1992 - 2015: Host, Skeptics Lecture Series at the California Institute of Technology (Caltech)

1998 - 2010: Science Correspondent, KPCC, 89.3 FM, NPR affiliate for L.A.

1999 - 2000 Consulting Producer/Host, Exploring the Unknown 13-hour TV series, Fox Family

1989 - 1998 Adjunct Professor, Cultural Studies Program, Occidental College

1991 - 1993 Adjunct Professor, History of Science, California State University, Los Angeles

1986 - 1991 Assistant Professor of Psychology, Glendale College

1980 - 1986 Instructor of Psychology, Glendale College

Courses Taught

Chapman University (2010-Present):

Skepticism 101: How to Think Like a Scientist Honors Seminar: The Moral Arc of Science Honors Seminar: Evolution, Ethics, and Morality

Claremont Graduate University (2007-2011):

Evolution, Economics, and the Brain Science and Morality

Occidental College (1989-1998):

- 1. Science: Its History and Impact from Copernicus to Einstein
- 2. Evolution: The History and Science of the Theory
- 3. European Intellectual and Cultural History
- 4. Science, Technology, and Culture (Core program team-taught course)

5. Fascism and Neofascism (Core program team-taught course)

California State University at Los Angeles (1991-1993):

1. Science: Its History and Impact from Copernicus to Einstein

Glendale College (1979-1991):

- 1. Introductory Psychology
- 2. Social Psychology
- 3. Evolution: The History, Science and Nature of Biological Change
- 4. History of Great Ideas
- 5. War & Peace in the Modern Age: From the Civil War to the Gulf War

The Teaching Company Great Courses:

Skepticism 101: How to Think Like a Scientist, https://bit.ly/2zMf1x2

Social Networks

www.michaelshermer.com twitter@michaelshermer www.facebook.com/Michael.Brant.Shermer https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Michael Shermer

Trade Books

- 10. Heavens on Earth: The Scientific Search for the Afterlife, Immortality, and Utopia. 2018., New York: Henry Holt.
- 9. Skeptic: Viewing the World with a Rational Eye. 2016. New York: Henry Holt.
- 8. The Moral Arc. 2015. New York: Henry Holt. (The Author's Scientific American columns)
- 7. The Believing Brain. 2011. New York: Henry Holt/Times Books.
- 6. The Mind of the Market: Sharing Apes, Trading Humans, & Other Tales of Evolutionary Economics. 2008. New York: Henry Holt/Times Books.
- 5. Why Darwin Matters: The Case Against Intelligent Design. 2006. New York: Henry Holt/Times Books.
- 4. Science Friction: Where the Known Meets the Unknown. 2005. New York: Henry Holt/Times Books.
- 3. The Science of Good and Evil. 2004. New York: Henry Holt/Times Books.
- 2. How We Believe: The Search for God in an Age of Science. 1999. New York: W. H. Freeman.
- 1. Why People Believe Weird Things: Pseudoscience, Superstitions, and Other Confusions of Our Time. 1997. New York: W. H. Freeman. (Foreword by Stephen Jay Gould.) Revised Edition. 2002, With new chapter on "Why Smart People Believe Weird Things."

Academic Books

- 5. Giving the Devil His Due: Reflections of a Scientific Humanist. 2020. Cambridge/New York: Cambridge University Press.
- 4. *In Darwin's Shadow: The Life and Science of Alfred Russel Wallace*. 2002. Oxford/New York: Oxford University Press.
- 3. The Skeptic Encyclopedia of Pseudoscience. (General Editor.) 2002. Denver: ABC-CLIO.

- 2. The Borderlands of Science: Where Sense Meets Nonsense. 2001. New York: Oxford University Press.
- 1. Denying History: Who Says the Holocaust Never Happened and Why Do They Say It? (Coauthored with Alex Grobman.) 2000. Berkeley: University of California Press.

Education Books

- 4. The Secrets of Mental Math (with Arthur Benjamin.) 2006. Random House.
- 3. *Mathemagics: How to Look Like a Genius Without Really Trying* (with Arthur Benjamin.) 1993. Chicago: Contemporary Books/Lowell House. New York: McGraw Hill.
- 2. *Teach Your Child Math: Making Math Fun for the Both of You.* (Co-authored with Arthur Benjamin.) 1991. Chicago: Contemporary Books/Lowell House. New York: McGraw Hill.
- 1. *Teach Your Child Science: Making Science Fun for the Both of You.* 1989. Chicago: Contemporary Books/Lowell House.

Teaching Company Great Courses

- 2. Conspiracies and Conspiracy Theories: What We Should and Shouldn't Believe, and Why. 2019. Audible Original/The Teaching Company. 12 lectures.
- 1. Skepticism 101: How to Think Like a Scientist. 2012. The Teaching Company. 18 lectures.

Scientific American Columns

YEAR I

- 1. Colorful Pebbles and Darwin's Dictum (April, 2001)
- 2. The Erotic-Fierce People (May, 2001)
- 3. Fox's Flapdoodle (June, 2001)
- 4. Contrasts and Continuities (July, 2001) (Published as Starbucks in China)
- 5. Deconstructing the Dead (August, 2001)
- 6. Nano Nonsense and Cryonics (September, 2001)
- 7. I Was Wrong (October, 2001)
- 8. Baloney Detection Part I (November, 2001)
- 9. Baloney Detection Part II (December, 2001)
- 10. Shermer's Last Law (January, 2002)
- 11. The Gradual Illumination of the Mind (February, 2002)
- 12. Hermits and Cranks. A Tribute to Martin Gardner (March, 2002)

YEAR II

- 13. Skepticism as a Virtue (April, 2002)
- 14. The Exquisite Balance (May, 2002)
- 15. The Shamans of Scientism (June, 2002)
- 16. Vox Populi (July, 2002)
- 17. The Value of L (August, 2002) (Published as Why ET Has Not Phoned In)
- 18. Smart People Believe Weird Things (September, 2002)
- 19. The Chronology Conjecture Projector (September, 2002 www.sciam.com web only)
- 20. The Physicist and the Abalone Diver (October, 2002)
- 21. Mesmerized by Magnetism (November, 2002)
- 22. The Captain Kirk Principle (December, 2002)

- 23. Fidgets and Digits (January, 2003)
- 24. Psychic Drift (February, 2003)
- 25. Demon-Haunted Brain (March, 2003)

YEAR III

- 26. I, Clone (April, 2003)
- 27. Show Me the Body (May, 2003)
- 28. Codified Claptrap (June, 2003)
- 29. Bottled Twaddle (July, 2003)
- 30. The Ignoble Savage (August, 2003)
- 31. The Domesticated Savage (September, 2003)
- 32. Remember the Six Billion (October, 2003)
- 33. A Candle in the Dark (November, 2003)
- 34. What's the Harm? (December, 2003)
- 35. Bunkum! (January, 2004)
- 36. A Bounty of Science (February, 2004)
- 37. None So Blind (March, 2004)

YEAR IV

- 38. Mencken's Maxim (April, 2004)
- 39. The Enchanted Glass (May, 2004)
- 40. Death by Theory (June, 2004)
- 41. God's Number is Up (July, 2004)
- 42. Miracle on Probability Street (August, 2004)
- 43. Mustangs and Monists (September, 2004)
- 44. The Myth is the Message (October, 2004)
- 45. Flying Carpets and Scientific Prayer (November, 2004)
- 46. Common Sense (December, 2004)
- 47. Quantum Quackery (January, 2005)
- 48. Abducted! (February, 2005)
- 49. The Fossil Fallacy (March, 2005)

YEAR V

- 50. The Feynman-Tufte Principle (April, 2005)
- 51. Turn Me On, Dead Man (May, 2005)
- 52. Fahrenheit 2777 (June, 2005)
- 53. Hope Springs Eternal (July, 2005)
- 54. Full of Holes (August, 2005)
- 55. Rumsfeld's Wisdom (September, 2005)
- 56. Unweaving the Heart (October, 2005)
- 57. Rupert's Resonance (November, 2005)
- 58. Mr. Skeptic Goes to Esalen (December, 2005)
- 59. Murdercide (January, 2006)
- 60. It's Dogged as Does it (February, 2006)
- 61. Natural Cons "They" Don't Want You to Know About (March, 2006)

YEAR VI

- 62. As Luck Would Have It (April, 2006)
- 63. SHAM Scam (May, 2006)
- 64. The Flipping Point (June, 2006)
- 65. The Political Brain (July, 2006)
- 66. Folk Science (August, 2006)
- 67. Fakes, Mistakes, and the Failure to Replicate (September, 2006)
- 68. Darwin on the Right (October, 2006)
- 69. Wronger Than Wrong (November, 2006)
- 70. Bowling for God (December, 2006)
- 71. Airborne Baloney (January, 2007)
- 72. Eat, Drink, and Be Merry (February, 2007)
- 73. Can't Get No (Satisfaction) (March, 2007)

YEAR VII

- 74. Free to Choose (April, 2007)
- 75. Bush's Mistake and Kennedy's Error (May, 2007)
- 76. The (Other) Secret (June, 2007)
- 77. The Prospects for *Homo Economics* (July, 2007)
- 78. Bad Apples and Bad Barrels (August, 2007)
- 79. Rational Atheism (September, 2007)
- 80. The Really Hard Science (October, 2007)
- 81. Weirdonomics and Quirkology (November, 2007)
- 82. An Unauthorized Autobiography of Science (December, 2007)
- 83. Evonomics (January, 2008)
- 84. The Mind of the Market (February, 2008)
- 85. Adam's Maxim and Spinoza's Conjecture (March, 2008)

YEAR VIII

- 86. Wag the Dog (April, 2008)
- 87. A New Phrenology? (May, 2008)
- 88. Expelled Exposed (June, 2008)
- 89. Sacred Science (July, 2008)
- 90. Wheat Grass Juice and Folk Medicine (August, 2008)
- 91. Folk Numeracy & Middle Land, Part I (September, 2008)
- 92. A Random Walk Through Middle Land, Part II (October, 2008)
- 93. Stage Fright (November, 2008)
- 94. Patternicity (December, 2008)
- 95. Telephone to the Dead (January, 2009)
- 96. Darwin Misunderstood (February, 2009)
- 97. The Art of the Con (March, 2009)

YEAR IX

- 98. Inside the Outliers (April, 2009)
- 99. Creationism in 3D (May, 2009)
- 99a. Agenticity (June, 2009)

- 100. I Want to Believe (July, 2009)
- 101. Shakespeare, Interrupted (August, 2009)
- 102. Paranoia Runs Deep (September, 2009)
- 103. Captain Hook Meets Adam Smith (October, 2009)
- 104. Will E.T. Look Like Us? (November, 2009)
- 105. Political Science (December, 2009)
- 106. Kool-Aid Psychology (January, 2010)
- 107. Cultivate Your Garden (February, 2010)
- 108. Surviving Death on Larry King Live (March, 2010)

YEAR X

- 109. The Sensed Presence Factor (April, 2010)
- 110. Doing Science in the Past (May, 2010)
- 111. When Ideas Have Sex (June, 2010)
- 112. When Scientists Know Sin (July, 2010)
- 113. Our Neanderthal Brethren (August, 2010)
- 114. Democracy's Laboratory (September, 2010)
- 115. Can You Hear Me Now? (October, 2010)
- 116. The Skeptic's Skeptic (November, 2010)
- 117. The Conspiracy Theory Detector (December, 2010)
- 118. The Science of Right and Wrong (January, 2011)
- 119. Houdini's Advice (February, 2011)
- 120. Financial FlimFlam (March, 2011)

YEAR XI

- 121. UFOs, UAPs, CRAPs (April, 2011)
- 122. Extrasensory Pornception (May, 2011)
- 123. The Myth of Evil Aliens (June, 2011)
- 124. The Believing Brain (July, 2011)
- 125. Globaloney (August, 2011)
- 126. What is Pseudoscience? (September, 2011)
- 127. The Decline of Violence (October, 2011)
- 128. The Real Science Behind Scientology (November, 2011)
- 129. Sacred Salbubriousness (December, 2011)
- 130. In the Year 9595 (January, 2012)
- 131. Lies We Tell Ourselves (February, 2012)
- 132. Opting Out of Over-Optimism (March, 2012)

YEAR XII

- 133. Climbing Mount Immortality (April, 2012)
- 134. Much Ado About Nothing (May, 2012)
- 135. The Science of Righteousness (June, 2012)
- 136. Aunt Millie's Mind (July, 2012)
- 137. Free Won't (August, 2012)
- 138. Conspiracy Contradictions (September, 2012)
- 139. Predictably Politically Irrational (October, 2012)
- 140. Shock and Awe (November, 2012)
- 141. The Alpinists of Evil (December, 2012)
- 142. Logic Tight Compartments (January, 2013)
- 143. The Left's War on Science (February, 2013)

144. Dopers and Diehards (March, 2013)

YEAR XIII

- 145. Proof of Hallucination (April, 2013)
- 146. Gun Science (May, 2013)
- 147. CSI Science (June, 2013)
- 148. Alien Gods of the Gaps (July, 2013)
- 149. Mythbusting Terrorism (August, 2013)
- 150. The Dangers of Keeping an Open Mind (September, 2013)
- 151. When Science Doesn't Support Beliefs (October, 2013)
- 152. Sovereign Insanity (November, 2013)
- 153. Is God Dying? (December, 2013)
- 154. Speciesism (January, 2014)
- 155. Science Utopias (February, 2014)
- 156. Spiritual Science (March, 2014)

YEAR XIV

- 157. The Science of Lying (April, 2014)
- 158. The Genesis of Justice (May, 2014)
- 159. Nuclear Nada (June, 2014)
- 160. The Myth of Income Inequality (July, 2014)
- 161. ClimeApocalypse (August, 2014)
- 162. Surviving Statistics (September, 2014)
- 163. Infrequencies (October, 2014)
- 164. Perpetual War or Peace? (November, 2014)
- 165. Against the Grain (December, 2014)
- 166. Conspiracy Central (January, 2015)
- 167. The Moral Starting Point (February, 2015)
- 168. Forging Doubt (March, 2015)

YEAR XV

- 169. Paleo GMO (April, 2015)
- 170. Terrorism as Self-Help Justice (May, 2015)
- 171. Scientia Humanitatis (June, 2015)
- 172. Outrageous (July, 2015)
- 173. The Meaning of Life in a Formula (August, 2015) (NOMA No More)
- 174. Forensic Pseudoscience (September, 2015)
- 175. The Electric Universe Acid Test (October, 2015)
- 176. Perception Deception (November, 2015)
- 177. Consilience and Consensus (December, 2015)
- 178. Murder in the Cave (January, 2016)
- 179. Afterlife for Atheists (February, 2016)
- 180. Left Behind (March, 2016)

YEAR XVI

- 181. Bullshit (April 2016)
- 182. Malthusian Malice (May 2016)
- 183. Death Wish (June 2016)
- 184. Tiger Blood (July 2016)
- 185. Quack of the Gaps (August 2016)
- 186. The Known and the Unknown (September 2016)
- 187. Mathuselah's Moonshot (October 2016)

- 188. Gloom Trumps Glad (November 2016)
- 189. Born This Way (December 2016)
- 190. When Facts Backfire (January 2017)
- 191. Imagine No Universe (Feburary 2017)
- 192. Apocalypse AI (March 2017)

YEAR XVII

- 193. What is Truth? (April 2017)
- 194. On Witches and Terrorists (May 2017)
- 195. Lost Past Romance (June 2017)
- 196. Who Are You? (July 2017)
- 197. Are We All Racists? (August 2017)
- 198. Postmodernism vs. Science (September 2017)
- 199. Sky Gods for Skeptics (October 2017)
- 200. How Lives Turn Out (November 2017)
- 201. Outlaw War (December 2017)
- 202. Political Science (January 2018)
- 203. Alvy's Error (February 2018)
- 204. Factiness (March 2018)

YEAR XVIII

- 205. Silent No More (April 2018)
- 206. You Kant be Serious (May 2018)
- 207. Soul Searching (June 2018)
- 208. The Final Mysterians (July 2018)
- 209. 23 and We (August 2018) Izhar Cohen Illustration
- 210. Abortion Facts (September 2018)
- 211. A Mysterious Change of Mind (October 2018)
- 212. The Fallacy of Excluded Exceptions (November 2018)
- 213. Kids These Days (December 2018)
- 214. Stein's Law and Science's Mission (January 2019)

Publications—Professional Scholarly Articles

- 44. "Racial dynamics underlying crime commission, emotionality, and last statements among executed offenders in Texas." 2019. *Journal of Ethnicity in Criminal Justice*. Kevin McCaffree, Anondah Saide, and Michael Shermer.
- 43. "Cognitive Creationism and a Realistic Vision of Human Nature." 2019. Foreword to *The Ape That Understood the Universe* by Steve Stewart-Williams. Cambridge University Press.
- 42. "The Psychology of Political Polarization and Pessimism." 2018. *Congressional Quarterly*, edited by Ellen Shearer and Matt Mansfield. Washington, DC: CQ-Roll Call. https://amzn.to/34DPKn2
- 41. "Free to Inquire: The Evolution-Creationism Controversy as a Test Case in Equal Time and Free Speech." Book Chapter for the Palgrave *Handbook of Philosophy and Public Policy* Edited by David Boonin. 2018.

- 40. "Finding Freedom in a Determined Universe." Foreword to *Free Will Explained:* How Science and Philosophy Converged to Produce a Beautiful Illusion by Dan Barker. Sterling. 2018.
- 39. "Giving the Devil His Due: Why Freedom of Inquiry in Science and Politics is Inviolable." *Journal of Criminal Justice*, May, 2017. https://bit.ly/2H2VKKB
- 38. "Scientific Naturalism: A Manifesto for Enlightement Humanism." *Theology and Science*. June, 2017. https://bit.ly/2ENQcBL
- 37. "Mr. Hume: Tear. Down. This. Wall. A Response to George Ellis's Critique of My Defense of Moral Realism." Theology and Science, December, 2017. https://bit.ly/2qB0lx6
- 36. "A Skeptic Considers Immortality." Foreword to Stephen Cave's *Immortality: The Quest to Live Forever and How it Drives Civilization*. 2014. Crown.
- 35. "Frequent Infrequencies: Do anomalies prove the existence of God?" Slate, part of the series "What is the Future of Religion?" 2015. https://slate.me/lyMP8Gp
- 34. "Why Scientists Make Mistakes in Conducting and Reporting Their Research." Chapter in *Forensic Science Research Evaluation*. Edited by Edward G. Bartick and McKenzie A. Floyd, pp. 41-49. American Association for the Advancement of Science. https://bit.ly/2vh69AS
- 33. "Toward a science of morality: response to Christian Miller's critique." 2016. *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences*. May, doi: 10.1111/nyas.13073
- 32. "Why there is no supernatural morality: response to Miller's opening statement." 2016. *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences*. May, doi: 10.1111/nyas.13073
- 31. "Morality is Real, Objective, and Natural." 2016. *Annals of the New York Academy of Sciences*. May, doi: 10.1111/nyas.13073
- 30. "Why Scientists Make Mistakes in Conducting and Reporting their Research." In *Forensic Science Research Evaluation*. 2016. Edward G. Bartick and McKenzie A. Floyd, Eds. Washington, DC: National Science Foundation
- 29. "The Meaning Making Neuron." A review of *The Brain and the Meaning of Life*, by Paul Thagard, *Science*, April 30, 2010.
- 28. "Science, Freedom, and Trade: How to Build a First-World Country." A review of *The Science of Liberty* by Timothy Ferris and *The Rational Optimist* by Matt Ridley. *Nature*. April 30, 2010.
- 27. "Agnosticism." Invited contribution in Religions of the World: A Comprehensive

- Encyclopedia of Beliefs and Practices, edited by J. Gordon Melton. ABC-CLIO. 2010.
- 26. "The Chain of Accidents and the Rule of Law: The Role of Contingency and Necessity in Evolution." Contribution for edited volume, *The Nature of Nature* (Bruce L. Gordon, Editor). 2010.
- 25. "A Noble Conception." Commentary. *Nature Physics*, 2009, 5, 162-163: http://www.nature.com/nphys/journal/v5/n3/full/nphys1207.html
- 24. "Orderly Anarchists." A review of *The Invisible Hook* by Peter Leeson. *Nature*, 460, 176-177, July 9, 2009.
- 23. "Swayonomics." A review of *Sway: The Irresistible Pull of Irrational Behavior*, by Ori Brafman and Rom Brafman, *Nature*, 453, 1182-1183, June 25, 2008.
- 22. "The Power of Belief." Review of Superstition by Robert Park. *Nature Physics*, 2008: 4, 749-750: http://www.nature.com/nphys/journal/v4/n10/full/nphys1083.html
- 21. "JAMA and the Montebank." A review of *Charlatan* by Pope Brock. *Nature*, 451, 628-629, February 7, 2008.
- 20. "Why Markets are Moral." In *Science Matters: Humanities as Complex Systems*. Edited by Maria Burguete and Lui Lam. New Jersey/Singapore: World Scientific, 2008, 193-206.
- 19. "Testing Tenure: Let the Market Decide." Invited commentary on "Is Tenure Justified?" by Stephen J. Ceci, et al., *Behavioral and Brain Sciences*, December, 2006, Volume 29, No. 6, 584-585.
- 18. "Science and Pseudoscience." *Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. MacMillan, 2006.
- 17. "The Skeptic's Chaplain: Richard Dawkins as a Fountainhead of Skepticism." Contribution for edited volume in tribute to Dawkins, Oxford University Press, 2006.
- 16. "Moral Attitudes. An Empirical Study." With Frank J. Sulloway. In preparation.
- 15. "Belief in God. An Empirical Study." With Frank J. Sulloway. In preparation.
- 14. "Pseudoscience." *Encyclopedia of Science, Technology, and Ethics*. Carl Mitcham (Ed.) Macmillan Reference. In Press, 2004.
- 13. "Skepticism." *Encyclopedia of Science, Technology, and Ethics*. Carl Mitcham (Ed.) Macmillan Reference. In Press, 2004.
- 12. "Rethinking Stephen Jay Gould: Science and Politics in Evolutionary Theory." *Rethinking Marxism*, Winter, 2003.

- 11. "How to be Open-Minded Without Your Brains Falling Out." *Journal of Thought*. July, 2003.
- 10. "Agnosticism." Entry in *Religions of the World: A Comprehensive Encyclopedia of Beliefs and Practices*. J. Gordon Melton and martin Baumann, Editors. Denver: ABC-CLIO, Vol. 1: 22-23. 2002.
- 9. "This View of Science: Stephen Jay Gould as Historian of Science and Scientific Historian." *Social Studies of Science*. September, 2002.
- 8. "The Crooked Timber of History: History is Complex and Often Chaotic. Can We Use This to Better Understand the Past?" *Complexity*, Vol. 2, No.6. July/August 1997: 23-29.
- 7. "The Fates of Families, Societies, and History: A Consilience of Historical Science." A Review of Guns, Germs, and Steel: The Fates of Human Societies by Jared Diamond and Born to Rebel: Birth Order, Family Dynamics, and Creative Lives by Frank Sulloway. *Complexity*, Vol. 2, No.6. July/August 1997: 33-38.
- 6. "Chaos Theory." Invited entry in *The Encyclopedia of Historiography*. D.R. Woolf (Ed.) New York: Garland Publishing. 1996.
- 5. "Exorcising Laplace's Demon: Chaos and Antichaos, History and Metahistory." Invited paper for *History and Theory*. Wesleyan University. Vol. 34, No. 1. 1995. 59-83.
- 4. "The Chaos of History: On a Chaotic Model that Represents the Role of Contingency and Necessity in Historical Sequences." *Nonlinear Science*. Vol. 2, No. 4. 1993: 1-13.
- 3. "Science Defended, Science Defined: The Louisiana Creationism Case." *Science, Technology & Human Values*, Journal for the Society for the Social Studies of Science. Vol. 16, No. 4 Autumn 1991: 517-539.
- 2. "Darwin, Freud, and the Myth of the Hero in Science." *Knowledge: Creation, Diffusion, Utilization.* Vol. 11, No. 3, March 1990: 280-301.
- 1. "Ignorance in Exodus: Johann Gutenberg." In R. C. Hardison. 1988. *Upon the Shoulders of Giants*. Lanham, MD: University Press of America.

Publications—Popular Articles

- 119. "Governing Mars: Lessons for the Red Planet from Experiments in Governing the Blue Planet." 2020. *Quillette*, in press.
- 118. "The Danger is Real: Why We're All Wired for 'Constructive Conspiracism'." 2019. *Quillette*, October 31. https://bit.ly/34s0lS3

- 117. "Shedding Light on the Intellectual Dark Web: A Preliminary Empirical Study." (with Kevin McCaffree and Anondah Saide). 2019. *eSkeptic*, October 20. https://bit.ly/2OrXC5v
- 116. "On Miracles and Truth." 2019. Foreword to *The Case Against Miracles*. Edited by John Loftus. Hypatia Press.
- 115. "Banning Evil: In the Shadow of the Christchurch Massacre, Myths About Evil and Hate Speech are Misleading." 2019. *Quillette*, March 26. https://bit.ly/2pT4U8W
- 114. "Guns Don't Kill People, Beliefs Kill People." 2019. *eSkeptic*, August 6. https://bit.ly/2rvlkVG
- 113. "Genes, Environment, and Luck: What We Can and Cannot Control." 2019. *Quillette*, January 6. https://bit.ly/2L22Ti9
- 112. "Have Archetype—Will Travel: The Jordan Peterson Phenomenon." *Skeptic*, Vol. 23, No. 3. https://bit.ly/2XS17W9
- 111. "Imagining No Heaven: The Rise of the Nones and the Decline of Religion." *Skeptic*, Vol 23, No. 2, 2018.
- 110. "Travel on Time's Arrow." 2017. Omni, September.
- 109. "Evolution is Still True." Chapter contribution to *Scientific American*. Special Issue on "These Truths are not Self-Evidence—But they've Been Firmly Established Over and Over by Scientific Research." November, 2016. https://bit.ly/2febywk
- 108. "Follow the Trend Lines not the Headlines: Terrorism is not an Existential Threat." 2016. Free Inquiry, October/November, Vol. 36, No. 6. https://bit.ly/34sw4CO
- 107. "The Real Christopher Hitchens: Did Christopher Hitchens Really Keep Two Sets of Books about his Beliefs?" 2016. *The Moral Arc* blog. April 21. https://bit.ly/2H0zIfj
- 106. "Are We Becoming Morally Smarter?" *Reason Magazine*, March, 2015. http://bit.ly/1XyP4JW
- 105. "Science, Reason, and Moral Progress." *Cato Policy Report*, January/February, 2015. http://bit.ly/1QUcFk4
- 104. "Unlucky 13: Superstitions and Why We Believe Them." *Flaunt Magazine*, January, 2012.
- 103. "Alien Iconography: If we ever do make contact will ET look anything like us?" *Grey* magazine, Fall, 2011.

- 102. Shermer M. Op-Ed. 2011. Resisting the Understandable Appeal of CAM. Virtual Mentor. 2011; 13(6):389-393. http://bit.ly/1SwKFAP
- 101. "Scepticism and Denial: The Difference in Thinking and the Difference it Makes." *New Scientist*, June, 2010.
- 100. "Why Belief in God is Innate." *Wall Street Journal*, April 14, 2010. https://on.wsj.com/2H1sd8b
- 99. "Energy and Economics: The Road to Civilization 1.0." In *This Will change Everything: Ideas that will Shape the Future*. Edited by John Brockman. New York: Harper Perennial, 257-260.
- 98. "A is A: Humility and What it Means to be True to Yourself." *In Character* magazine, Winter, 2010, 46-47.
- 97. "Free to Try." Reason Magazine, January, 2009. http://bit.ly/10xF4uP
- 96. "Religion, Evolution Can Live Side by Side." CNN.com, https://cnn.it/2IYuihy
- 95. "The Evolution of Religion." *Los Angeles Times* "Dustup" v. Francisco Ayala, July 31, 2009: https://lat.ms/2qAmYB9
- 94. "Irrational Economic Man." City Journal, January 11, 2009, https://bit.ly/2EOVc91
- 93. "Are Markets Moral?" *Search* magazine, January/February, 2009: https://bit.ly/2JMeijS
- 92. "In Darwin's Shadow: Alfred Russel Wallace—the Forgotten Man of Evolution." Forbes magazine, February, 2009, https://bit.ly/2IXFOtn
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Exploring the Unknown Television Series

13-Hour Television Documentary Series for Fox Family Channel, 1999-2000

Pilot: Psychics, Firewalking, Psychic Surgery, Out of Body Experiences, Space Shuttle UFOs

Episode 1: Polygraph/Lie Detection, Multidimensional UFOs, Shroud of Turin, Cryonics

Episode 2: Full Moon Effect, Remote Viewing, Magnet Therapy, Nostradamus, Curse of the Mummy

Episode 3: Ouija Board, Graphology, Magic, Bee Sting Therapy

Episode 4: Miami Circle, Mozart Effect, Fake UFO Photos, Earthquake Prediction, Coronado Hotel Ghost

Episode 5: Taos Mystery Staircase, Civil War Reincarnation, Iridology, Hutchinson Effect

Episode 6: Faked Moon Landing, Spoonbending, Lost Continent of Atlantis, Phoenix Lights UFO

Episode 7: Astrology, Stolen Kidney Urban Legend, SETI (Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence), Ghosts

Episode 8: Con Games, Coral Castle, Chiropractic, Cattle Mutilation

Episode 9: Roswell, Acupuncture, Life on Mars, Spontaneous Human Combustion

Episode 10: UFOs, Heart Transplant Memory, Bible Code, Reflexology, Vampires

Episode 11: Hypnosis, Artificial Intelligence, Global Warming, Ghost Traintracks

Episode 12: Spirit Mediums, Cults and Brainwashing, Space Tourism, Pain Cures

Associations

Heterodox Academy

American Council on Science and Health, Board of Scientific and Policy Advisors History of Science Society

American Association for the Advancement of Science

Psi Chi (Psychology Honors Society)

National Center for Science Education

Planetary Society

Brain Preservation Prize Committee

Awards and Honors

TED All Stars. Two TED talks from 2006 and 2010 were voted in the Top 50 of the

2800+ TED talks: https://blog.ted.com/the-ted2014-all-stars/

Doctor of Humane Letters. Honorary Doctorate. Whittier College. 2008.

Philip J. Klass Award for outstanding contributions in promoting critical thinking and scientific understanding, 2006

Distinguished Alumnus Award, California State University, Fullerton, 2002.

Fellow, 2001, Linnean Society of London

Isaac Asimov Award, 2001, New York Area Skeptics

Robert Ingersoll Award, Rationalists of East Tennessee

Carl Sagan Award, 2000, American Humanist Association, "For those whose efforts include educating the public about science and its methods."

Best Books of 2000, How We Believe, Washington Post Book World

Biography, Contemporary Authors, 1999, Published by the Gale Group

Visiting Scholar for 1998, Pasadena City College

Distinguished Speaker, Marian Miner Cook Athenaeum, Claremont McKenna College, 1998

Honored Speaker, Urania, Berlin, Germany, October 12, 1998

Alumni of the Year, 1997, Department of Psychology, California State University, Fullerton Top 100 Books of 1997, *Why People Believe Weird Things*, Los Angeles Times Book Review

Reviews of Shermer's Books

New York Times

New York Review of Books

New York Sun

New York Post

Los Angeles Times Book Review

Washington Post Book World

London Times

The Times Literary Supplement

Toronto Globe and Mail

Scientific American

Natural History

Science

Nature

Human Nature Review

New Scientist

American Scientist

Wilson Quarterly

Psychology Today

Choice

Library Journal

School Library Journal

Public Perspective

The Boston Book Review

The Editor

The Humanist

Free Inquiry

Skeptical Inquirer

Publisher's Weekly

Kirkus Reviews

CNN.com Reviews

Bergen Record

WBUR (Boston University book review)

History and Theory

Clio

UTNE Reader

Reason magazine

Chronicle of Higher Education

Science and Spirit magazine

Public Understanding of Science

The Christian Century

The Times (Trenton, NJ)

The Mail-Star, Halifax, N.S., Canada

The Times of Acadiana (Lafayette, LA)

Congress Monthly

San Francisco Examiner

Australian Review of Books

Denver Post

Daily Camera, Boulder, CO

Vancouver Sun

Telegraph Journal, Saint John, N.B., Canada

Toronto Sun

Daily Breeze (Ventura, CA)

American Outlook

Union Tribune (San Diego)

Tribune and Times (Tampa, FL)

The Sunday Tribune (Dublin)

Financial Times (London)

The Record

Salon.com

Independent Digital (UK)

Physics and Society

Martyrdom and Resistance

Jewish Book World

MultiCultural Review

National Post

Book Marketing Update

Santa Monica Bay Week

Jewish Bulletin

Lifestyles

The Jewish Voice and Opinion

Jewish Studies

Perspectives

Canadian Jewish News

Bergen Record (Hackensack, NJ)

New York Board of Rabbis Bulletin

SHOFAR Book Notes)

Jewish Book Council

Pioneer Press (Minneapolis)

German History

Virginia Quarterly Review (Charlottesville, VA)

Common Sense

Bay Guardian

Middlesex News

Beverly Hills Courier

Castro Valley Forum

Psychiatric Services

Healthline

Old Farmer's Almanac, Western Edition

(List does not include reviews in newsletters of skeptics, humanists, and free thought organizations.)

(I regularly write reviews for Science, the Los Angeles Times, the Washington Post, and the New York Times)

(I regularly write Opinion Editorials for the Los Angeles Times and the Toronto Globe and Mail.)

Stories About Shermer Have Appeared In These Publications

Los Angeles Times

Los Angeles Times Magazine (Sunday)

Fortune

Edge (www.edge.org interview)

Salon.com

Boston Globe

Toronto Star

Pasadena Weekly

Pasadena Star News

San Francisco Chronicle

Metro Pulse

Sun Sentinel, South Florida

San Gabriel Valley Weekly

The State Journal Register (Springfield, IL)

Veja (Brazil's Time magazine, www.veja.com.br)

Yale Daily News (Yale University newspaper)

Spartan Daily (San Jose State University newspaper)

The Chart (Missouri Southern State College newspaper)

Athens Daily News (University of Georgia newspaper)

Chicago Flame (University of Illinois at Chicago newspaper)

The Fortnightly (Claremont McKenna College newspaper)

The Daily Barometer (Oregon State University newspaper)

The Joplin Globe (Missouri Southern State College newspaper)

The Daily Beacon (University of Tennessee, Knoxville newspaper)

The Advocate (Ohio State University, Newark, newspaper)

Orange County Weekly

Honolulu Advertiser

Sunday Star (Ventura, CA)

Cosmic Debris magazine

(List does not include stories in skeptics, humanists, and free thought group newsletters)

Museum, Library, Bookstore Lectures and Book Signings

Agoura Hills Library

American Museum of Natural History (New York)

Border's Books (Glendale, CA)

Borders Books (Pasadena, CA)

Buena Vista Library (CO)

Cato Institute (Washington, DC)

Cody's Books (San Francisco, CA)

Dutton's Bookstore (Los Angeles, CA)

Elliott Bay (Seattle, WA)

Field Museum (Chicago)

Franklin Institute (Philadelphia)

Griffith Park Observatory (Los Angeles)

Huntington Library Book Feast (Pasadena, CA)

Kepler's Books (Menlo Park, CA)

Los Angeles Public Library

Los Angeles Science Center

Los Angeles Times Book Festival (UCLA) (every year)

Mystic Seaport Museum

Natural History Museum of Los Angeles County

P.E.N. Forum on Science Writing (sponsored by writer's union) (Santa Monica, CA)

Powell's Bookstore (Portland, OR)

Ruben H. Fleet Space Center (San Diego)

Tattered Cover (Denver, CO)

UCLA BookZone/UCLA Store (Los Angeles, CA)

Virginia Festival of Books

Vroman's Bookstore (Pasadena, CA)

University and College Lectures and Debates

Arkansas State University

Boise State University (Idaho)

Bridgewater College (Charlottesville, NC)

Butler University (Indiana)

California Institute of Technology (Caltech)

Cal Poly San Luis Obispo

California State University, Dominguez Hills

California State University, Fullerton

California State University, Northridge

Center College, Kentucky

Central Arkansas University (Little Rock)

Chapman University (California)

Claremont Graduate University

Claremont McKenna College

Clemson University (South Carolina)

Concordia University (Irvine, CA)

DePauw University (Indiana) (twice)

Des Moines Community College (Des Moines, IA)

Dennison University (Ohio)

El Camino College

Emory University

Georgia Tech University

Glendale Community College (CA)

Grand Rapids Community College (MI)

Harvard University (three times)

Idaho State University, Pocatello (twice)

Johnson County Community College (Kansas)

Kirkwood Community College (Cedar Rapids, IA)

Los Angeles Mission College

Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)

Minnesota State University, Moorhead

Mississippi State University

Missouri Southern State College (Joplin, MO)

Moorpark College

North Carolina State University

Ohio State University, Newark

Oklahoma State University

Oregon State University (Corvallis)

Pasadena City College (Scholar in Residence)

Pennsylvania College of Technology

Pennsylvania State University

Pomona College

Purdue University

Radford University (Virginia)

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Sacramento City College

Salt Lake City Community College

San Jose State University (California)

Santa Clara University

Santa Monica College

Shippenburg University (PA)

South Dakota State University

Southern Connecticut University

Southwest Texas State University

St. Mary's College (Maryland)

Tennessee Tech

Union College (Schenectady, NY)

University of South Carolina

University of Alabama, Birmingham (twice)

University of Arkansas (Little Rock) (twice)

University of Calgary

University of California, Berkeley

University of California, Irvine

University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA)

University of Colorado (Colorado Springs)

University of Georgia (Gainesville, GA)

University of Georgia (Athens, GA)

University of Minnesota

University of Mississippi

University of North Carolina

University of South Carolina (Columbia, SC)

University of Southern California (USC)

University of Southern Colorado (Pueblo)

University of Southern Mississippi (Hattiesburg, MS)

University of Tennessee, Knoxville

University of Texas, Arlington

University of Wisconsin (Madison)

University of Wisconsin (Oshkosh)

University of Wyoming, Laramie

Utah State University, Logan, UT

Vincennes University (Indiana)

Yale University

Professional Conference and Events Lectures or Keynote Speeches

Alaska Psychiatric Association (Anchorage)

Alternative Careers in Science, California Institute of Technology)

Amazing Meeting (James Randi Educational Foundation)

American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS), San Francisco

American Association of Physics Teachers. Annual Conference. Reno, NV.

American Historical Association 108th Annual Meeting. San Francisco, CA

American Humanist Association, Carl Sagan Contributions to Science Education Award

American Humanist Association, Keynote Speaker

American Physical Society conference, Minneapolis, MN

American Psychological Association (Portland, OR)

Art Center (Pasadena, CA)

Atheist Alliance International (Tampa, FL)

Atheists United Annual Banquet. Los Angeles, CA

Baptist Church of Minnesota (God Debate)

California State Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA

California State University, Fullerton Alumni of the Year Award Dinner

Canadian Association of Magicians (tribute to James Randi in Toronto)

Center for the Study of Evolution and the Origins of Life (UCLA)

Church of the Rocky Peak, San Fernando Valley, CA (God debate with Doug Geivett)

Commonwealth Club (San Francisco)

Community Bible church, Mira Mesa, CA (debate with Barry Minkow)

Conference on World Affairs, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO

Council of Scientific Society Presidents

Eris Society, Aspen, CO

George Dock Society for the History of Medicine, Huntington Library (CA)

First Baptist Church of Downey (California, God debate)

Foundation for the Future (Seattle)

Gathering for Gardner (tribute to Martin Gardner)

Getty Museum

Global Business Network (hosted by Stewart Brand in San Francisco)

Gruter Institute on Law, Behavior and the Brain (Squaw Valley, CA)

History of Science Society 1993 conference (New Orleans)

History of Science Society 2001 conference (Denver)

Holocaust Remembrance Conference, Hillel Foundation, West Lafayette, IN

Human Behavior and Evolution Society 1996 conference (Santa Barbara)

Huntington Library, Darwin Exhibition Lecture

I-Con (Science Fiction Convention), Long Island, NY

Intelligent Design v. Evolution conference, Baylor University, Waco, TX

Interface 88, Atlanta, GA

International Conference on Science Communication, Bejing, China

Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL)

Jewish Federation L.A. Museum of the Holocaust, Symposium on Holocaust Denial

Jewish Fellowship of the University of California, Davis for Yom Hashoah Holocaust Memorial

Kaiser Medical Center

Lifelines Center (New York)

Long Beach Jewish Community Center

Long Beach Pacific Hospital (keynote speaker at annual conference)

Los Angeles Association of Teachers

Los Angeles Medical Association

Martyr's Memorial Museum of the Holocaust

Mensa Society Annual Conferences (Long Beach, Los Angeles, Orange County)

National Science Foundation Conference (Woods Hole)

National Science Foundation Chataqua Seminar Series (Philadelphia)

Phi Alpha Theta Southern California Regional Conference. California State University, L.A.

Philosophical Club (hosted by comedian Steve Martin)

Plato Society (L.A.)

Polaris Astronomical Society, Los Angeles, CA

Reason Foundation (sponsored by Reason magazine in San Diego)

Salon: The Art of Conversation (keynote in Orange County)

Secular Humanists of Los Angeles Annual Conference, Banning, CA

Sixteenth Century Studies Conference, St. Louis, MO

Society for Amateur Scientists (Caltech)

Student Achievement Advocacy (Seattle)

Throop Memorial church Unitarian Universalist

UCLA Galapagos Symposium (hosted by Ben Zuckerman)

Urania (Berlin, Germany)

Western Psychological Association, San Diego, CA

Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembered), Alpert Jewish Community Center, Long Beach

Around the World Tour (sponsored by the American Museum of Natural History, lecturer on chartered 757 jet to Amazon, Galapagos, Easter Island, Samoa, Australia, Borneo, New Guinea, Nepal, Seychelles Islands, Serengeti Plains, Canary Islands)

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