



## NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2009 EVENTS

*Unless otherwise noted, cost is \$6.00 general admission; free for Friends of the Center (FOCs).*  
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### Special Events

#### Friday, November 14

Wealthy Theater, 1130 Wealthy St. SE, GR.

Get tickets today at [www.cfmichigan.org](http://www.cfmichigan.org).

#### Heavy Mental - Jamy Ian Swiss

##### 7:30 pm – Wealthy Theater

Jamy Ian Swiss, world-renown slight of hand magician & mentalist presents an a mazing performance of baffling, unnerving, “mind reading” phenomena—what Jamy calls “sleight of mind.”  
Tickets; \$10 non-members, \$8 FOC’s, \$5 students.

#### Science, Magic & Skepticism Workshop

##### 1:00-5:00pm – Wealthy Theater Annex

Jamy Ian Swiss & D.J. Grothe, Vice President and Director for Outreach at CFI, host a workshop exploring the connection between magic and skepticism with demonstrations and discussions.  
\$35 non-member, \$30 FOC’s, \$20 students.

#### Pre-Show Reception with Jamy & D.J.

##### 5:00-6:00pm – Wealthy Theater

Hors D’oeuvres & drinks included. Pre-registration required: \$30 public, \$25 FOC’s, \$12 students.

#### Wednesday, December 9, 6:30–9:00pm

##### Annual Solstice Dinner

Join us for the Annual Solstice Dinner & Award Ceremony! Cost is \$35 for non-members, \$30 for FOC’s and \$20 for students. Details coming soon.

#### Friday, November 18, 7:00–11:00pm

##### Pseudoscience Fair – GVSU

Grand River Room, Kirkhof Center, 1 Campus Dr., Allendale. Learn about conspiracy theories, popular superstitions, and other unscientific claims from a rational and fun perspective.

If you would like to have an exhibit at the event or help out please contact Kermit Sharp, [gvsu@centerforinquiry.net](mailto:gvsu@centerforinquiry.net) Cost: Free.

### Lectures

#### Southwest Michigan

##### Wednesday, November 4, 7:00–8:45pm

##### Darwin Then & Now

Portage Library, 300 Library Ln., Portage.  
Presented by Carl Bajema, PhD, Professor of Biological Sciences, Grand Valley State University.

#### West Michigan

##### Wednesday, November 11, 7:00–8:30pm

##### Darwin Made Me Do It: Secular vs. Religious Ethics

Women’s City Club, 254 E Fulton St., Grand Rapids. Presented by D.J. Grothe, Vice President and Director for Outreach, Center for Inquiry.

#### Southeast Michigan

##### Thursday, November 12, 7:00–8:30pm

##### Darwin Made Me Do It: Secular Vs. Religious Ethics

Baldwin District Library, 300 W. Merrill St., Birmingham. Presented by D.J. Grothe, Vice President and Director for Outreach, Center for Inquiry.

#### Mid-Michigan

##### Thursday, November 5, 7:30–9:00pm

##### The Science of Discrimination

MSU Union, 3rd Floor, E. Lansing. Presented by Joe Bochinski, board member, CFI MSU. Research on prejudice & stereotyping and what we can do to change people’s minds.

##### Thursday, November 12, 7:30–9:00pm

##### Monkey Business

MSU Union, 3rd Floor, E. Lansing. Presented by Julia Smith & Christian Orlic, board members, CFI MSU. Overview of a number of research studies related to the great apes.

See page two (on back) for additional social & small group events!

#### *Regional Coordinators*

*West Michigan: Jennifer Beaban, 616-698-2342, [jbeaban@centerforinquiry.net](mailto:jbeaban@centerforinquiry.net)*

*Southeast Michigan: Coordinator Needed, [michigan@centerforinquiry.net](mailto:michigan@centerforinquiry.net)*

*Southwest Michigan: Jeannine Shafer, 269-329-1052, [jshafer@centerforinquiry.net](mailto:jshafer@centerforinquiry.net)*

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### Our Mission

The mission of Center for Inquiry is to promote and defend reason, science and secular values.

We offer rational, ethical and affirmative alternatives to reigning paranormal and religious belief systems and develop communities where like-minded individuals can meet to explore ideas from a non-theistic perspective.

### What We Do

CFI Michigan hosts educational and social events throughout the state of Michigan. Our events are open to members and the general public.

For more information contact us: email [michigan@centerforinquiry.net](mailto:michigan@centerforinquiry.net) or call 616-698-2342.

### E-mail/Mailing List

Sign-up to receive our newsletter and email alerts for upcoming events: [www.centerforinquiry.net/michigan](http://www.centerforinquiry.net/michigan).



### Like what you see? Join Today!

By joining Center for Inquiry as a Friend of the Center (FOC), you become an integral part of the Center for Inquiry’s mission. Your membership entitles you to many benefits while supporting the continued development of the programs and services offered by the Center for Inquiry, here in Michigan and at CFI centers and communities throughout the world. This affordable annual membership is just one of many ways you can support the important work of Center for Inquiry.

Becoming a Friend of the center is easy: simply fill out the Friend of the Center membership form or visit [www.centerforinquiry.net/support](http://www.centerforinquiry.net/support).



**NOVEMBER & DECEMBER 2009 EVENTS: SMALL GROUPS & SOCIAL EVENTS**

**West Michigan**

**Every Sunday, 10:00am–12:00pm**

**Cafe Inquiry**

Schuler Books, 3165 Alpine Ave., Grand Rapids.  
Casual topical discussion. Socializing & brunch following the discussion. Cost: Individuals responsible for purchasing food and beverages.

**Wednesday, November 4, 7:00–10:00pm**

**Movie Night**

Home of Jason Pittman, 740 Lockwood St. NE, Grand Rapids. Please RSVP: 616.634.2471. Cost: Free. BYOB and snack to share.

**Wednesday, November 18, 7:00–10:00pm**

**Movie Night**

Home of Jason Pittman, 740 Lockwood St. NE, Grand Rapids. Please RSVP: 616.634.2471. Cost: Free. BYOB and snack to share.

**Saturday, November 21, 10:00am–12:00pm**

**Women’s Group**

Location TBA. Send suggestions for activities to [jbeahan@centerforinquiry.net](mailto:jbeahan@centerforinquiry.net). Please bring a snack or drink to share. Cost: Free.

**Wednesday, December 2, 7:00–10:00pm**

**Movie Night**

Home of Jason Pittman, 740 Lockwood St. NE, Grand Rapids. Please RSVP: 616.634.2471. Cost: Free. BYOB and snack to share.

**Wednesday, December 16, 7:00–10:00pm**

**Movie Night**

Home of Jason Pittman, 740 Lockwood St. NE, Grand Rapids. Please RSVP: 616-634-2471. Cost: Free. BYOB and snack to share.

**Saturday, December 19, 10:00am–12:00pm**

**Women’s Group**

Location TBA. Send suggestions for activities to [jbeahan@centerforinquiry.net](mailto:jbeahan@centerforinquiry.net). Please bring a snack or drink to share. Cost: Free.

**Southeast Michigan**

**Saturday, December 5, 6:00–9:00pm**

**American Atheist Annual Convention**

Best Western Executive Plaza, Ann Arbor, MI.  
[www.michiganatheists.org](http://www.michiganatheists.org) for information.

**Southwest Michigan**

**Friday, November 6, 6:00–9:00pm**

**Cafe Inquiry**

Panera Bread, 5970 S. Westnedge Ave., Portage.  
Socializing and casual discussion. Cost: Free. Food/beverages available for purchase.

**Friday, November 20, 6:00–9:00pm**

**Cafe Inquiry**

Home of Jeannine Shafer, 5923 Angling Rd., Portage. Potluck dinner and casual discussion. BYOB. Cost: Free. RSVP: 269-329-1052

**Friday, December 4, 6:00–9:00pm**

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**Friday, December 18, 6:00–9:00pm**

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**Mid Michigan**

**Thursday, November 19, 7:30–9:00pm**

**Movie Night**

Michigan State University Union, Third Floor, Lake Ontario Room, E. Lansing. Join us for a movie night and casual discussion.

**Thursday, December 3, 7:30–9:00pm**

**Open Discussion**

Michigan State University Union, Third Floor, Lake Ontario Room, E. Lansing. Last meetings usually entail an open discussion where members and attendees can talk about whatever they like. We will also discuss past and future activities.

Events schedule is subject to change.  
Please visit the online events calendar:

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for complete details and  
a full list of upcoming events.