



## CSICON 2026 Schedule


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### THURSDAY (JUNE 11)


- 8:00am Registration & Bookstore
- 8:00–11:30am The CFI History & Mystery Tour by Biddle & Binga
- 9:30am–1:30pm The CFI History & Mystery Tour by Biddle & Binga
- 12:00–1:45pm WORKSHOP #1 Underdown/Radford (Investigating Extraordinary Claims)
- 1:45–2:45pm Poster Session and Caricatures
- 2:15–4:00pm WORKSHOP #2 Vazquez/Trecek-King (Don't Believe Everything You Believe)
- 4:30–6:30pm WORKSHOP #3 Wiseman, Hall, with swag (Magic for Skeptics)
- 7:00–8:00pm Reception with Robyn Blumner, Stephen Hupp, and Eddie Tabash
- 8:15–8:30pm Welcoming Remarks
- 8:30–9:30pm Mary Roach in Conversation with Richard Wiseman


### FRIDAY (JUNE 12)

- 8:45–9:00am Opening Remarks with Leighann Lord
- 9:00–9:30am TBA

- 9:30-10:00am James Alcock: Fifty Years of the Modern Skeptical Movement
- 10:00-10:30am Eugenie Scott: Victoria's Secret (No, Not That One)
- 10:30-11:00am BREAK
- 11:00-12:15pm History Panel (Eugenie Scott, Barry Karr, Ruth Frazier, and James Alcock)
- 12:15-2:00pm LUNCH ON YOUR OWN
- 2:00-2:30pm Brian Brushwood and Perry Carpenter: Myth-Direction and WolfMasking
- 2:30-3:00pm Michael Mann: Science Under Siege: How to Fight the Five Most Powerful Forces... (Part 1)
- 3:00-3:30pm Peter Hotez: Science Under Siege: How to Fight the Five Most Powerful Forces... (Part 2)
- 3:30-4:00pm BREAK & BOOK SIGNING
- 4:00-5:30pm The Skeptics' Guide to the Universe Live Podcast
- 5:30-7:45pm DINNER ON YOUR OWN
- 7:45-8:45pm Banachek's Telepathy Show
- 8:45-9:15pm BREAK
- 9:15-11:15pm Skeptical Extravaganza 

## SATURDAY (JUNE 13)

- 8:45-9:00am Opening Remarks with Leighann Lord
- 9:00-9:30am Andrea Love: Sanitizing Snake Oil Harms Public Health
- 9:30-10:00am Rina Raphael & Nick Tiller: The United States of Pseudoscience
- 10:00-10:30am Richard Wiseman: How Skepticism Changed Psychology, Science and the World
- 10:30-11:00am BREAK
- 11:00-12:15pm International Panel (Richard Saunders hosts Amardeo Sarma, Alejandro Borgo, and Leo Igwe)
- 12:15-2:00pm VIP LUNCH (Robyn Blumner hosts Bill Nye, Michael Mann, and Peter Hotez) 
- 2:00-2:30pm Ben Radford: Reflections from the Front Lines: Investigative Skepticism in Action
- 2:30-3:00pm Stuart Vyse: Welcome to the Burned-Over District!
- 3:00-3:30pm Scott Hamilton Kennedy: Science & Storytelling: An Essential Partnership for a Better World
- 3:30-4:00pm BREAK

- 4:00-5:00pm Banachek & Michael Edwards in Conversation with Brian Brushwood
- 5:00-6:00pm BREAK
- 6:00-8:00pm 50th Anniversary Awards Dinner & Mystifying Variety Show 
- 8:00-8:30pm BREAK
- 8:30-9:30pm Fireside Chat with Bill Nye and Stephen Hupp

## SUNDAY (JUNE 14)

- 9:00-10:45am Sunday Speakers Session by Susan Gerbic & Rob Palmer
- 9:30-11:45am [CONCURRENT] *Heathens* Movie Screening (David Cowan & Shawn Hardin)
- 11:00-12:00pm Skeptical Inquirer Presents: The Fast Talkers (Hosted by Justin Robert Young)
  - Ankney: Monsters in the Machine: The Rise of Algorithm-Enhanced Folklore
  - Wilson: Moving Forward in the Fight Against the Anti-Vaccine Movement
  - Mackey: Chasing Shadows: When Hope Blinds the Modern Explorer
  - Suleta: Skeptical Mentorship: Recruiting the Next Generation of Critical Thinkers
- 1:00-5:00pm Niagara Falls Excursion and Maid of the Mist Boat Ride (Brian Dunning & Kenny Biddle) 