



# 50<sup>TH</sup> CSI CON ANNIVERSARY

THE CONFERENCE DEDICATED  
TO SCIENCE & REASON

JUNE 11-14, 2026  
BUFFALO, NEW YORK

**PROGRAM &  
SCHEDULE**

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# CONFERENCE SCHEDULE



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PLEASE FIND THE CONVENTION MAP AT THE BACK OF THIS PROGRAM

EVERY DAY | REGISTRATION (BUFFALO CC LOBBY, 8AM) / BOOKSTORE (ROOM 101B, 8AM-5PM)\*

\*Note: On Sunday, the bookstore closes at 10AM.

## THURSDAY, JUNE 11

### BUS TO CFI HEADQUARTERS

**8:00AM-11:30AM** THE CFI HISTORY & MYSTERY TOUR  
» KENNY BIDDLE  
» TIMOTHY BINGA

**10:00AM-1:30PM** THE CFI HISTORY & MYSTERY TOUR  
» KENNY BIDDLE  
» TIMOTHY BINGA

### ROOM 101C

**12:00PM-1:45PM** WORKSHOP #1: INVESTIGATING EXTRAORDINARY CLAIMS  
» JIM UNDERDOWN  
» BEN RADFORD

### BOOKSTORE

**1:45PM-2:45PM** POSTER SESSION & CARICATURES  
» VARIOUS PRESENTERS  
» CELESTIA WARD

### ROOM 101C

**2:15PM-4:00PM** WORKSHOP #2: DON'T BELIEVE EVERYTHING YOU BELIEVE  
» BERTHA VAZQUEZ  
» MELANIE TRECEK-KING

**4:30PM-6:30PM** WORKSHOP #3: MAGIC FOR SKEPTICS  
» RICHARD WISEMAN  
» RAY HALL

### ROOM 106ABCD

**7:00PM-8:00PM** OPENING RECEPTION  
» STEPHEN HUPP  
» ROBYN BLUMNER  
» EDDIE TABASH

### BALLROOM

**8:15PM-9:30PM** WELCOMING REMARKS / MARY ROACH IN CONVERSATION WITH RICHARD WISEMAN

## FRIDAY, JUNE 12

### BALLROOM

**8:45AM** OPENING REMARKS  
» LEIGHANN LORD

**9:00AM** WELCOME TO THE BURNED-OVER DISTRICT!  
» STUART VYSE

**9:30AM** FIFTY YEARS OF THE MODERN SKEPTICAL MOVEMENT  
» JAMES ALCOCK

**10:00AM** VICTORIA'S SECRET (NO, NOT THAT ONE)  
» EUGENIE SCOTT

**10:30AM** BREAK / BOOK SIGNING WITH MARY ROACH (BOOKSTORE)

**11:00AM** HISTORY PANEL  
» BARRY KARR, RUTH FRAZIER, EUGENIE SCOTT, JAMES ALCOCK, RONALD LINDSAY, STUART VYSE

**12:15PM** LUNCH (ON YOUR OWN)

**2:00PM** MYTH-DIRECTION & WOLFMASKING  
» BRIAN BRUSHWOOD  
» PERRY CARPENTER

**2:30PM** SCIENCE UNDER SIEGE (PART 1)  
» MICHAEL MANN

**3:00PM** SCIENCE UNDER SIEGE (PART 2)  
» PETER HOTEZ


**3:30PM** BREAK / BOOK SIGNING WITH MICHAEL MANN & PETER HOTEZ (BOOKSTORE)

**4:00PM** THE SKEPTICS' GUIDE TO THE UNIVERSE  
LIVE PODCAST  
» STEVEN NOVELLA, JAY NOVELLA,  
BOB NOVELLA, CARA SANTA MARIA,  
EVAN BERNSTEIN, GEORGE HRAB

**5:30PM** DINNER (ON YOUR OWN)

**7:45PM** BANACHEK'S TELEPATHY

**8:45PM** BREAK

**9:15PM-11:15PM**  SKEPTICAL EXTRAVAGANZA  
OF SPECIAL SIGNIFICANCE

## SATURDAY, JUNE 13

### BALLROOM

**8:45AM** OPENING REMARKS  
» LEIGHANN LORD

**9:00AM** SANITIZING SNAKE OIL HARMS  
PUBLIC HEALTH  
» ANDREA LOVE


**9:30AM** THE UNITED STATES OF PSEUDOSCIENCE  
» RINA RAPHAEL  
» NICK TILLER

**10:00AM** HOW SKEPTICISM CHANGED  
PSYCHOLOGY, SCIENCE & THE WORLD  
» RICHARD WISEMAN

**10:30AM** ANNOUNCEMENT FROM  
PALE BLUE DOT FILMS

**10:35AM** BREAK

**11:00AM** INTERNATIONAL PANEL  
» AMARDEO SARMA,  
ALEJANDRO BORGO, LEO IGWE,  
ZHANG ZHIMIN, RICHARD SAUNDERS

**12:15PM**  **VIP LUNCH (ROOM 101C)**  
» BILL NYE, MICHAEL MANN,  
PETER HOTEZ, ROBYN BLUMNER

**2:00PM** REFLECTIONS FROM THE FRONTLINES  
» BEN RADFORD

**2:30PM** SCIENCE & STORYTELLING  
» SCOTT HAMILTON KENNEDY

**3:00PM** THE JOY OF AN  
EVIDENCE-BASED WORLDVIEW  
» RONALD LINDSAY

**3:30PM** BREAK & RAFFLE RESULTS

**4:00PM** BANACHEK & MICHAEL EDWARDS  
IN CONVERSATION WITH  
BRIAN BRUSHWOOD

**5:00PM** BREAK

**6:00PM**  **AWARDS DINNER &  
MYSTIFYING VARIETY SHOW**  
(EXHIBIT HALL UPSTAIRS)

**8:00PM** BREAK

**8:30PM-9:30PM** FIRESIDE CHAT WITH  
BILL NYE & STEPHEN HUPP

## SUNDAY, JUNE 14

### BALLROOM

**8:45AM** CSICON SINGERS  
» ANTHONY TRECEK-KING

**9:00AM-10:45AM** SUNDAY SPEAKERS SESSION: HOSTED BY  
SUSAN GERBIC & ROB PALMER  
» SAMMY SHUSTER, TIMOTHY J. REDMOND,  
JON MICHAEL, PAMELA BRUNSKILL,  
COLEMAN WATTS

**11:00AM-12:00PM** THE FAST TALKERS:  
HOSTED BY JUSTIN ROBERT YOUNG  
» MEAGAN ANKNEY, DAN WILSON,  
MALORIE MACKEY, KATIE SULETA

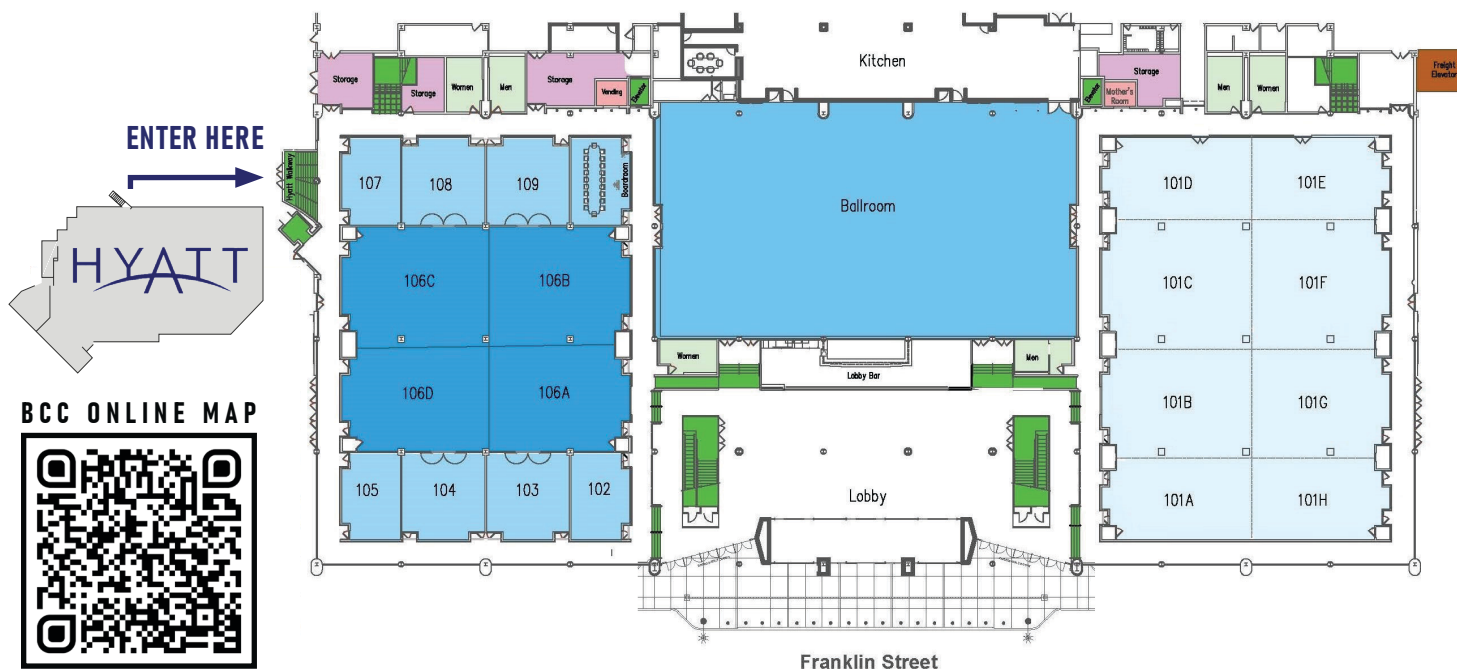
### ROOM 101C

**9:30AM-11:45AM** PRIVATE SCREENING BY  
PALE BLUE DOT FILMS

### BUS TO NIAGARA FALLS

**1:00PM-5:00PM**  NIAGARA FALLS EXCURSION & MAID  
OF THE MIST BOAT RIDE WITH  
BRIAN DUNNING & KENNY BIDDLE

MARQUEE LEVEL



**HARASSMENT POLICY**

**Purpose and Scope of Policy:** The Center for Inquiry (CFI) and its affiliates, including the Committee for Skeptical Inquiry and the Council for Secular Humanism, are educational organizations. As part of our educational mission, we hold conferences from time to time. To ensure that everyone attending our conferences is able to participate in them fully, CFI and its affiliates are committed to providing a safe and hospitable environment at our conferences. Accordingly, CFI and its affiliates prohibit intimidating, threatening, or harassing conduct during our conferences. This policy applies to speakers, staff, volunteers, and attendees. "Conferences" for the purpose of this policy includes any educational meeting or gathering organized or sponsored by CFI or its affiliates to which non-employees are invited. In other words, this policy applies to local or regional meetings, not just national conferences.

This policy supplements the policy on harassment set forth in the CFI employee handbook, which governs the conduct of CFI staff; it does not replace or supersede that policy.

**Prohibited Conduct:** In general, prohibited conduct includes any abusive conduct that has the purpose or effect of unreasonably interfering with another person's ability to enjoy and participate in the conference, including social events related to the conference. Prohibited conduct includes, but is not limited to, yelling at or threatening speakers or attendees, or any significantly disruptive conduct. By way of example, repeated interruption of a speaker by an attendee is prohibited. Prohibited conduct includes, but is not limited to, harassment based on race, gender, sexual orientation, disability, or any other protected group status, as provided by local, state, or federal law. By way of example, abusive conduct directed at someone because of their race is prohibited. Prohibited conduct includes, but is not limited to, sexual harassment. By way of example, unwelcome sexual attention, stalking, and physical contact such as pinching, grabbing, or groping are prohibited. Critical examination of beliefs, including critical commentary on another person's views, does not, by itself, constitute hostile conduct or harassment. One of the underlying rationales of this policy is to promote the free exchange of ideas, not to inhibit it.

**Consequences of Hostile or Harassing Conduct:** CFI and its affiliates have a zero-tolerance policy for hostile and harassing conduct. If a person engages in hostile or harassing conduct, appropriate remedial action will be taken, which may include, but is not limited to, expulsion from the conference. Threats of hostile conduct that are made prior to a conference may result in exclusion from the conference.

The exact remedy for hostile or harassing conduct will depend on an evaluation of all relevant circumstances, such as the severity of the conduct and prior violations by the person engaging in prohibited conduct. When there is a reasonable basis for believing the conduct is illegal, appropriate law enforcement authorities will be notified.

**Reporting Hostile or Harassing Conduct: Investigations:** Persons who are the targets of, or witnesses to, hostile or harassing conduct should contact conference staff. At smaller meetings, conference staff, including the person(s) in charge of the meeting, will be introduced at the beginning. At larger conferences, conference staff will wear identification and/or will be identified in the conference program.

At larger conferences, phone numbers for hotel/venue staff, local law enforcement, and local emergency medical personnel will be provided to conference attendees to facilitate prompt response to complaints and/or requests for assistance.

Reports of hostile or harassing conduct will be promptly addressed. On some occasions, where conference staff are witnesses to the prohibited conduct, immediate remedial action may be taken. Where a report of hostile or harassing conduct is made to conference staff after the conduct has occurred, reasonable measures will be taken to establish the facts. This will typically include discussion with witnesses, if any, and the person accused of engaging in the prohibited conduct. Inquiries into hostile or harassing conduct will be carried out as confidentially as possible given the circumstances.

**Record-Keeping:** CFI and its affiliates will make a written record of all complaints/incidents as soon as practicable. These records will be used in connection with implementing this policy. These records will be maintained in the Office of the CEO of CFI and will not be disclosed to individuals outside of the organization except as required by law.