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PANELISTS



ALEXIS ELDER, Dr. Elder is an Assistant Professor of Philosophy at UMD. She works in Ethics, Social Philosophy, Metaphysics (especially social ontology), Philosophy of Technology, and Moral Psychology. She tends to draw on ancient philosophy - primarily Chinese and Greek - in order to think about current problems. Teaching interests include a variety of courses in applied ethics, where she enjoys working with students to explore the many ways philosophical issues can crop up in practical concerns.



E. OTTO JOHNSON, Ph.D., has more than 20 years of experience studying the epidemiology and genetics of drug addiction, HIV, and related phenotypes. He has published more than 130 peer-reviewed articles. He is the former Chair of the Behavioral Genetics and Epidemiology Study Section and has chaired and served on numerous other NIH review and advisory panels.

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ffrf ANNUAL CONVENTION

OCTOBER 13TH-15TH, MADISON, WI
MONONA TERRACE CONVENTION CENTER



The Freedom From Religion Foundation is announcing a riveting line-up for its 46th annual convention, taking place largely on Friday, Oct. 13 and Saturday, Oct 14 at the Monona Terrace Convention Center in Madison, Wis. They encourage you to reserve rooms now. The convention will take place for the first time in FFRF's 46-year history on a "Football Saturday" and convention-goers are competing with Wisconsin Badgers fans. Plan ahead so you are not disappointed.

The convention will not only showcase FFRF activism but will place special emphasis this year on the threats of white Christian nationalism and to abortion rights. It will also include "godless" entertainment and cameos by two drag queens!

The convention will feature appearances by some of the as-yet-to-be-awarded student essayists from its 2023 essay competitions.

Also featured will be the usual "Highlights of the Year" from Co-Presidents Dan Barker and Annie Laurie Gaylor, the legal report by FFRF Legal Director Rebecca Markert and staff attorneys, and a report by the new c(4) FFRF Action Fund by FFRF Governmental Affairs Director Mark Dann and Senior Policy Counsel Ryan Jayne.

FFRF's untraditional "traditions" will likewise take place: the Non-Prayer Breakfast with its popular "Moment of Bedlam," the drawing for "clean," pre-"In God We Trust" currency, musical interludes by musician Dan Barker, book and product sales tables, and chances to socialize.

An open house will be held on Thursday, Oct. 12, at FFRF's impressive office, Freethought Hall, in downtown Madison from 2-4 p.m., with complimentary refreshments and a self-guided tour. The office quadrupled in size, thanks to generous donors, in 2015, and includes an auditorium, library and many freethought artifacts.

Hot beverages and continental breakfast will start the Friday opening program, and complimentary cake and hot beverages will conclude the first day of the conference.

There will also be optional meals: a Friday buffet, and three group meals on Saturday.

The annual membership meeting takes place on Sunday, Oct. 15, beginning at 9 a.m., followed by the annual meeting of the State Representatives, with adjournment about noon.

JOIN US FOR

Flappy Flour

4:00-6:00 pm Thursday, July 6th at Mexico Lindo, Fitgers Brewery Complex

Mexico Lindo will validate your parking and we will validate your skepticism about religion. We'll save you a seat!





JULY SOCIAL DINNER



Join us Wednesday July 19th at 5:30pm at Enger Park for LSF's Second 2023 Summer outdoor Social Dinner. Bring your own food and beverage.



NEXT PAVILION PARTY SATURDAY JULY 22ND

Pavilion Parties continue on the fourth Saturday of each month at the home of our “Flounder”, Bill Van Druten.



Plan to arrive at 1pm. Bring a food item you have made, or maybe an interesting libation to share with other attendees. We'll talk and laugh at Dr. Van Druten's home: 2931 Greysolon Road in Duluth. Park anywhere on Greysolon Road but not on 30th Avenue!

Cloris Leachman



On April 30th 1926, actress Cloris Leachman was born in Des Moines, Iowa. Her father owned a lumber company. After being crowned Miss Chicago in the 1946 Miss America competition, she won a scholarship to study at the Actor's Studio in New York. Some of her earliest films include "Kiss Me Deadly" (1955), "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" (1969) and "The Last Picture Show" (1971), for which she won an Academy Award. She had roles in three Mel Brooks films: Frau Blücher in "Young Frankenstein" (1974), demented nurse Charlotte Diesel in "High Anxiety" (1977) and Madame Defarge in "History of the World: Part I."

She played memorable roles on television, including Timmy's mother on "Lassie" from 1957-58, and Phyllis Lindstrom on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" (1970-77) and in her own series, "Phyllis" (1975-77). She made frequent appearances on "The Facts of Life" and other shows. She played a main character in 83 episodes of the comedy

"Raising Hope" (2010-14). In over 60 years of acting, in roles ranging from comedic to dramatic, Leachman won eight Emmys, appeared in over 100 TV shows and, in the fall of 2008, participated as the oldest contestant yet (age 82) on "Dancing With the Stars."

From 1953-79 she was married to Hollywood impresario George Englund, with whom she had five children before divorcing. Asked in a 2012 Huffington Post interview if she considered herself an atheist, she replied, "Definitely." Asked about religious miracles, she said, "Extraordinary miracles, billions and trillions of them, happen all the time but not because there's a God. ... It's beyond belief. There are 7 billion people on the planet. Is he hearing 7 billion people at once?"

She died at age 94 in Encinitas, Calif. (D. 2021)

"I don't believe at all in God and I'm very relieved that I don't."

—Leachman interview, Huffington Post (June 20, 2012)