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Grassroots Skeptic Launches Skeptical Speakers Bureau

Philadelphia, PA – 4/5/2010: Grassroots Skeptics today announced the official launch of its new Skeptical Speakers Bureau. The group's most recent project is aimed at helping skeptical organizers find speakers for their events.

“There are skeptics’ groups meeting all over the world,” said Grassroots Skeptics founder K.O. Myers, “and many of them are moving from purely social gatherings, and adding more informative and educational content to their programs. We want to make it easier for organizers looking to expand that part of their mission to find the perfect speaker for their next meeting or conference.”

At launch, the Bureau features a lineup of 35 speakers from a wide range of backgrounds. The roster includes scientists, educators, bloggers, podcasters and skeptical activists, who are ready to educate and enlighten on many different facets of science, skepticism and critical thinking.

“We’re also looking to add to our roster of speakers,” Myers said. “We want to encourage new voices to add to the chorus, and to raise the profiles of skeptical activists who want to foster reason and critical thinking by educating the public.”

At GrassrootsSkeptics.org, organizers can get more information, see the full lineup of speakers, and request an appearance for their next event. Skeptics interested in joining the Speakers Bureau can also sign up on the site.

Grassroots Skeptics is a volunteer organization that promotes critical thinking and a reason-centered worldview by helping local skeptics groups to share tools, information and strategies, and connect with skeptical individuals and activists both locally and globally.

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At launch, our lineup of speakers includes:

Heidi Anderson, blogger, founder of SheThought.com.

Derek Bartholomaus, creator of the [Jenny McCarthy Body Count](http://JennyMcCarthyBodyCount.com).

Dr. Martin Bridgstock, author of *Beyond Belief: Skepticism, Science and the Paranormal*.

Steve Cuno, founder of the RESPONSE Agency, author of *Prove It Before You Promote It*.

Barbara A. Drescher, blogger, skeptical activist, cognitive psychologist.

Tim Farley, creator of [What's The Harm?](http://WhatsTheHarm.com)

Greg Fish, science blogger, creator of [World of Weird Things.com](http://WorldofWeirdThings.com).

Nicky Garratt, skeptical activist, guitar player for the UK Subs.

Myron Getman, research scientist and blogger.

Stephen Gibson, author of *Truth-Driven Thinking* and *A Secret of the Universe*.

Dr. Lee Graham, postdoctoral fellow in mathematics and computer science at Wesleyan University.

Allen Green, blogger at [Jack of Kent](http://JackofKent.com), organizer of Westminster Skeptics.

Lisa Hammett, skeptical homeschooler, educator.

Sharon Hill, geologist, skeptical organizer.

Timothy Kiehl, pilot, skeptical activist, polymath.

Jim Lippard, Ph.D. student, founder of Phoenix Skeptics.

John Logsdon, associate professor of biology, researcher.

Marc MacKenzie, senior medical physicist, assistant professor of oncology.

K.O. Myers, founder of Grassroots Skeptics.

Dr. Richard Parker, Manager, NHS in England, co-founder of Leeds Humanist Action Group

Benjamin Radford, investigator and research fellow, CSI and *Skeptical Inquirer*.

Don Riefler, developer of Kids Thinking Critically.

Dr. Aaron Santos, physicist, author of *How Many Licks?, or How to Estimate Damn Near Anything*.

Jack Scanlan, blogger, contributor to the *The Pseudo Scientists* podcast.

Desiree Schell, host of the radio show and podcast *Skeptically Speaking*.

Scott Stafiej, director of volunteering and membership at the Center for Inquiry, New York.

Kylie Sturgess, host of the *Token Skeptic* podcast, contributor to *The Skeptic Zone* podcast.

Steve Thoms, blogger, founding member and editor-in-chief of [Skeptic North](http://SkepticNorth.com).

Colin Thornton, founder of [Science-Based Parenting](http://ScienceBasedParenting.com), editor of *Podcast Beyond Belief*.

Maria "Masala Skeptic" Walters, contributor to Skepchick.org.

Jeremy Whitlock, manager of Non-Proliferation and Safeguards at Atomic Energy of Canada Limited.

Dr. Josh Witten, career development fellow at the MRC-Laboratory of Molecular Biology.

Sean Wright, atheist, humanist, skeptical activist.

Bora Zivkovic, organizer of Science Online.