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Skeptrack Kick Off 2018	Get to know several of this years skeptic guests	Margaret Downey, Nick Eftimiades, Curt Anderson, Herb Silverman, Jamy Ian Swiss, Bob Nygaard, Nick Eftimiades, Gleb Tsipursky	Hilton 204 - 207
Subverting Science & Trampling Truth: Faith vs. Reason During Tribalistic Times	While factually inaccurate public statements & tweets are part of the news cycles nearly daily, less attention is paid to the ways in which science is being systematically censored and redacted from policies, programs, and budgets. Who is leading the resistance, and what you can do to help.	Teddi 'The FSM' Fishman	Hilton 204 - 207
Understanding the Millennial Mind	Differences between Digital Immigrants vs. Natives, how persistent technology changes our perceptions, why *War Games* was important, what Napster has to do with Uber, and is Apple to blame for the opioid crisis? Millennials & teens have shifted definitions & communication. Where do we go from here?	Derek Ellington	Hilton 204 - 207
Fake News, Science, and it's Effects	The use of fake news, be it for propaganda, attention, or just 'fun' has become such a norm in our current culture.  What has been the effects on society, and how it muddies how the population, politicians and those with power see the world.	Gleb Tsipursky, Nick Eftimiades, Agnes Vishnevkin, David Mass	Hilton 204 - 207
The Unflappable Atheist	Herb relates many of his battles with the Religious Right, including his decision to run for governor of SC to challenge the state's constitutional provision that prohibited atheists from holding public office, and his experiences facing Christian fundamentalists of all stripes in open debate.	Herb Silverman	Hilton 204 - 207

Skeptical Humanities	Exploring areas of the human experience such as art, philosophy, history, literature, rhetoric, aesthetics, literary criticism, pop culture studies, folklore, and cultural studies. Many times these topics seem to be ignored in the 'mainstream' skeptical discourse. Learn why we should change that.	Bob Blaskiewicz, Eve Siebert, CW Brown, Herb Silverman	Hilton 204 - 207
The Addams Family Mystery Theatre	The Addams have stumbled upon a new mystery, and they can't solve it without your help! Please join us for this immersive mystery solving experience.	Red World Productions	Hilton 204 - 207
Creativity In Skepticism	Several Skeptical Minded Artists, Authors, and others who make a living creating for the masses talk about how they approach their respective crafts.	Leighann Lord, Scott Sigler, John de Lancie, Michael Stackpole, Ian Harris, Jane Crow, Curt Anderson	Hilton 204 - 207
Leighann Lord: NerdyAF	Stand-up Comedian Leighann Lord returns to DragonCon, in all her nerdy glory with Wakanda Passport in hand. How nerdy? On a scale of one to 10: 42! She's telling all the jokes she can't tell in the Muggle World but the DragonCon audience will love and appreciate!	Leighann Lord	Hilton 204 - 207
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Viking Warrior Women: Pop Culture and Reality	Viking warrior women, staple of popular culture, and many believe the modern fictional depictions are based on fact. Studies confirm via DNA that a skeleton that in Birka, Sweden was female bolstered these beliefs. How to separate the fact from fiction in modern depictions of female Viking warriors.	Eve Siebert	Hilton 204 - 207
Scientific and Skeptical Outreach	Join the skeptical parade group for a cool-down and discussion on how to encourage the public, and others, to take critical thinking seriously.	Margaret Downey, Angela F. Mattke, Herb Silverman	Hilton 204 - 207

<p>We Marched for Science - Now What?</p>	<p>Why improving the pages for Science &amp; Skepticism on Wikipedia is the answer! Support people &amp; organizations that research, write books, organize conferences &amp; take heat from the anti-science/paranormal world. GSoW gives them the best possible Wikipedia pages while following all the Wikipedia rules.</p>	<p>Susan Gerbic</p>	<p>Hilton 204 - 207</p>
<p>Fighting Fake News and Post-Truth Politics Using Science</p>	<p>Why do people fall for fake news? Why are politicians who lie blatantly winning recent elections? This talk focuses on the behavioral science behind the effectiveness of fake news and post-truth politics. The transition to social media caused a huge disruption in our information ecosystem, and has brought us to this low point for truth, facts, and skepticism in public discourse.</p>	<p>Gleb Tsiursky</p>	<p>Hilton 204 - 207</p>
<p>Post-Apocalyptic Pseudoscience</p>	<p>Are there common scams and unscientific claims made about prepping, survival, etc.?</p>	<p>Dr. Steven Novella Dr. Charles E. Gannon Terry Robinson Mika McKinnon, Charlie Kaufman, Roxanne A. Henkle, Bob Blaskiewicz</p>	<p>Hilton 204 - 207</p>
<p>Meet America's Psychic-Crime Fighter</p>	<p>Learn more about the journey of one of the only people who has been taking on Psychic fraud head-on. Jamy Ian-Swiss and Bob Nygaard; A conversation.</p>	<p>Bob Nygaard, Jamy Ian Swiss</p>	<p>Hilton 204 - 207</p>
<p>Magic v Mayhem</p>	<p>Stunts &amp; mental challenges w/magic and mind reading to create a mind-blowing experience. Brian Brushwood (Scam School and NatGeo's "Hacking the System") &amp; Curt Anderson (20-year nationwide stage illusionist) join forces live on stage to present a thrill-ride mashup of their best magic and stunts.</p>	<p>Curt Anderson, Brian Brushwood</p>	<p>Hilton Grand West</p>

The Illusion of Psychic Powers	A remarkable demonstration of the four kinds of paranormal events telepathy, precognition, clairvoyance & psychokinesis, then a display of all of them, showing that the most intelligent of audiences can be fooled. An entertaining lesson in critical thinking for all.	Jamy Ian Swiss	Marriott A601-A602
The Texas Cancer Quack vs. the Skeptics	A cancer quack who had been selling an off-label fraction of human urine as a cancer treatment for over 30 years threatened a skeptical teenage blogger with libel. For 5 years, skeptics challenged the claims which led to legal proceedings against the quack.	Bob Blaskiewicz	Hilton 204 - 207
Comedy: Ian Harris: ExtraOrdinary	Armed with a wide array of characters, impressions, razor like wit and critical thinking skills, Ian skewers commonly held beliefs, taking aim at such topics as Religion, Ghosts, The Paranormal, Comforting Notions, Astrology, Pop-Mysticism, Alternative Medicine, Racism and Apocalyptic Claims.	Ian Harris	Hilton 204 - 207
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Who Says the Atheist/Secular Community is Dead?	There are some who say that the current tension within the atheist and secular community is killing the movement. Mandisa Thomas will explain why this is far from the case, and how we can improve on our skills and keep it alive.	Mandisa Lateefah Thomas	Hilton 204 - 207
Skeptoid: 10 Years of Listener Feedback: Live	The wildest feedback from more than a decade of the Skeptoid podcast, and the Official Responses from host Brian Dunning and also a few somewhat snarkier wags. Warning: audience participation.	Brian Dunning	Hilton 204 - 207

How to Solve Problems Like an Intelligence Analyst	Post 9/11, the CIA realized its issues lay not in knowledge, but in incorporating intelligence objectively to analyze data. The CIA began to implement ideas from the 90's about analytical techniques or "analytical tradecraft" that allows us to conceptualize and understand information better.	Nick Eftimiades	Hilton 204 - 207
Myths In Martial Arts	Myths in martial arts persist, chi, pressure point knockouts, magical techniques, as well as unrealistic moves fill martial arts despite the fact that televised MMA dispels such myths every week on TV. Examining the myths and showing a scientific approach to all things fighting and self-defense.	Ian Harris	Hilton 204 - 207
Snopes and the Truth About Catching Fake News	A Snopes.com staff writer explains the fact-checking process, how "fake news" spreads over social media, and how "truth" is changing in our modern era, in this conversation moderated by an Electronic Frontier Foundation researcher.	Arturo Garcia, David Mass	Hilton 204 - 207
What Science Fiction Got Wrong	It is a staple of science fiction to predict future technology and society. What common science fiction predictions have turned out horribly wrong, and why?	Steven Novella, Jay Novella, Bob Novella	Hilton 204 - 207
Skeptics Guide to the Universe - LIVE!	The award-winning Skeptics' Guide to the Universe podcast, the live stage show celebrating science, skepticism, and everything geeky.	Steven Novella, Jay Novella, Robert Novella, Evan Bernstien, Cara Santa Maria	Crystal Ballroom
Shattering Illusions	An hour-long show of magic, mentalism, laughs, and gasps, that dances across the borderlines of where science and magic meet wonder. An entertaining experience of interactive amazement that you won't want to miss!	Jamy Ian Swiss	Crystal Ballroom

Birther-in-Chief	The same man who made "fake news" his catchphrase has also long been a credulous purveyor of hoaxes, lies, and conspiracy theories. From his championing of Birtherism, to his embrace of antivaxxer fears, to his accusations that Ted Cruz's dad helped kill JFK, come learn about the man who told Alex Jones, "Your reputation is amazing. I will not let you down."	Loren Collins	Hilton 204 - 207
Geekapalooza!	The Geekapalooza Comedy Tour features faculty and students from Georgia Tech out to prove that nerds can be funny and not just funny-looking.	Pete Ludovice	Hilton 204 - 207
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Living to 100 and Other Party Tricks	Lots of claims about what will make you live longer and what's guaranteed to kill you but how credible are they? How to interpret stats on life extension, sniff out nutty longevity claims, and guidance on the party trick of figuring out when someone will die. It's not morbid; it's mathematical!	Terry Robinson	Hilton 204 - 207
Everything You Know About Sex is Wrong--Part 1: The Gender Binary	Why does sex exist? What are males for? Is the gender binary real? And why does a microbe have the swingiest sex life of all? A Biologist will explain the answers.	Abby Hafer	Hilton 204 - 207
Have I Been Understood? Friedrich Nietzsche	Beady eyes, an intense stare, a wildly unkempt mustache? This image of Nietzsche, taken after he suffered mental breakdown does not do justice to who he was. An explanation of common misconceptions surrounding Nietzsche covering three critical ideas advocated for by Nietzsche in his writings.	Daniel Reynoso	Hilton 204 - 207
Wrap-Up And Feedback	Come and join us for a discussion about the past weekend.	Bob Nygaard, Jamy Ian Swiss, Gleb Tsipursky, Brian Brushwood	Hilton 204 - 207