

# University of Maryland Honors Presentations

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## Heather Keels

### Pseudoscience & Skepticism in Journalism

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"Science and Pseudoscience" has been taught by NCAS board member Chip Denman as a seminar in the University of Maryland Honors Program since 1989. The course emphasis has never been simply to give pat explanations for alleged events--weird claims are the starting point; the real purpose is to develop an understanding of what distinguishes between a scientifically supported theory vs. faith, intuition, wishful thinking, or other non-scientific reasons for belief, good or bad.

This special NCAS program features outstanding students from the Fall 2003 class. **Heather Keels** is a sophomore majoring in journalism. **John Mularski** is a junior aerospace engineering student. Both will be making presentations that were developed as part of the course final project.

## John Mularski

### Cold Fusion

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**Saturday February 21, 2-4pm**  
**B-CC Services Center**  
**4805 Edgemoor Lane**  
**Bethesda, Maryland**

The **Bethesda-Chevy Chase Services Center** is located at 4805 Edgemoor Lane in downtown Bethesda, across the street from the Bethesda Metro station. The Center is located in the two-story County office building on the plaza level of the Metropolitan complex, above a County parking garage. Free parking is available in the garage on weekends.



## National Capital Area Skeptics Public Lecture Series

**FREE admission - Everyone welcome - members and non-members**

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# Shadow of a Doubt

THE MONTHLY CALENDAR OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL AREA SKEPTICS

FEBRUARY 2004

## **Three—count 'em, three—special NCAS events coming up:**

- **Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> get together in February (that's right, this Friday!)**
- **"Art Becomes Reality" workshop in March**
- **Ian Rowland Show in April**

*All open to the public as well as NCAS members, so bring your friends.*

## **FEBRUARY: Friday the 13th Social**

On Friday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m., NCAS invites you to a *Superstitious Skeptics Social* at Mayorga Coffee House. Bring odd superstitions to share. Join other skeptics for an entertaining evening. (Food and drinks will be available for individual purchase.)

Mayorga Coffee  
8040 Georgia Avenue  
Silver Spring, Maryland

At the intersection of Blair Mill Road, just north of East-West Highway; 1/2 mile from Silver Spring Metro. Limited free parking in lot on Blair Mill. Metered street parking also available. ☞

## **MARCH: NCAS 2004 Weekend Workshop: "Art Becomes Reality" in Leesburg, Virginia**

Presentations on such topics as:

- How the South won the Civil War
- The Miracle at Mons, or how medieval bowmen fought the Germans in WWI
- The Lost City of El Dorado
- From reel to real: Popular beliefs from the movies
- Myth Information Quiz

- Panel discussion on why we believe and *MORE* fun stuff—watch this space. . . .

When: Saturday March 27, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Sunday, March 28, 9:00 a.m. to noon

At historic Carradoc Hall, the Holiday Inn just outside Leesburg, Virginia, 1500 East Market Street (Route 7)  
URL: <http://www.leesburgva.holiday-inn.com/>

Preregistration is \$45 per person, \$50 at the door. Registration includes continental breakfast and breaks on Saturday and Sunday. Saturday lunch and dinner are your responsibility (there is a \$10 buffet lunch available in Carradoc Hall). Register NOW!!

Mail registration to: NCAS 2004 Workshop Registration, PO Box 8428, Silver Spring, MD 20910. ☞

## **APRIL: Ian Rowland Show**

Ian Rowland will be presenting a show for NCAS on April 15. Ian is an "entertainer, specialising in mind magic and psychic-flavoured illusions."

To get an idea of his wide ranging interests and abilities, check out his website: <http://www.ianrowland.com/Start/Home.html>

This is not a show to be missed! Mark your calendars for April 15 (after you file your taxes, of course). . . details on how to purchase tickets and location in the next *Shadow*. Don't miss this one folks! ☞

## **Time to Renew!**

Check your mailing label. If the renewal date has passed, please send to the NCAS address below \$30 (for 1 person) or \$40 (for 2-member households) for a 1-year renewal, or you will be dropped as a member. ☞



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