



THE EIGHTEENTH ANNUAL -DISCOVERY SOCIETY -INSIDERS BRIEFING ON INTELLIGENT DESIGN: UNIQUELY HUMAN

## - AUGUST 12-13, 2022 -TACOMA, WA



## FRIDAY, AUGUST 12 12:00-8:45 PM

Before 12:00 PM	Check in to hotel	Marriott Tacoma Downtown
12:00-1:30 PM	Director's Circle Lunch	Ruston Room (6th Floor)
6:00-8:45 PM	Opening Dinner	Chambers Bay Ballroom 2&3
	State of the Debate CSC Director Stephen C. Meyer and CSC Managing Director John West	

### SATURDAY, AUGUST 13 8AM-1:15 PM

8:00-9:00 AM	Breakfast	Foyer/Chambers Bay Ballroom 2&3
9:00-12:00 PM	Morning Sessions	Chambers Bay Ballroom 2&3

### The Miracle of Man

CSC Senior Fellows Michael Denton and Marcos Eberlin (remote), Summer Seminar Graduate Emily Reeves and CSC Associate Director Casey Luskin

### **The Designed Body**

Steve Laufmann and Howard Glicksman, Authors and members of the Engineering Research Group

### **Education and Outreach Update** CSC Education and Outreach Director Daniel Reeves

12:00-1:00 PM

Lunch

Foyer/Chambers Bay Ballroom 2&3





## SATURDAY, AUGUST 13 1:15-9:00 PM

1:15-4:30 PM

Afternoon Sessions

Chambers Bay Ballroom 2&3

**Dehumanization in the Name of Science** Senior Fellows Richard Weikart and Wesley J. Smith and CSC Managing Director John West

**More than a Computer—The Specialness of the Human Mind** Walter Bradley Center Director Robert J. Marks II and MindMatters Contributor Daniel Díaz-Pachón

Media and Communications Update CSC Managing Director, John West CSC Director of Communications, Rob Crowther



# SPEAKERS



### **MICHAEL DENTON**

CSC Senior Fellow Michael Denton holds an MD from Bristol University, as well as a PhD in biochemistry from King's College in London. His book, *Evolution: A Theory in Crisis* inspired both Phillip Johnson and Michael Behe to investigate scientific problems with Darwinian evolution. Denton has published his work in numerous peer-reviewed journals. His most recent book is *The Miracle of Man*, the fifth in the *Privileged Species* series.



### MARCOS NOGUEIRA EBERLIN

A member of the Brazilian Academy of Sciences, Senior Fellow Marcos Eberlin received his PhD in chemistry from the University of Campinas (UNICAMP) and served as a postdoc at Purdue University. He founded and coordinated for 25 years the ThoMSon Mass Spectrometry (MS) Laboratory at UNICAMP. Eberlin has published nearly 1,000 scientific articles and is a recipient of many awards and honors. He is the author of *Foresight*.



### DANIEL ANDRÉS DÍAZ-PACHÓN

Daniel Andrés Díaz-Pachón is a contributor to the *MindMatters* news site. He is Research Assistant Professor at the Division of Biostatistics at the University of Miami. He has a PhD in Probability from the University of São Paulo, Brazil, and a bachelor's in Mathematical Statistics from Universidad Nacional de Colombia, in Bogotá. His research is focused on some kind of intersection between probability, statistics, information theory, and machine learning.



### HOWARD GLICKSMAN

Howard Glicksman received his MD from the University of Toronto, and now practices palliative medicine for a hospice organization. He is the author of "The Designed Body" series for Evolution News and is currently working on a book by the same topic with Steve Laufmann. The book, *Your Designed Body*, is slated to be released by Discovery Institute Press in the fall of 2022.

## SPEAKERS



### **STEVE LAUFMANN**

Steve Laufmann is a speaker, author, computer scientist, and consultant in the design of enterprise-class systems of information systems. He's known for his expertise in the difficulties of changing complex systems to perform new tasks. He leads the Engineering Research Group at Discovery Institute and is currently working with Dr. Howard Glicksman on a book, *Your Designed Body*, to be released by Discovery Institute Press in the fall of 2022.



### **ROBERT J. MARKS II**

Besides serving as Director of the Bradley Center on Natural and Artificial Intelligence, Robert J. Marks PhD hosts the *MindMatters* podcast. He is Distinguished Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering at Baylor University. He is coauthor of the books *Neural Smithing: Supervised Learning in Feedforward Artificial Neural Networks* and *Introduction to Evolutionary Informatics*. His most recent book is *Non-Computable You: What You Do That Artificial Intelligence Never Will.* 



### **STEPHEN C. MEYER**

Dr. Stephen C. Meyer received his PhD from the University of Cambridge in the philosophy of science. A former geophysicist and college professor, he now directs the Center for Science and Culture at Discovery Institute. He is author of the New York Times-bestseller *Darwin's Doubt* as well as *Signature in the Cell* and *The Return of the God Hypothesis*. Meyer has been featured on numerous national television and radio programs, and has garnered attention in other top-national media.



### **EMILY REEVES**

Emily Reeves is a biochemist, metabolic nutritionist, and aspiring systems biologist. Her doctoral studies were completed at Texas A&M University in Biochemistry and Biophysics. Emily is currently an active clinician for metabolic nutrition and nutritional genomics at Nutriplexity. She is also working with fellows of Discovery Institute and the greater scientific community to promote integration of engineering and biology.

## SPEAKERS



### WESLEY J. SMITH

Wesley J. Smith is Chair and Senior Fellow at the Discovery Institute's Center on Human Exceptionalism. Wesley is a contributor to National Review and is the author of 14 books, in recent years focusing on human dignity, liberty, and equality. Recognized as one of America's premier public intellectuals on bioethics by *National Journal*, he has been honored by the Human Life Foundation as a "Great Defender of Life" for his work against suicide and euthanasia. His most recent book is *Culture of Death: The Age of "Do Harm" Medicine.* 



### **RICHARD WEIKART**

Richard Weikart is Emeritus Professor of History, California State University, Stanislaus, and author of seven books, including From *Darwin to Hitler, Hitler's Ethic, The Death of Humanity,* and *Hitler's Religion.* His most recent book is *Darwinian Racism.* He has lectured at many universities and other venues in the US and Europe. He also has been interviewed on dozens of radio shows, podcasts, and TV, and appeared in seven documentaries, including *Expelled: No Intelligence Allowed.* 



### JOHN G. WEST

John G. West is Vice President of Discovery Institute and Managing Director of the Institute's Center for Science and Culture. An award-winning author and documentary filmmaker, he has written or edited 12 books, including *Darwin Day in America, The Magician's Twin,* and *Walt Disney and Live Action.* His documentary films include *Fire-Maker, Revolutionary, The War on Humans,* and *Human Zoos.* West holds a PhD in Government from Claremont Graduate University and was formerly Chair of the Department of Political Science and Geography at Seattle Pacific University.





#### Weather and Climate

Average temperatures in August range between 56 and 77 degrees, though it can reach as high as the low 80's. It is always advisable to be prepared for rain and clouds.



#### What to Pack

The weather can change from day to day here in the Pacific Northwest. Because the hotel and museum are air-conditioned, it is best to bring a sweater or light jacket and to dress in layers. Attire for the opening dinner on Friday is business or dressy casual. Attire for the conference sessions and the closing dinner on Saturday is casual.



#### **Rental Car**

Downtown Tacoma is located 22 miles south of the Seattle-Tacoma International Airport. If you are flying and only planning to be in Tacoma for the conference, you will not need to rent a vehicle. You can explore Tacoma using the Light Rail, and the hotel is 1 ½ blocks from the venue for the closing dinner.



#### Airport to Hotel Transportation

Taxis, Uber, and Lyft operate between the Seattle-Tacoma airport and down-town Tacoma. Two shuttle services also offer reasonably priced options:

Capital Aeroporter: capair.com/tacoma Shuttle Express: shuttleexpress.com



#### Public Transportation

*It is NOT recommended that you take Sound Transit (RT 574)*, as the buses can be crowded, and you will need to transfer to the light rail for the final leg of your trip.



#### Exploring Tacoma and the South Sound

The hotel is in Tacoma's Museum District, within walking or light rail distance of shops, theaters, museums, and the Tacoma waterfront. If you are interested in exploring Tacoma, be sure to check out all the things to do at www. traveltacoma.com/things-to-do/.

Contact us if you need to extend your stay at the Marriott Tacoma Downtown outside of our room block dates of Thursday, August 11 through Sunday, August 14.

# HOTEL AND TACOMA AREA



# HOTEL ACCOMMODATIONS

### Marriott Tacoma Downtown

Book online through the link at *discovery.org/insiders* or call: 253-294-9200 (*Group Code: DCIDCIA*)

### Address: 1538 Commerce Street, Tacoma, WA 98402

You can book either a Queen/Queen or King room for \$209 per night. You must book a room by July 22, 2022. After that, the room block will be released, and our room rate is not guaranteed.

QUESTIONS? Call Andrea Waggoner at 206-826-5539 or email *awaggoner@discovery.org* 

