

Jamy Ian Swiss
Heavy Mental

**Thoughts read.
Minds blown.**



**If there were such a thing
as psychic powers, it would
have to look like this.**

Jamy Ian Swiss presents a program of baffling, unnerving, “mind reading” phenomena—accomplished with pure psychology, subtle influence, deft illusion, uncanny intuition and healthy dose of downright deception—what Jamy likes to call “sleight of mind.”



7:30PM, Saturday October 24, 2009
AAAS Auditorium, 1200 New York Ave NW, Washington DC

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Dr. Tom Bridgman

Cosmos in your Pocket

Astronomy provides a laboratory for extreme physics, a window into environments at extremes of distance, temperature and density that often can't be reproduced in Earth laboratories, or at least not right away. A surprising amount of the science we understand today started out as solutions to problems in astronomy. Some of this science was key in the development of many technologies which we enjoy today. This paper describes some of these connections between astronomy and technology and their history.

Dr. Bridgman received his Ph.D. in Physics and Astronomy from Clemson University in 1994, studying nuclear and high-energy astrophysics. After completing his doctorate, he worked as an instrument specialist for the Compton Gamma-Ray Observatory. He currently works as a contractor doing data-based scientific visualization for NASA media and public outreach. Over the years, he became involved in refuting pseudo-scientific issues in astronomy, particularly Young-Earth creationism and more recently Electric Universe claims. He operates a website and blog, *Dealing with Creationism in Astronomy*.

Saturday, Oct 10, 2009
1:30 pm
Bethesda Library
7400 Arlington Road
Bethesda, MD
(Near Bethesda metro)

FREE admission – Everyone welcome, members and non-members

Parking at the library is free, but you must enter your parking space number into a kiosk in the lobby. Parking is validated for two hours. Patrons can extend parking for an additional two hours by re-punching their number at the kiosk.

For more information, call the 24-hour NCAS Sceptic Line recording at 301-587-3827.
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Upcoming: Saturday, October 24, 2009

AAAS Auditorium
1200 New York Ave NW, Washington DC

Workshop, 1:00-5:30 PM

Science, Magic and Skepticism: A Natural Relationship

Jamy Ian Swiss, DJ Grothe and Chip Denman

Evening Show, 7:30PM

Jamy Ian Swiss in **Heavy Mental**

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Workshop: \$35 (\$30 for CFI and NCAS members; \$15 for students)

HEAVY MENTAL Show: \$20 (\$15 for CFI and NCAS members; \$10 for students)

Workshop & Heavy Mental Show Package: \$50 (\$40 for CFI and NCAS members; \$20 for students)

More information and online registration: <http://tinyurl.com/NCAS-CFIDC>



National Capital Area Skeptics Public Lecture Series

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Science, Magic and Skepticism: A Natural Relationship



Workshop/Lectures/Demonstrations

Join world-renowned magician **Jamy Ian Swiss**,
host of **Point of Inquiry** radio/podcast **D.J. Grothe**,
and statistician **Chip Denman**
as they examine the similarities between
magic and skepticism, and demonstrate
the illusion of psychic powers.



Jamy Ian Swiss

The Illusion of
Psychic Powers



D.J. Grothe

The History
of Magic in
Skepticism



Chip Denman

Séance Spooks and
the Scientists who
Investigated Them

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Drinking Sceptically

On Wednesday, October 14, come to Jackie's Restaurant at 8081 Georgia Ave. in Silver Spring at 7:00 p.m. to join fellow NCASers for the next DC-area *Drinking Sceptically* event. *Drinking Sceptically* is an informal social event designed to promote fellowship and networking among skeptics, critical-thinkers, and like-minded individuals.

Don't drink? Don't let that stop you from joining us! Some of the world's most famous skeptics are teetotalers, and we are happy to have you!

ncas.org/ds-ncas.html

www.jackiesrestaurant.com

www.drinkingsceptically.org

There's no cover charge, and if you order from their very reasonably-priced menu, you'll be delighted. (January's *Washingtonian* magazine rated Jackie's #78 of all DC-area restaurants.)

Remember that drinking skeptically means drinking responsibly. If there's one thing science has taught us, it's the effects of alcohol on the human body. ☒

Torn From Today's Headlines

Van Jones was "Special Advisor for Green Jobs, Enterprise and Innovation" at the White House Council on Environmental Quality until he recently resigned after several of his statements and actions from years past came to public attention and generated controversy. Notably, most of the news media neglected Jones' position as a Fellow of the Institute of Noetic Sciences (IONS), which was co-founded in 1973 by

Apollo 14 astronaut Edgar Mitchell to "conduct and sponsor leading-edge research into the potentials and powers of consciousness, including perceptions, beliefs, attention, intention, and intuition...exploring phenomena [including life after death, extrasensory perception, and mind-body healing] that have been largely overlooked by mainstream science." Some of Jones' controversial comments (including "You've never seen a Columbine [mass shooting at a school] done by a black child...it's only [suburban white kids]") were made during a videotaped IONS lecture series.

The extent and depth of IONS' and Jones' mutual philosophy are difficult to discern in the few videos and transcripts available for free on the IONS-affiliated web site (shiftinaction.com). During one interview, Jones said he didn't think "we will be able to om [i.e., meditate] our way out of [world] crises..." although he backtracked somewhat when the IONS interviewer interjected, "Om our way out of this?" Jones replied, "...Well, maybe—I don't think that we should leave the om-ing out..." Otherwise there is nothing that might be construed as a reference to the mystical or paranormal in the available Jones IONS material. ☒

Discount Memberships for Workshop Goers

Those who purchase tickets for the October 24 workshop and/or show will receive \$10 off (discount or reimbursement) for new or renewed NCAS memberships submitted between September 1 and November 30. ☒

