



## Secular AZ Updates



PRESENTS...

# RACISM & RELIGION IN AMERICA

A VIRTUAL LIVE DISCUSSION ON THE HISTORICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL  
CHALLENGES AFRICAN AMERICANS FACE AGAINST RELIGION AND COLOR.



**JUNE 11TH @ 7PM**



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## RACISM AND RELIGION IN AMERICA

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### Special Virtual Event Thursday, June 11th, 7:00 MST:

The mounting crisis of Black murder has necessitated that Communities of Color and their allies reveal all mechanisms of racial injustice and unflinchingly ask: why do they exist, and why have we struggled to dismantle them? Are secular or religious ideologies best poised to oppose white supremacy?

Panelists will include Dr. Geraldine Peten (Arizona House of Representatives), Pastor Redeem Robinson (Ebenezer Church PHX), and Alexis Rhone, M.A.T. (Theologian, and Author via N.C). Sponsors/Co-hosts include Secular AZ, [Humanist Society of Greater Phoenix](https://www.hsgp.org), and [Ebenezer Church PHX](https://www.ebenephoenix.org).

Join us live for this riveting conversation live on [facebook.com/affinishumanity](https://www.facebook.com/affinishumanity) and [affinishumanity.org](https://www.affinishumanity.org).



## Legislative session is over! (finally)

The AZ Senate was scheduled to do many things last week on their first day back, but science-loving senators had other plans. Secular Star Senator Rebecca Rios (LD-27) introduced a *sine die* (end of session) motion, which was seconded by Senator Lupe Contreras (LD-19), who himself contracted COVID-19 last month along with four family members. Soon after the motion, all 13 Democrat

Senators were joined by GOP Senators Heather Carter (LD-15), Kate Brophy McGee (LD-28), and Paul Boyer (LD-20) to arrive at the 16 votes needed to pass the motion. With that, AZ's tumultuous and chaotic 54th legislative session is officially over!

**This means that several controversial bills pushed by Christian Nationalists are officially dead for the year, including those attacking secular public schools, women's reproductive rights, transgender youth athletes, and comprehensive sex education.**

Thank you to all community members who stood alongside us as we fought these divisive bills and demanded a rational, science-backed response to the COVID-19 crisis.

We'll have our legislative report and scorecard ready for you very soon, and will keep you posted!

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## Sign for Education:

Secular AZ supports a high-quality, fact-based education for Arizona's students. The **Invest in Education Act** has the potential to secure Arizona's future and restore \$940 million annually in education funding through a small income-tax surcharge on only the highest earners and ensure, by law, that those dollars are spent where they're needed most — on teachers, counselors, aides, support services and career and technical education

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## Fighting for Options:

If you've ever experienced the 'bad death' of a loved one that included pain and suffering, you will understand why AZELO exists.

Launched in 2019, the sole purpose of Arizona End of Life Options is to pass a medical aid in dying law in Arizona by 2022. **If you agree Arizona should join the 70 million people in nine states and D.C. that already have access to the law allowing death with dignity, please visit the website [AZEndofLifeOptions.org](http://AZEndofLifeOptions.org).**

Click on "read our newsletter" to stay updated on their efforts. Click on "volunteer to help" if you want to dedicate one hour a month to a simple email campaign to reach out to AZ state legislators.

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## ACLU at Secular AZ— thank you!

A big thanks to Alessandra Navidad from ACLU AZ for being our guest speaker at last Saturday's virtual speaker series installment, where she led an insightful discussion about a range of topics including separation of church and state, mass incarceration, and COVID-19.

If you couldn't make it, please check out the recording on our Facebook page [here](#).



## More Virtual Events



### Black Nonbelievers: Sikivu Hutchinson

**Sunday, June 14, 2020 3:00 - 5:00 PM ET** [Black Nonbelievers](#) welcomes Sikivu Hutchinson as their guest speaker for their June Special Edition General Meeting!

Sikivu is the founder of [Black Skeptics Los Angeles](#) and the [Women's Leadership Project](#), and is also on the organizing team for the [Women of Color Beyond Belief](#) conference. She is also the author of several books, including the newly released *Humanists in the Hood: Unapologetically Black Feminist, Heretical* and the play, *NARCOLEPSY, INC.*, which premiered at the 2018 Hollywood Fringe Festival.



### Dr. Dwight Moore, AZ End of Life Options

**Jun 20, 2020 02:00 PM MST:** Secular AZ is pleased welcome back Dr. Dwight Moore, Chair of the Education Committee at Arizona End of Life Options.

Dr. Moore was a team leader for Compassion & Choices in Coachella Valley, California, during the successful 2014-15 campaign to pass the California End of Life Option Act. He currently serves as team leader for the End of Life Washington NW team during his annual six summer months there. Additionally, as a psychologist, he occasionally is asked to assess the mental competence of patients who wish to avail themselves of the law.

Dr. Moore will host a discussion on end of life options for terminally ill patients and present an introduction to the coalition, with which we are working to bring this law to Arizona.



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