



Triangle Freethought Society
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Candidate Without a Prayer

with

Dr. Herb Silverman, Ph.D.

Monday, March 19th at 7 pm

Unitarian Universalist Fellowship of Raleigh, Founders Hall

3313 Wade Ave., Raleigh, NC 27607

Herb ran for governor of South Carolina in 1990 to challenge its unconstitutional provision that barred atheists from holding public office. After an eight-year battle, he won a unanimous decision in the South Carolina Supreme Court, which struck down this religious test requirement. He is founder and president of the Secular Coalition for America. He founded the Secular Humanists of the Lowcountry in Charleston, South Carolina, and served as founder and faculty advisor to the College of Charleston Atheist/Humanist Alliance student group. He

is a Humanist Celebrant and board member of the American Humanist Association, as well as advisory board member of the Secular Student Alliance and member of the Advisory Council of Americans United for Separation of Church and State.

Herb has appeared in a number of debates, including one at the Oxford Union in Oxford, England on the topic "Does American Religion Undermine American Values?" He has spoken at numerous freethought conferences and has given sermons at Unitarian churches. He has a chapter called "Inerrancy Turned Political" in the anthology *The Fundamentals of Extremism*, and is an "On Faith" panelist for the *Washington Post* online.

Herb has has a new book out, titled "Candidate Without a Prayer: An Autobiography of a Jewish Atheist in the Bible Belt." He will be happy to sign copies after the talk.

Born in Philadelphia, Herb Silverman received his Ph.D. in mathematics from Syracuse University and is Distinguished Professor of Mathematics at the College of Charleston. He has published over 100 research papers in mathematics journals, a couple of books on complex variables, and is the recipient of the Distinguished Research Award.



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