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## BUGHOUSE SQUARE DEBATES

SATURDAY,  
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## ENTERTAINMENT

12:00 PM

MAIN STAGE

Music by The Strange Attactor

Poetry by Carlos Cortez

## OPENING REMARKS

1:00 PM

MAIN STAGE

Cindy Mitchell, *Mayor of Bughouse Square*

## ALTGELD AWARD

1:15 PM

MAIN STAGE

Presented to Dr. Quentin Young by Studs Terkel

## SOAPBOX SESSIONS

(Following Altgeld Award)

1:30 PM

Soapbox sessions last approximately fifteen minutes per speaker.

All three soapboxes run simultaneously.

### Soapbox 1

SPEAKER 1 - Edmar Marszewski, *Surreal Times in the Age of Terror?*

SPEAKER 2 - Tom Grey, *Chicago, A Tale of Two Cities: Casinos or Communities?*

SPEAKER 3 - Gale Ahrens, *Let's Abolish All Work*

SPEAKER 4 - Sharon Kissane, *Has Free Speech Gone the Way of the Free Lunch?*

SPEAKER 5 - Jim Redd, *TBD*

### Soapbox 2

SPEAKER 1 - Bob Matter, *Autoholics Anonymous: A 12-Step Program for*

*Overcoming Automobile Dependency*

SPEAKER 2 - Stephen Sawyer, *The Geneva Conventions Are Not 'Quaint' But*

*Highly Relevant in Today's World*

SPEAKER 3 - Michael Silverstein, *Are We Winning the War on Democracy?*

SPEAKER 4 - Brent Mesick, *Why the USA PATRIOT Act is Unpatriotic*

SPEAKER 5 - Kellie Germond, *Walmart Is Not an End*

### Soapbox 3

SPEAKER 1 - Kathy Kelly, *Dollars for Education, Not Incarceration*

SPEAKER 2 - Andy Thayer, *Anybody But Bush? Why Kerry is No Answer for Peace*

*& Justice Activists*

SPEAKER 3 - Scott LaBoda, *Equal Marriage Now!: Same Gender Unions Are Civil Rights*

SPEAKER 4 - J.J. Jameson, *Secrecy & Government: Do Either of Them Exist?*

SPEAKER 5 - Brad Lyttle, *Should the US Pacifist Party Run a Candidate for President?*

## SOAPBOX SPEAKER AWARDS - 3:00 PM

## MAIN DEBATE

3:15 PM

IS SAME-SEX MARRIAGE UN-AMERICAN?

YES-Joe Morris

NO-John A. Knight

**Joseph A. Morris** serves *pro bono publico* as President of The Lincoln Legal Foundation, a non-profit, non-partisan, public-interest law office and legal research center. He is a partner in the law firm of Morris, Rathnau & De La Rosa, where he maintains an active practice conducting trials and appeals, particularly in the areas of constitutional, business, labor, and international law. He has been an American delegate to the United Nations Commission on Human Rights in Geneva. Mr. Morris is a director of the American Conservative Union, and a leader in other Republican Party and conservative political organizations.

**John A. Knight**, an accomplished attorney with more than a decade of experience in civil rights advocacy, is the Director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Illinois Lesbian and Gay Rights/AIDS Project. In addition, Mr. Knight serves as a Midwest Regional attorney for the National ACLU Lesbian and Gay Rights and AIDS Projects. In these positions he directs an extensive docket of litigation in states across the Midwest designed to confront bias and discrimination against lesbians, gay men, bisexual, transgender persons and those affected by HIV and AIDS.

## ALTGELD AWARD WINNER

**Dr. Quentin Young** is the past president of the American Public Health Association. He has been a clinical professor of preventative medicine at the University of Illinois Medical Center since 1987 and attending physician at the Michael Reese Hospital since 1953. In 1980, Dr. Young founded the Chicago-based Health and Medicine Policy Research Group and is the national coordinator of the Physicians for a National Health Program. He has been a tireless advocate for healthcare reform.

## SOAPBOX SPEAKERS

**Gale Ahrens**, *Let's Abolish All Work*

Gale Ahrens has been active against the U.S. medieval, inexcusable Justice system for nearly 20 years. Today, she is a prison and punishment abolitionist. She lives in Chicago and speaks frequently here and in other cities as well in various forums and has done some radio and television appearances as well. She has a journalism degree from the University of Missouri, which she finds useful as a wall decoration.

**Kellie Germond**, *Walmart is Not an End—Ideas for Collective/Cooperative Consumer Networks*

Kellie Germond is a critical thinker and believes this is a means to identifying and solving problems. Kellie is also a sociologist, anthropologist, and a life-long learner. She works as a Research and Policy Analyst on the Progress of Women and Minorities in the Workforce for the Equal Opportunity Workforce Division of the Illinois Department of Labor.

**Reverend Tom Grey**, *Chicago, A Tale of Two Cities: Casinos or Communities?*

Tom Grey is the Executive Director and full-time organizer and national spokesman for the National Coalition Against Legalized Gambling and the National Coalition Against Gambling Expansion. A graduate of Dartmouth College and Garrett Theological Seminary, Tom's efforts have been profiled in *Time* and *People* magazines, *U.S. News and World Report*, *The Los Angeles Times*, *The Chicago Tribune*, *The New York Times*, *The Wall Street Journal*, *The Philadelphia Enquirer*, PBS's *Frontline*, *60 Minutes*, and on A&E's special on gambling "You Want to Bet."

**J.J. Jameson**, *Secrecy & Government: Do Either of Them Exist?*

Jacob Jameson is active in Chicago politics. His educational background includes graduate degrees in Religious and Political Studies. J.J. is also a long-standing member of the Third Unitarian Church, including various leadership activities. A member of the College of Complexes, he has written poetry and several plays. J.J. was born in Maine.

**Kathy Kelly**, *Dollars for Education, Not Incarceration*

Kathy Kelly, a 2000 Nobel Peace Prize nominee, helps coordinate Voices in the Wilderness ([www.vitw.org](http://www.vitw.org)), a campaign to end the UN/US sanctions against Iraq. Members of the campaign are committed to non-violent resistance to injustice and oppose the development, storage, sale and use of all weapons of mass destruction, including economic sanctions imposed on innocent civilians. Kathy was recently released from Pekin Federal Prison Camp for entering the U.S. Army School of the Americas at Ft. Benning, GA.

**Sharon Kissane**, *Has Free Speech Gone the Way of the Free Lunch?*

Born in Chicago, Sharon F. Kissane received her B.A. in English & Speech from DePaul, an M.A. in Public Address from Northwestern, and a PhD in English Education from Loyola. She has over 20 years of teaching experience at all levels. Her articles have been published in the *Chicago Tribune* and *Daily Herald*. Currently, she is working on a biography of civil rights attorney Elmer Gertz. She is the founder and operator of Kissane Communications, Ltd of Barrington.

**Scott LaBoda**, *Equal Marriage Now!: Same Gender Marriage as the Next Front of the Civil Rights Movement*

Scott LaBoda is a local activist and a member of Equal Marriage Now!, a grassroots organizations dedicated to fighting for gay marriage rights. By day he is an IT Director for an investment firm in the Loop. Scott holds a B.A. in English & Politics from Pomona College and will likely return to graduate school to study rhetoric or queer theory.

**Brad Lyttle**, *Should the US Pacifist Party Run a Candidate for President?*

Bradford Lyttle has opposed the Vietnam War, the Gulf War against Iraq, and the war in Bosnia. He has traveled to these countries to support local peace movements and has been arrested for his non-violent actions. He is a member of Fellowship of Reconciliation (FOR), Peacemakers, United States Pacifist Party, War Resisters League (WRL), and Wider Quaker Fellowship and is a recipient of the Adin Ballou Grassroots Peace Award of the Unitarian/Universalist Association. In 1983, Bradford Lyttle founded the United States Pacifist Party, and in 1984, 1996, and 2000 he was its candidate for President.

**Ed Marszewski**, *Surreal Times in the Age of Terror*

Ed Marszewski is a friend of the city. He publishes Chicago-based *Lumpen* and *Select* magazines, organizes the annual Version convergence and Select Media festival, and spends most of his time looking for ways to merge aesthetics and political social action. And he loves karaoke too. <http://www.lumpen.com>

**Bob Matter**, *Autoholics Anonymous: A 12-Step Program for Overcoming Automobile Dependency*

Bob Matter is a bicycling, walking, and public transit activist. He chairs Chicago Bike Winter, and is a member of the Chicagoland Bicycle Federation, Break the Gridlock, Campaign for a Free and Clear Lakefront, Calumet Citizens for Connecting Communities, and he is an active participant in Chicago Critical Mass.

**Brent Mesick**, *Why the USA PATRIOT Act is Unpatriotic*

Brent Mesick is a community activist working in social issues and civil rights. He worked with the Chicagoland Coalition for Civil Liberties and Rights to help the Chicago City Council pass a resolution opposing the Patriot Act.

**Jim Redd**, *TBD*

Jim Redd is a representative of Critical Mass, a worldwide movement to promote the use of bicycles as a viable means of transportation. Critical Mass grew in response to what many call the "car-culture", an overdependence on the private automobile. It is, more than anything else, a reclamation of space and a demonstration to show that the city belongs to people and not machines.

**Stephen Sawyer**, *The Geneva Conventions are Not "Quaint" but Highly Relevant in Today's World*

Stephen Sawyer is currently General Counsel for Northwestern University School of Law Center for International Human Rights; he previously served as Assistant General Counsel at United Airlines, managing all litigation for the company and acting as the company's antitrust compliance officer. Stephen started his career as a prosecutor in the Manhattan District Attorney's office.

**Michael Silverstein**, *Are We Winning the War on Democracy?*

Michael Silverstein did his pre-collegiate training in New York City's Union Square Park, sister site to Bughouse Square, before its and his gentrification. He is the Charles F. Grey Distinguished Service Professor in Anthropology, Linguistics and Psychology at the University of Chicago, where he has been teaching since 1971. He does research on mind, communication, and culture. His honors include both MacArthur and Guggenheim fellowships and a faculty award for excellence in graduate teaching.

**Andy Thayer**, *Anybody But Bush?: Why Kerry Is No Answer for Peace & Justice Activists*

As part of the Chicago Coalition Against War & Racism, Andy has been a leader in the local anti-war movement, helping organize most of the city's largest anti-war protests, including the dramatic March 20, 2003, protest when 15,000 marched down Lake Shore Drive in protest at the start of the U.S. invasion of Iraq. He is also co-founder of the Chicago Anti-Bashing Network, a Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered direct action group which has been a local leader in gay rights, anti-police brutality and anti-war organizing.