

# Uppity Unbelievers: Why (New) Atheism Matters

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Tired of grumpy atheists telling you why you shouldn't believe in God? Religious Studies' Doug Cowan tells us why atheism is important and why society needs the (new) atheists. The answers may surprise you



Dr. Cowan is the author of *Questioning French Secularism: Gender Politics and Islam in a Parisian Suburb* (2012) and co-editor of *Debating Sharia: Islam, Gender Politics and Family Law Arbitration* (2012).

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**Location: AL 124 - Refreshments will be served**

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