

# **Houston Black Non-Believers Community Forum**

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**Date: January 14, 2014**

**What: Dr. Anthony Pinn, PhD. 'Rise of Non-Belief in the Black Community'**

**When: Wednesday, January 22, 2014, 6:30 P.M.**

**Where: S.H.A.P.E. Community Center, 3903 Almeda Rd., Houston, TX 77004**

**Donation: \$5.00**

The recent growth of secularism in the United States has been noticed. Likewise, a substantial increase has occurred in the black community, albeit overwhelmingly steeped in traditional religions. Anthony Pinn, PhD, shares some insight as to causation and the affects of this increase on black culture and its religious landscape. Anthony Pinn is the Agnes Cullen Arnold Professor of Humanities and Professor of Religious Studies at Rice University, where he is the founding director of the Center for Engaged Research and Collaborative Learning. Pinn is also the research director for the Institute of Humanist Studies, and serves as a member of the American Humanist Association Board of Directors. He is author/editor of more than two dozen books including *Terror and Triumph: The Nature of Black Religion* (2003); *The End of God-Talk* (2012).

Houston Black Non-Believers (HBN), a non-profit corporation (501(c) (3) status pending) founded in October 2013, is dedicated to the challenge of forging a different perspective in our community while providing a congenial environment where individuals with a secular worldview can thrive. Our focus is the black community. A secular voice that is heard in the black community is very unique considering the overwhelming display of religious beliefs. Today, black people in the United States that choose not to depend on or support the dogma of a religion are often castaways or experience loneliness. HBN will be that place of solace and developing new relationships.

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