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Darwin's Reach

A Celebration of Darwin's Legacy
 Across Academic Disciplines

Thursday, Friday and Saturday
March 12, 13 and 14, 2009



Darwin's Reach examines the impact of Darwin and Darwinian evolution on science and society in celebration of the 200th anniversary of the birth of Charles Robert Darwin and the sesquicentennial of the publication of Darwin's *On the Origin of Species*. The central theme of this academic conference is an exploration of how Darwin's ideas have revolutionized our understanding of both the living world and human nature. Papers exploring diverse topics on Darwin's legacy are invited from a wide variety of disciplines, including the natural and social sciences, humanities and law.

Topics of interest include but are not limited to:

- ◆ Darwin as a scientist
- ◆ Evolution in the courts
- ◆ Evolution and medicine
- ◆ The reception and development of Darwinian evolution in the 19th and 20th centuries
- ◆ Evolution in art and culture
- ◆ Evolution and language
- ◆ Darwinian evolution in the 21st century
- ◆ Evolution and religion
- ◆ Evolution and socialization
- ◆ Misapplications of Darwinism
- ◆ Evolution and morality
- ◆ Evolution and global climate change
- ◆ Evolution and sex/gender

The conference begins Thursday, March 12 with a daylong session on *Darwin in the Classroom – Evolution and Education*; the formal academic program begins Friday, March 13.

Keynote speakers include:

Frans de Waal, Ph.D., Charles Howard Candler Professor of Primate Behavior at Emory University; author of *Chimpanzee Politics* and *Our Inner Ape*; preeminent researcher on primate social behavior

Judge John E. Jones III, U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, who ruled against the Dover (Pennsylvania) area school board's attempt to introduce teaching on "intelligent design" into school science classes

Jay Labov, Ph.D., senior advisor for education and communications at the National Academy of Sciences, Washington, D.C.

William F. McComas, Ph.D., Parks Family Professor of Science Education, University of Arkansas; 2007 recipient of the Evolution Education Award sponsored by the American Institute of Biological Sciences (AIBS) and the Biological Sciences Curriculum Study (BSCS)

Presentations will be accepted on the basis of 200-word abstracts submitted by June 16, 2008. Presentation time for papers is limited to 20 minutes. Send abstracts to the Hofstra Cultural Center, to the attention of Carol D. Mallison at Carol.D.Mallison@hofstra.edu.

Notification of acceptance will be sent by June 30, 2008.

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www.hofstra.edu/darwinsreach

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