

# Schedule of Events

8:30 Registration/Refreshments (AST Rotunda)
9:00 Opening speaker: Dr. Tiffany Doan, CCSU, "Evolutionary Medicine: How Can Evolutionary Biology Combat Human Epidemics such as AIDS?"
10:00 - 11:00: Workshop/Presentation
11:00 - 11:15 Coffee break/Exhibitors
11:30 - 12:30: Workshop/Presentation
12:30 - 1:15: Lunch/Exhibitors
1:30 - 1:45: Celebrate with Darwin
1:45–2:45: Keynote Speaker:Kenneth R. Miller from Brown University,

and the Battle for America's Soul." 2:45 – 3:00: Closing announcements

Registration fee includes admittance to talks, workshops/presentations, box lunch, refreshments, and birthday cake.

## CEU's available: \$5.00 processing fee at the door

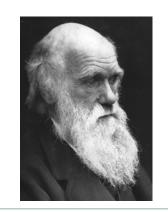


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The Connecticut Association of Biology Teachers, Manchester Community College, and Benjamin Cummings/ Addison Wesley are sponsoring Darwin Day including keynote speaker Kenneth R. Miller, author of "Finding Darwin's God," to be held at Manchester Community College



## Presenters

"Plants of the Past" Dr. Leeds Carluccio, will instruct participators of this workshop on how to study the anatomical structure of plants from the Carboniferous Era. The plants are petrified in coal balls collected from Illinois. The study will employ the "peel technique" in which cell walls are removed from the fossils and embedded in cellulose acetate paper.

**Dr. Jeremiah Jarrett**, "The Ecology and Evolution of Inducible Defenses" Inducible defenses are alterations of an organism's Presentation phenotype in response to biotic cues such that the resultant phenotype is better suited to survive. The costs and benefits of this phenotypic plasticity will be discussed with a focus on marine invertebrate examples.

Dr. Robert P. Gendron, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, "Using Artificial Organisms to Teach Classification and Evolution" Caminalcules are artificial organisms with their own evolutionary "history." They can be used to teach the principle of biological classification and how to construct evolutionary trees. This exercise helps students see how the hierarchical classification system and evolutionary trees are related.

Dr. Thomas Terry, "Evolution of microbes as revealed by DNA homology" Comparing DNA sequences for appropriate genes allows construction of phylogenetic trees that reveal three domains of life and extensive lateral gene trans-fer. The rationale, insights and challenges of this approach will be described with examples.

Dr. Eric Simon, Using Technology to Teach Evolution. A variety of ways to use technology to teach evolution in an introductory biology course will be discussed, including use of "clickers" during lecture, and how pop culture can enliven the classroom environment.

"A Tour of the Galapagos Islands" Dr. Eileen Roark took a trip to the Galapagos Islands in summer of 2002 and will do a presentation about her experiences there. She is also planning a trip for 2007 and those who are interested can pick up information.

Dr. Kristine Larsen, "Big Bang, Big Crunch, or Big Problem-the Evolution of the Universe" Cosmology, the study of the structure, origin, and evolution of the universe sometimes appears to be more metaphysics than physics to the average citizen. This talk will discuss how we know what we know about the universe, what is still left to be learned, and what may never be known with certainty.

Jen Gresham, Jane Goodall Roots & Shoots Inst. "Making Evolution Accessible to Students" Through activities, discussion, and presentation, we will explore how to use a study of chimpanzees to make evolution more accessible to students. Participants will compare human and chimpanzee skeletons, DNA, locomotion and behavior as we discuss variation, inheritance, selection, and time.

Eli Meir, SimBio, Evobeaker: New simulation software for teaching evolution.

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### **Darwin Day Registration Form**

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Early Bird Feb 1, 2006 Nonmember		\$35.00
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After February 1, 2006 Nor	nmember	\$50.00
After February 1, 2006 Mer	nber	\$45.00
Students		\$20.00
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Choice of box lunch sandwich:		
Roasted Pepper, Cucumber and Tomato		
Turkey Tuna		
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Keynote Speaker:

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**SPEAKERS** 

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... and a special guest appearance at lunch by Charles Darwin \*

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