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MONDAY, JANUARY 12TH, 2008

Darwin 2009 begins in Pittsburgh!

For the past six years, Duquesne Professor Dave Lampe has brought "Darwin Day" to the Pittsburgh public, an annual lecture given at Duquesne University devoted to exploring topics in evolution. This year's "Darwin Day" transforms into an all-ages, city-wide celebration in education, **"Darwin 2009: Exploration is Never Extinct!"**



What's the occasion? The year 2009 marks two important dates: Charles Darwin's 200th birthday and the 150th year-in-print of his brainchild, *On the Origin of the Species*. Lampe has teamed up with Duquesne professor John Pollock, his SEPA project the "Regenerative Medicine Partnership in Education," and museums and institutions across the city to bring a diverse mix of lectures, talks, public events and educational opportunities to Pittsburgh.

Look for Darwin 2009 events at many Pittsburgh museums and institutions!

- Carnegie Library
- Carnegie Museum of Natural History
- Carnegie Science Center
- Children's Museum of Pittsburgh
- Duquesne University
- National Aviary
- Phipps Conservatory & Botanical Gardens
- Pittsburgh Zoo & PPG Aquarium

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Ready, set, *explore!* Here's what's in

MORE INFORMATION

Visit the [official Darwin 2009 website](#) for ongoing and upcoming events, downloadable lesson plans, scheduling and registration information, and more.

Educational Events for Schools and Homeschools

Discover the principles of evolution the same way Darwin did" by letting your curiosity lead the way to observation! Darwin 2009 offers many [opportunities to learn about Darwin and evolution](#) through fun, interactive events for both and in and out of the classroom. Observe the magnificent variety inherent in Nature by visiting the vast collections at our Pittsburgh museums, and [find free lesson plans for download](#).



Make sure to look for special classes and activities that may require scheduling ahead of time.

Look for more Darwin 2009 events throughout the year!

Public Arts and Events

Whether you're planning a family outing, studying science, or simply looking for an enriching experience,

store for January:

The Synthetic Darwin Interview



Darwin comes alive! Developed through collaboration between Duquesne University and the Entertainment Technology Center (ETC) at Carnegie Mellon University, this synthetic interview lets you ask Darwin questions about his life and times, his work, and science and evolution. Duquesne professors Dave Lampe and John Pollock have assembled a cast of experts to answer some of today's tough questions on topics like the environment, regenerative medicine, religion, and more.

To be housed at the [Carnegie Science Center](#), the Synthetic Interview premieres late this month as a permanent exhibit. A learning opportunity for all ages, this novel installation is not to be missed!

Horse Evolution



Visit the traveling “**Horse**” exhibit at the [Carnegie Museum of Natural History](#), and afterwards, visit the “Exploration Station” to find out how this

amazing animal has evolved as it adapted to its many changing environments.

Fleshing Out Fossils

Students can explore fossil evidence like Darwin did in the Discovery room activity “Fleshing Out Fossils.”

Evening Lecture Series



Keeping with the past “Darwin Day” tradition, Duquesne is hosting a [series of six on-campus lectures](#), plus a special pre-birthday lecture at the Carnegie Music Hall. This year the lectures will not only explore evolution in the sciences, but also its effect in sociology, gender studies, and religion.

Charles Darwin 200th Birthday Lecture

Alan Walker will speak on "Humans as an Evolutionary Patchwork" February 12 in the Union Ballroom on Campus at Duquesne University. Alan Walker is the Evan Pugh Professor of Anthropology and Biology at Pennsylvania State University.

Darwin 2009 offers something for everyone. A diverse and unique mix of exhibits, displays, shows, tours, and more await visitors of all ages, with [scheduled openings throughout the year](#).

In The Press

- “Duquesne professor will lead Darwin celebration” [Pittsburgh Tribune](#)
- “Forget Sweet 16: Darwin, Duquesne fete 200 years” [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)
- “Clarke Thomas: The great insight that binds us” [Pittsburgh Post-Gazette](#)

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Science Talks: Evidence for Evolution

Discover the latest in evolutionary evidence from a diverse mix of scholars, researchers, and professionals. *Each talk takes place on the designated **Friday** at Duquesne University and **Saturday** at the Carnegie Museum of Natural History.*



“The Origins of Darwin’s Origin”

-- January 16 and 17

James Lennox, University of Pittsburgh

“Cosmic timescales: how do we know what we know?”

-- January 23 and 24

Simonetta Frittelli, Duquesne University

“Written in Stone: The First Three Billion Years of Evolutionary History”

-- January 30 and 31

Shuhai Xiao, Virginia Tech

“Darwinian Medicine: A New Approach to Health and Disease”

-- February 6 and 7

Paul Sherman, Cornell University

Registration

For registration information, please visit the [Darwin 2009 website](#) and the [Carnegie Museum of Natural History](#)

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