

First Annual Appignani Colloquium in Secular Ethics

Thursday, September 15, 2005

with guest speakers

Paul Nelson

(Discovery Institute and Biola University)

and

Michael Ruse

(Florida State University)

“Design by Evolution or Evolution by Design?”

Biology studies complicated things, many of which appear to have been designed for a purpose. How should this appearance be explained? This question is the topic of the discussion between Dr. Nelson and Dr. Ruse.

Paul A. Nelson received his Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in Philosophy (1998). He has worked in the philosophy of biology, specializing in developmental biology. He has published articles in such journals as *Biology & Philosophy*, *Zygon*, *Rhetoric and Public Affairs*, and *Touchstone*, and chapters in the anthologies *Mere Creation*, *Signs of Intelligence*, and *Intelligent Design Creationism and Its Critics*. His forthcoming monograph, *On Common Descent*, critically evaluates the theory of common descent.

Michael Ruse is Lucyle T. Werkmeister Professor of Philosophy at Florida State University. He received his Ph.D. in Philosophy from the University of Bristol (1970). The author of many books, including *The Philosophy of Biology* and *Taking Darwin Seriously*, he is also the founder and editor of the journal *Biology and Philosophy*. He has appeared on "Quirks and Quarks" and the Discovery Channel. He has worked in the philosophy of biology (especially Darwinism), ethics, and history and philosophy of science. In his latest book he uncovers surprising similarities between evolutionist and creationist ways of thinking.

The discussion will begin at 7PM in Learning Center Room 120*

Refreshments will be served following the discussion.

This event is open to the public. Bring a friend!

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