

# Darwin: 21st-Century Perspectives

## Symposium Schedule:

Tuesday, May 6, 2008

at The New York Botanical Garden

Darwin: Yesterday and Today

Arthur and Janet Ross Lecture Hall

EDWARD O. WILSON, PH.D., Moderator

Speakers:

DAVID KOHN, PH.D., Darwin historian

*Darwin's Delight: The Man and His Botany*

The story behind his simple, elegant, and profound research

MICHAEL RUSE, PH.D., philosopher

*Is Darwinism an Exhausted Paradigm?*

The origin of an enduring social and scientific legacy

RITA COLWELL, PH.D., environmental microbiologist, oceanographer, and former director of the National Science Foundation

*Speciation in the Time of Microbes*

Microorganisms as the test of the origin of the species

Reception and viewing of *Darwin's Garden: An Evolutionary Adventure* in the LuEsther T. Mertz Library and Enid A. Haupt Conservatory

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Thursday, May 8, 2008

at the American Museum of Natural History

Human Evolution and the Complexity of Living Organisms

6:30-8:30 p.m. Kaufmann Theater, first floor

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Speakers:

BARBARA A. SCHAAL, PH.D., plant evolutionary biologist and vice president of The National Academy of Sciences  
*Plants and People: Evolution and domestication of food plants*

KENNETH R. MILLER, PH.D., biologist, author, expert court witness

*Darwin, God, and Design: America's New Battle over Evolution*

Arguments against intelligent design

GERALD EDELMAN, PH.D., biochemist and neurobiologist  
*Neural Darwinism*

On view at  
The New York Botanical Garden:  
*Darwin's Garden: An Evolutionary Adventure*

Enid A. Haupt Conservatory

April 25 – June 15, 2008

LuEsther T. Mertz Library

April 25 – July 20, 2008

Everett Children's Adventure Garden

April 25 – June 29, 2008

The New York Botanical Garden presents Charles Darwin's significant yet little-known work with plants. Discover his ingenious experiments and observations that inspired his theories of natural selection and evolution. View original materials from Darwin's own writings and collections among illustrated books, manuscripts, and other historical documents that demonstrate the importance of botany throughout his life. Enjoy an evolutionary tour that highlights important plants in the Tree of Life.

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