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## LIBERAL ARTS INTERDISCIPLINARY PANEL ON EVOLUTION

Members of the Faculty of the College of Liberal Arts will convene for an interdisciplinary look at evolution on **Monday, March 2, at 3:00 in 112 Rouse Life Sciences Bldg** as part of the Charles Darwin Commemorative Celebration. Chris Qualls, Assistant Professor of Theater, Elizabeth Brestan Knight, Associate Professor of Psychology, Giovanna Summerfield, Associate Professor of Foreign Languages, and Brigitta Brunner, Margaret Fitch-Hauser, and Robert French, professors in the department of Communications and Journalism will offer varying interpretations of Darwin and evolution from perspectives within the arts and humanities.

The panel, sponsored by the Caroline Marshall Draughon Center for the Arts & Humanities in the College of Liberal Arts, has been organized to emphasize the broad use of Darwinian terms within a variety of disciplines. The panel is directed to a general audience interested in the way the humanities has extrapolated and expanded on the ideas associated with evolution and Darwin.

Professor Qualls, who will present a dramatic reading from the transcripts of the Scopes "Monkey" Trial from 1925, will be followed by professor Knight who will offer a psychological theory of mate selection that is based on Darwin's theory of evolution. Drs. Brunner, Fitch-Hauser, and French will next investigate the evolution of the public relations industry from Barnum to Bloggers. The final presentation by professor Summerfield will explore Collodi's masterpiece, *The Adventures of Pinocchio*. Written one year after Darwin's death, its main character carries on the revolution against an intervening deity, with an emphasis on competitive struggle for existence and self-betterment.

This interdisciplinary panel presented by College of Liberal Arts' faculty promises to offer an interesting and unusual collection of original investigations of Darwin's groundbreaking ideas. All are invited to attend.

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