Fall Swope lecture to be delivered by David Sloan Wilson
Tuesday, Sept. 29, 7:30 p.m., Schneebeck Concert Hall

David Sloan Wilson

A daring thinker who approaches the study of evolution and religion from an intriguing and challenging point of view, David Sloan Wilson is an author, researcher, and professor. On Tuesday, Sept. 29, he’ll explain his ideas at a free lecture, “Religion as a Product of Evolution,” starting at 7:30 p.m., in Schneebeck Concert Hall. Tickets for the talk are required.

Wilson argues that religion is evolution at work. The SUNY distinguished professor of biology and anthropology at Binghamton University in New York, sees religion as a powerful social force that guides its followers toward behaviors that are, seemingly, the best adaptation to their circumstances. He compares a religious group to a beehive or a human body: it operates and adapts in such a way as to optimize its members’ survival. Thus, Wilson suggests, the religious principles of forgiveness, humility, and altruism are adaptive behaviors meant to help preserve the species.

Wilson’s ideas are likely to prove challenging to students of both evolution and religion, even as he works to engage both disciplines. He is director of EvoS, an unusual campuswide evolutionary studies program at Binghamton University, and a columnist for The Huffington Post. He is the author of Darwin’s Cathedral: Evolution, Religion, and the Nature of Society (Chicago, 2002) and Evolution for Everyone: How Darwin’s Theory Can Change the Way We Think About Our Lives (Bantam, 2007).

The talk is sponsored by the Swope Endowed Lectureship on Ethics, Religion, Faith, and Values. The lectureship was established at Puget Sound through a gift from Major Ianthe Swope in honor of her mother, Jane Hammer Swope. It is intended to promote broad discussions, critical thinking, and ethical inquiry about matters of religion.

Tickets can be reserved by calling x3419 or picked up at Wheelock Information Center.
Once a Logger, always a Logger

Homecoming and Family Weekend combine this year

Faculty and staff are invited to join students, alumni, parents, and Puget Sound families at Homecoming and Family Weekend Oct. 9–11. Together for the first time, the weekend combines fan favorites from Homecoming and Fall Family Weekend, events traditionally held within a few weeks of each other every fall semester. Fun for all ages, Homecoming and Family Weekend has something for everyone. Activities include sporting events, receptions, concerts, tours, and more! Of special interest to faculty and staff:

- PacRim Colloquium
- President’s Welcome Reception—Drinks, food, and mingling with the entire campus community to kick off Homecoming and Family Weekend
- Logger Family Tailgate
- Logger Football vs. Menlo College
- Faculty Presentations in art, geology, business, or comparative sociology (Saturday morning) and art or comparative sociology (Saturday afternoon)

Additionally, several affinity groups are celebrating with various receptions, outings, and events, including the Business Leadership Program, PacRim, Phi Mu Alpha, and the Department of Geology’s 75th anniversary. See a complete list of scheduled events and register online at www.pugetsound.edu/homecoming.

Tech tools get bigger and better

Your inbox may be getting larger

Over the summer, Technology Services increased campus network shares to 2GB, up from 500MB, on the Alexandria and Merlin2 servers. With the migration to Exchange 2007 currently underway through Nov. 1, the size of your Puget Sound e-mail inbox will increase to 500MB (up from 200). Exchange 2007 also offers a better, more feature-rich Web mail interface.

TS will contact each university department or group with support information as they are migrated to Exchange 2007.

To learn more visit www.pugetsound.edu/Exchange2007.xml.

More ways Loggers can go green

New opportunities for the Puget Sound community to make a difference

Responsible transportation is one of the biggest ways you can have a positive impact on your carbon footprint. The Transportation Task Force encourages the campus community to attend a workshop to help develop the city of Tacoma Mobility Master Plan on Monday, Sept. 28, 5:30–7:30 p.m., in Rasmussen Rotunda. The city’s goal is to create a policy for a comprehensive network for bicycle and pedestrian mobility citywide. The plan will outline goals, policies, and implementation strategies for multimodal transportation in Tacoma. Join the discussion regarding existing conditions and opportunities to improve Tacoma’s bicycling and walking networks, as well as connectivity to other destinations and transit.

Looking for more direct ways to make a difference in your transportation footprint? Try the new ORCA card! This regional public transportation card takes the place of previous products, such as a Sound Transit or Washington ferries pass. ORCA stands for One Regional Card for All, and is intended to offer the convenience of one-stop shopping for your Puget Sound-area public transportation needs, covering Pierce Transit, Kitsap Transit, King County Metro Transit, Sound Transit, Washington State Ferries, and more. This system allows you to load your card electronically with funds, and then just tap it when you get on the bus, train, or ferry to be charged for your fare. It’s safer than cash! Register your card to receive balance protection if your card is lost, stolen, or damaged. ORCA cards cost $5, but are available FREE for a limited time. For more information on the ORCA card, visit www.orcacard.com.

Afraid you’re missing out on sustainability news and events on campus? Sign up for the new Sustainability Events listerv to receive periodic updates on sustainability-related events on campus (and even some off-campus). Learn more at www.pugetsound.edu/loggerslivegreen.

Jonathan Kramer pays homage to Pablo Casals

Thursday, Oct. 8, 7:30 p.m., Kilworth Memorial Chapel

The life of Pablo Casals, the Catalan cellist who mixed music and politics in pursuit of justice for his countrymen, will be celebrated by cellist Jonathan Kramer on Thursday, Oct. 8, at 7:30 p.m., in Kilworth Memorial Chapel. The performance will include an illustrated commentary on Casals’ life and legacy.

Pablo Casals, a musician, conductor, and composer, used his fame and talent to protest the near 40-year dictatorial regime of Spain’s Francisco Franco, following the 1936–39 Spanish Civil War. Living and performing during an era of tyranny by figures such as Hitler, Stalin, Mussolini, and Franco, Casals managed to draw world attention to his causes, but he never lived to see the end of the Franco regime, when the general died in 1975.

Kramer, ethnomusicologist at North Carolina State University and Duke University, has performed as principal cellist of the Tucson Symphony and as a member of the San Francisco Opera and Ballet orchestras, as well as internationally.

The performance is sponsored by the Catherine Gould Chism Fund.

Kramer also will give a talk on Friday, Oct. 9, at 10 a.m., in Music 333, on "The Music of Suriname." Formerly Dutch Guyana, the country is one of the most culturally diverse societies in the Western Hemisphere. The talk is free and open to the public.
Ross Mulhausen

banned books, with special focus on the work of Colin Powell, African American business history, and transformational leadership.

The tea will be held Thursday, Oct. 1, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., in Library 020. Faculty and staff are invited to join students and members of the community to celebrate Banned Books Week with the library at the Collins Memorial Library director, was honored with the 2009 President’s Excellence in Teaching Award, presented annually by President Ron Thomas at the Faculty Awards Dinner.

Matthews teaches leadership and international business courses in the School of Business and Leadership, as well as courses in the Honors Program and history department. He draws on historic and modern business examples to teach the art of leadership, bringing in inspirational leaders and encouraging students to take an interdisciplinary approach to their studies.

Matthews has published two books on military leadership and diplomatic history, and is currently working on several book projects related to Colin Powell, African American business history, and transformational leadership.

The President’s Excellence in Teaching Award was established by former trustee Hal Eastman ’60 and his wife, Jacque ’61, to recognize faculty who demonstrate exceptional teaching skills, independent of accomplishments in scholarship, research, or publication. Recipients are selected for their passion for teaching, ability to inspire, capacity to motivate students, and an enduring intellectual capacity.

Collins Memorial Library celebrates banned books

Faculty and staff are invited to join students and members of the community to celebrate Banned Books Week with the library at the Collins Memorial Library. The tea will be held Thursday, Oct. 1, from 3 to 4:30 p.m., in Library 020. Banned books will be on display and attendees will be invited to share stories or read from selected books. Light refreshments—and tea, of course—will be served.

On display in the library will be numerous banned books, with special focus on the work of Stephen King. This prolific author has countless fans. Who hasn’t heard of Carrie or Cujo? It is hard to believe but in libraries throughout the United States, books are challenged. From Stephen King to Harry Potter, books are often banned from library shelves due to what some consider offensive language or themes.

Visit the library home page at www.pugetsound.edu/library, and click on the Banned Books Tea link to learn more and share your thoughts about the freedom to read.

Noteworthy

“Meeting Mishka” by Jane Carlin, Collins Memorial Library director, was published in award-winning tween magazine KIKI. The article provides insight into the work of Mishka Navarre, costume designer for Puget Sound’s theatre arts department, and includes illustrations of Navarre’s designs and highlights the many activities of Puget Sound theater.

Ruth Dangelmaier, training director in Counseling, Health, and Wellness Services, co-authored the paper “Does Typography of Substance Abuse and Dependence Differ as a Function of Exposure to Child Maltreatment?,” published in the Journal of Child and Adolescent Substance Abuse.

Congratulations to the Logger women’s soccer team, who defeated second-ranked Wheaton (Ill.) on its home field—something only one other team has been able to do in the past two seasons.

Please submit Noteworthy accomplishments to openline@pugetsound.edu.

Look who’s talking!

Puget Sound in the news

Kittredge Gallery’s exhibit of wood sculptor Paul Vexler and watercolor paper crafter Maki Tamura was featured in a story with photo in Tacoma Weekly.

President Ronald Thomas wrote a full-page story in The Chronicle of Higher Education reflecting on the costs and benefits of an American college education and the dangers of selling it short.

Contract magazine mentioned Trimble Hall in a recent article about how to retain students through residential hall design.

Respected wine blog Classification 1855 listed Professor of International Political Economy Michael Veseth’s blog, Wine Economist, in a short list of the best wine blogs.

Seth Weinberger, assistant professor of politics and government, was recently quoted in Metro, a Philadelphia newspaper, on the waning impact of national security as an election issue.

To receive monthly updates of Puget Sound press coverage, contact the media relations office at mediarelations@pugetsound.edu or x2611.
THROUGH OCT. 3
Kittredge Gallery Exhibition
Paul Vexler, Wood and Space
Maki Tamura, Constellations
Kittredge Gallery
Gallery Hours: 10 a.m.–5 p.m., Monday–Friday; noon–5 p.m., Saturday

FRIDAY, SEPT. 25, 7:30 P.M.
Jacobson Series:
A Tribute to the Genius of Django Reinhardt
Featuring NW Sinfonietta Jazz Quintet
Schneebeck Concert Hall
Tickets: $8.50 for faculty and staff; FREE for Puget Sound students

SATURDAY, SEPT. 26
Fall Campus Day

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Noon: Women’s Soccer vs. Whitworth
2:30 p.m.: Men’s Soccer vs. Whitworth
Baker Stadium

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Schneebeck Concert Hall
Tickets: Event is free; ticket required.

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 30, 11 A.M.
Exploring Text and Image: A Conversation About Artists’ Books, Chapter 2
McCormick Room, Collins Memorial Library

THURSDAY, OCT. 1, 4 P.M.
Vaccines, Autism, and Anxieties: Public Resistance to Compulsory Vaccination
Mark Largent, Michigan State University
Wyatt 101