

2nd Annual Society of Creation conference
Concordia University Wisconsin
30 June – 2 July 2014

Conference Program (9 June Rev)

Monday, 30 June

10 am – 1:00 pm conference check-in; late registration
11 am – 12 noon Society of Creation business meeting (optional, open to everyone)
1:00 pm Welcome and Conference Theme Overview, Drs. Heck and Locklair
1:50 pm Video welcome from CUW President, Dr. Patrick T. Ferry
2:15 pm Keynote I, Dr. Kevin Anderson, “The Human Genome: An Icon for Creation Science”
3:15 pm Break
3:30 pm Concurrent Sessions I [Bell, Bergman, Holman, Locklair, Seegert]
4:45 pm Dinner (on your own)
6:00 pm Video Presentation 1 (optional, open to the public)

Tuesday, 1 July

8:00 am Coffee
8:30 am Keynote Address 2, Jay Seegert, “Evolution: Probable or Problematic?”
9:45 am Break
10:00 am Plenary Presentation 1, Dr. Joel Heck, “The Grand Canyon and the Flood of Noah”
11:15 am Concurrent Sessions 2 [Bell, Groppi, Holman, Saleska, Van Ornum]
12:15 pm, box lunch provided
1:15 pm Keynote Address 3, Dr. Kevin Anderson, “Evolution’s Flawed Principles”
2:30 pm break
2:45 pm Plenary Presentation 2, Dr. Gary Locklair, “Positive Creation Evidences”
4:00 pm Video Presentation 2 (optional, open to the public)
5:00 pm Dinner (on your own)
6:00 pm

Wednesday, 2 July

8:00 am Coffee
8:30 am Keynote Address 4, Jay Seegert, “I ‘hear’ that Evolution is Impossible”
9:45 am Break
10:00 am Concurrent Sessions 3 [Anderson, Bergman, Groppi, Saleska, Van Ornum]
11:15 am Resources
Noon, lunch (on your own)
1:15 pm Q&A with session speakers: Anderson, Heck, Locklair, Seegert

Concurrent Sessions

Anderson, Dr. Kevin

Rethinking Paleontology

Perhaps no other area of science has impacted Darwinism more than the study of the fossil record. Yet, paleontologists that study these fossils are themselves, heavily influenced by evolutionary teaching. Therefore, much of the work in the field of paleontology presumes evolution, and fails to consider or account for other interpretations. Molecular biology, epigenetics, and genomic analysis have revealed mechanisms that can account for rapid anatomical changes. Such processes are frequently ignored or underestimated by evolutionists, yet they challenge the standard evolutionary interpretations of the fossil record.

Bell, Dr. Marji

THE CREATOR'S GIFT OF MARK MAKING: FROM COMMUNICATION TO MEDITATION

The Creator's gift of drawing images and symbols (writing) is for everyone: from the innate images children make to the underutilized drawing skills we as a species have been given. Think about what life would be like without our ability to make meaningful marks. The products of these visual images surround us and pay tribute to that gift.

Dr. Marji Bell has been a member of the Creation Science Society of Milwaukee since 1979 and is currently affiliated with the Society of Creation. She is a Professor of Art at Concordia University. She has taught art from kindergarten through high school and began teaching at Concordia University in 1980. Dr. Bell teaches art with attention to where the gift creativity fits into one's life according to God's purposes.

Bergman, Dr. Jerry

Irreducible Complexity and the Origin of Life

Groppi, Teno

"Natural Rejection" (or Rejection of Natural Selection)

Perhaps the most effective refutations of evolution are when we invalidate it at the foundational level ("in the beginning"), such as when the RATE team repudiated the evolutionary great ages. If we keep evolutionism from getting out of the starting

blocks, the race is over before it can begin. For too long creationists have given natural selection undue credit as a mechanism for driving genetic change in populations. We will show that natural selection via mutation is unable to produce necessary evolutionary changes. What we do observe screams of intelligent design.

Teno Groppi runs Genesis Evidence Ministry. He has been speaking on creation science and biblical apologetics for over 15 years on a part-time basis, going full-time last year. He has spoken across the continental United States as well as in four foreign countries (Russia, Poland, Belarus, Mexico).

He was given an honorable mention induction in the Creation Science Hall of Fame (<http://creationsciencehalloffame.org/inductees/honorable-mention>) for his efforts in flushing out prominent atheistic evolutionist, Dr. Michael Zimmerman, former Dean of Science at the University of WI-Oshkosh, and the spearhead behind the "Clergy Letter Project" and the annual "Darwin Day". He participated in a successful debate at the UW-Richland Center in 2010 against an evolutionist college biology professor and a theistic-evolutionist Pastor.

He is from Wyldewood Baptist Church, in Oshkosh, WI, is married to Christie, and they have four children, the oldest of whom just graduated high school.

Holman, Dr. Bruce

Entropy and the Origin of Life

This presentation will apply the thermodynamic characteristics of all natural processes, to the chemical and physical requirements for life. It can be shown on the basis of the capabilities of modern synthetic and biophysical manipulation that:

- the chemical and physical structures necessary for life cannot be formed by a natural process;
- the fact that the earth is an open thermodynamic system actually makes abiogenesis more difficult;
- greater amounts of space and time makes the spontaneous generation of life less likely, and
- life could only have begun by a process similar to that described in Genesis 1.

Dr. Holman received his PhD in organic chemistry from Northwestern University, and has enjoyed an extensive research and teaching career. He helped to establish the Chemistry department at Wisconsin Lutheran College, teaching every course in the undergraduate chemistry curriculum and has taught classes in physics, math, and biology. He has been involved in numerous collaborations and research team efforts, and has authored many scientific publications. He has personally made inventions in metal processing, lithographic printing plates, materials for IR laser, UV, and holographic imaging, microelectronic, and molecular electronics,

nanotechnology, magnetic resonance, organic synthesis, and polymer chemistry. He is currently executive director of the Lutheran Science Institute.

Locklair, Dr. Gary

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Saleska, Rev. Dr. John

Christ, Creation's Unifying Principle

Summary: "God and man are one person, and all things are comprehended and hidden in this person." (Luther on Colossians 2:3) The presentation will focus on Christ and demonstrate how God's purpose in Christ was to restore the original harmony to an entire universe now in decay and total disarray. Unifying everything in Christ is highlighted in Ephesians and Colossians. Portions of these two books will be emphasized.

Seegert, Jay

Faith is Not a Four-Letter Word

It is a common misconception that skeptics base all their beliefs on "facts", while Christians simply have "faith" which amounts to nothing more than wishful thinking and belief in fairytales. or as Mark Twain stated, "Faith is believing in what you know ain't so!" This presentation shows just how incorrect this view truly is and also powerfully equips Christians to share and defend their faith without having to memorize lots of facts or have degrees in science. It is very encouraging, eye-opening and easy for all to understand.

Van Ornum, Dr. Scott

Organic Chemistry and Indiana Jones

Typically organic chemistry is known as a comprehensive undergraduate course in the sciences involving an extraordinary amount of material to study over an academic year. In this presentation, a brief introduction of the field of organic chemistry will be highlighted and applied to abiogenesis specifically the Miller-Urey experiment. In addition, select pharmaceutical drug compounds will be discussed from a synthetic

and natural product point of view revealing the complexity and challenges organic chemists have to overcome in order to provide viable methods for production.

Scott Van Ornum graduated in 1998 from UW-Milwaukee with a Ph.D. in organic chemistry under Professor James M. Cook. He was employed at Abbott Laboratories for four years as a senior scientist in the process development area working on new drug candidates. Chemistry was developed on the lab bench and the processes transferred to large scale pilot and commercial plant facilities on multi-hundred kilogram scale. Prior to joining Concordia, Scott was employed at Cedarburg-Hauser Pharmaceuticals filling a variety of roles from senior scientist to research and plant manager responsibilities. He managed the chemical development processes through validation on various active pharmaceutical ingredients currently being manufactured by Cedarburg-Hauser. Scott currently teaches organic chemistry for undergraduate students as well as graduate students in CUW's Master's program for Chemical and Pharmaceutical Development. His research interests include extending organic reactions facilitated by the use of microwave technology and organometallic cyclization reactions.