



**Darwin Sesquicentennial Celebration Program  
University of Cincinnati Symposium**

***Darwinism, Science, Religion, and Society\****

**October 29-31, 2009**

**Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>**

**VENUE: McMicken Hall Room 127**

**4:30-6:30 p.m.**

**U.C. Faculty and Student Panel Discussion of Ken Miller's "Only a Theory?"**

Opening Remarks:

Valerie Hardcastle, Dean

College of Arts & Sciences, University of Cincinnati

**Chair: Lawrence Jost, *Professor of Philosophy, University of Cincinnati***

**Panelists: Jeremy Koster, *Assistant Professor of Anthropology***

**Arnold Miller, *Professor of Geology***

**Kenneth Petren, *Associate Professor of Biological Sciences***

**Robert Skipper, *Associate Professor of Philosophy***

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8:30-8:45 am **Welcoming Remarks: Tony Perzigian, Provost, University of Cincinnati**

**Panel I: Beliefs, Attitudes, and Opinions in the USA**

8:45-10:00 am ***"Evolution, Creationism, and the Battle for the Nation's Classrooms"***  
**Eric Plutzer**, Professor of Political Science, Penn State University

10:00-10:15 am **BREAK**

10:15-11:30 am ***"Social, Religious, and Psychological Roots of Americans' Knowledge and Beliefs about Human Evolution"***  
**George Bishop**, Professor of Political Science, University of Cincinnati

**Discussant:** **Howard Tolley**, Professor of Political Science, University of Cincinnati  
**Steve Mockabee**, Associate Professor of Political Science, University of Cincinnati

12:00-1:15 pm **LUNCH BREAK**

**Panel II: Perspectives from Philosophy Biology, and History**

1:30-2:45 pm ***"Darwin and Divine Providence vs. Creationism's Divine Deceit"***  
**Patricia Princehouse**, Lecturer in Philosophy and Evolutionary Biology, Case Western Reserve University

2:45-3:00 pm **BREAK**

3:00-4:15 pm ***"The Postmodern Sins of Intelligent Design Creationism"***  
**Robert T. Pennock**, Professor of History and Philosophy of Science, Michigan State University

**Discussant:** **Lawrence Jost**, Professor of Philosophy, University of Cincinnati

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**KEYNOTE LECTURE**

**VENUE:**

**Richard E. Lindner Center, Room 450  
(Varsity Village, West Campus)**



4:30-6:00 p.m. ***"Science, Evolution, and Creationism"***

**Introduction of Keynote Speaker (English and Spanish)**

**Professor Alvaro Puga  
Department of Environmental Health  
Division of Environmental Genetics and Toxicology  
University of Cincinnati**

**Keynote Speaker: Francisco J. Ayala**

**Chair, Committee in Science, Evolution and Creationism, National Academy of Sciences (USA)  
and University Professor and Donald Bren Professor of Biological Sciences, Ecology &  
Evolutionary Biology, University of California, Irvine**

**Biography:** Ph.D., Columbia University, 1964. **Research Interests:** Evolutionary genetics and the philosophy of biology and in bioethics. Relationships between science and religion including the teaching of evolution in the schools. **Appointments:** University Professor and Donald Bren Professor of Biological Sciences, Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, School of Biological Sciences • Professor of Philosophy, Philosophy, School of Humanities • Professor of Logic and the Philosophy of Science, Logic & Philosophy of Science, School of Social Sciences. **Awards & Honors:** Awarded 2001 National Medal of Science. Member: National Academy of Sciences; American Academy of Arts & Sciences; American Philosophical Society. Fellow of the Linnean Society of London. Foreign Member: Russian Academy of Sciences, Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei, Rome; Royal Academy of Sciences, Spain; Mexican Academy of Sciences; Serbian Academy of Arts and Sciences. Received: Gold Honorary Gregor Mendel Medal, Czech Academy of Sciences; Gold Medal of the Accademia Nazionale dei Lincei; Gold Medal of the Stazione Zoologica, Naples; President's Award of the American Institute of Biological Sciences; Scientific Freedom and Responsibility Award and 150th Anniversary Leadership Medal, AAAS; Medal of the College of France; UCI Medal, University of California; 1998 Distinguished Scientist Award, SACNAS; and Sigma Xi's William Procter Prize for Scientific Achievement, 2000. **Honorary Degrees:** Universities of Athens (Greece); Bologna and Padua (Italy), Barcelona, Las Islas Baleares, Leon, Madrid, Salamanca, Valencia, and Vigo (Spain); Vladivostok ("Far East National University", Russia); Masaryk University (Brno, Czech Republic); Universidad Nacional de La Plata (Argentina); and University of Warsaw (Poland). **Recent Books:** Ayala, F.J. 2007. *Darwin's Gift to Science and Religion*. Joseph Henry Press: Washington, DC, xi + 237 pp.; Cela Conde, C.J. and F.J. Ayala. 2007. *Human Evolution. Trails from the Past*. Oxford University Press: Oxford, UK, vii + 437 pp.; Avise, J.C. and F.J. Ayala, eds. 2007. *In the Light of Evolution. Volume I: Adaptation and Complex Design* (National Academies Press: Washington, DC), xviii + 360 pp.; Ayala, F.J. 2007. *Darwin's greatest discovery: Design without designer*. Proc. Natl. Acad. Sci. USA 104:8567-8573.

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**SYMPOSIUM RECEPTION**

6:30-7:30 p.m.

**Meyers Gallery**

Steger Student Life Center

Main Street, UC West Campus



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***Panel III: Humanities and Political Science Perspectives***

**8:45-9:45 a.m.** ***"The Politics of Evolution"***  
**Jon Miller**, John A. Hannah Professor of Integrative Studies and Political Science, Michigan State University

**10:00-10:45 a.m.** ***"Hemingway, Darwin, and the Problem of God."***  
**Michael Roos**, Professor of English, University of Cincinnati

**10:45-11:30 a.m.** ***"When It Was Fashionable (and Reasonable) To Be a Young Earth Creationist"***  
**Bob Richardson**, Charles Phelps Taft Professor and University Distinguished Research Professor of Philosophy, University of Cincinnati

**11:30-12:00 p.m.** **Roundtable Discussion: Future of the Evolution Controversy in the USA**

**12:00-1:15 p.m.** LUNCH and Farewells

**OPTIONAL:**

**1:30-4:45 p.m.** Creation Museum, Petersburg, KY

**8:00 pm-midnight** ***Evolution Ball*** at SunRock Farm, Wilder, KY

**External Symposium Evaluator:**

**Glenn Branch, Deputy Director, National Center for Science Education, Oakland, California**

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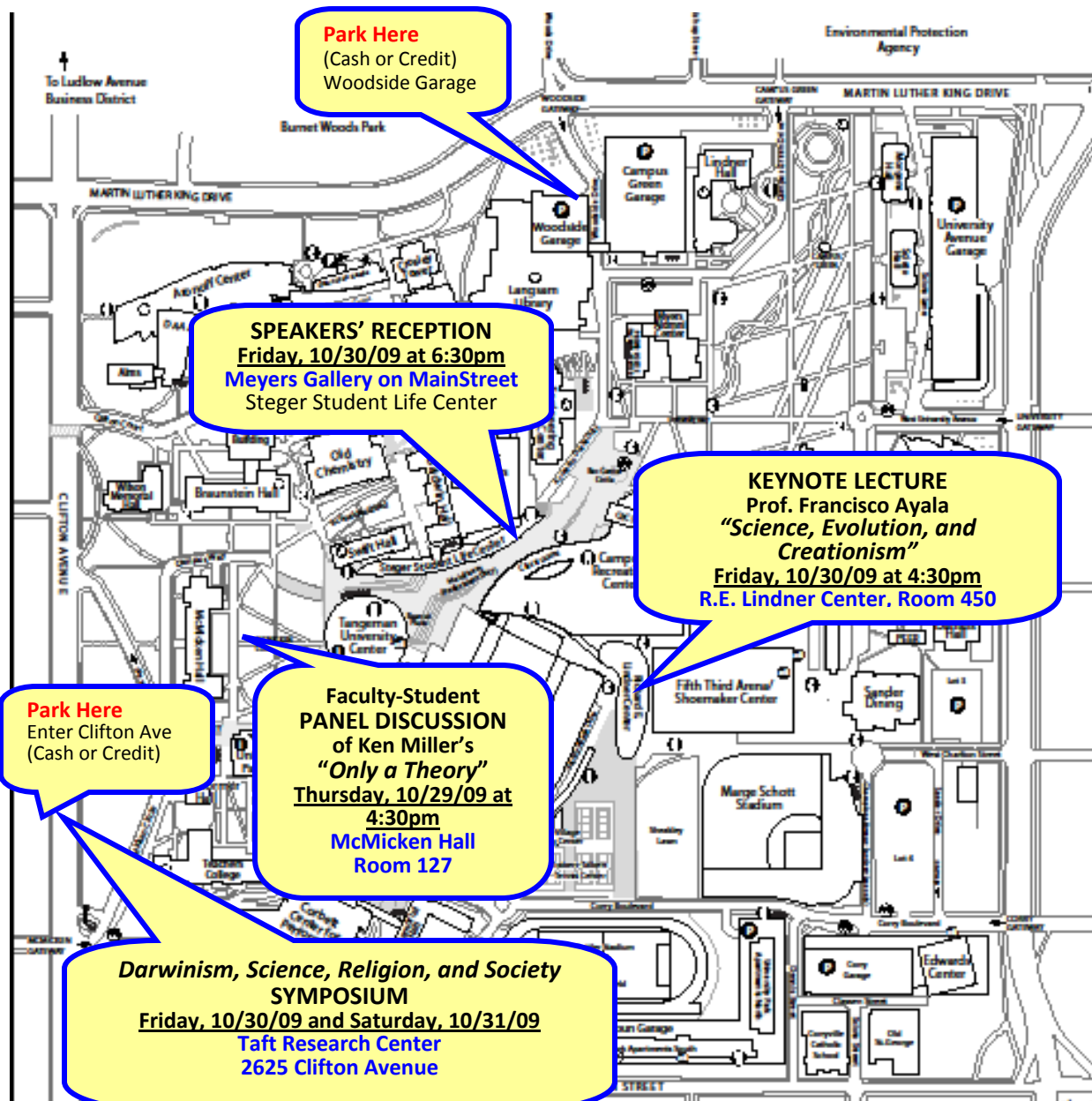
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