



*A special talk to honor the 200<sup>th</sup> birthday of naturalist Charles Darwin*

## *Evolving a Genius: The Extraordinary Early Life of Charles Darwin*

February 17, 2009, 4:00 p.m.  
Engineering Research Center, Room 427  
Open reception follows the presentation

Charles Darwin was an indifferent student well into his undergraduate years at the universities of Edinburgh and Cambridge. Given this undistinguished background, how did he become transformed into a man of exceptional intellectual insight and produce a theory so powerful that it dramatically altered our view of the living world? Dr. Schwartz traces the unique set of events that ultimately laid the foundation for Darwin's distinctive genius.

### **DOUG SCHWARTZ**

**Archaeologist, former SAR President, current SAR Senior Scholar**



Dr. Schwartz has had a long-term research interest in the origins of Charles Darwin's creativity. President emeritus at the School for Advanced Research and currently a senior scholar at the School, Doug hasn't let retirement slow him down. He is involved in writing, lecturing, publishing, and traveling. In the past year, his professional involvement has taken him to Ireland, Portugal, Cuba, Spain, Algeria, and Tunisia. To add to his many honors, he was named a "Luminaria" by the New Mexico Community Foundation in 2007.