

# Extravagant Altruism and the Origins of Complex Sociality

A Winter Term 2012 lecture series

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Mondays at 3:30 PM in 6050 ISR

The lectures in this series will cover recent advances in evolutionary biology that provide new foundations for understanding social behavior. The roles of kin selection, reciprocity, and gene-culture co-evolution are increasingly well understood. This lecture series will go beyond these fundamentals to consider the roles of partner choice/social selection and other factors that may help to explain human capacities for extravagant altruism and complex sociality that are the foundation for social science.

<p>Jan 9, 2012</p>  <p><b>Athena Aktipis,</b> Psychology/Evolution &amp; Cancer Center, ASU/ UCSF</p> <p><b><i>Beyond Reciprocity and Kin Selection: Is it Time to Rethink the Founda- tions of Cooperation Theory?</i></b></p>	<p>Jan 23, 2012</p>  <p><b>Barbara Oakley,</b> Engineering, Oakland University</p> <p><b><i>Cold-Blooded Kind- ness—Insights into Pathological Altruism</i></b></p>	<p>Jan 30, 2012</p>  <p><b>Joan Strassmann,</b> Biology, Washington University in St. Louis</p> <p><b><i>Why Care About Micro- bial Altruism?</i></b></p> <p>Also giving a talk in EEB <a href="http://www.lsa.umich.edu/eeb/news_events/events/lunch.asp">http://www.lsa.umich.edu/eeb/news_events/events/lunch.asp</a></p>
<p>Feb 6, 2012</p>  <p><b>Lee Dugatkin,</b> Biology, University of Louisville</p> <p><b><i>Altruism Writ Large: Peter Kropotkin and the Evolution of Social Behavior</i></b></p> <p>Also giving a talk in EEB <a href="http://www.lsa.umich.edu/eeb/news_events/events/lunch.asp">http://www.lsa.umich.edu/eeb/news_events/events/lunch.asp</a></p>	<p>Feb 13, 2012</p>  <p><b>Ronald Noë,</b> Psychology, Université de Strasbourg</p> <p><b><i>Multi-Agent Coopera- tion: Biological Mar- kets &amp; Social Dilem- mas</i></b></p>	<p>Feb 20, 2012</p>  <p><b>Steve Frank,</b> Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, UC Irvine</p> <p><b><i>Demography and Time- Scale In Social Evolution</i></b></p>
<p>Mar 5, 2012</p>  <p><b>Margaret Clark,</b> Psychology, Yale University</p> <p><b><i>The relational basis of kindness</i></b></p>	<p>Mar 12, 2012</p>  <p><b>Richard C. Connor,</b> UMass Dartmouth</p> <p><b><i>Cooperation at sea: Are dolphins more hu- man than apes?</i></b></p> <p>Also giving a talk in EEB <a href="http://www.lsa.umich.edu/eeb/news_events/events/lunch.asp">http://www.lsa.umich.edu/eeb/news_events/events/lunch.asp</a></p>	<p>Mar 19, 2012</p>  <p><b>Lou Penner,</b> Professor of Oncology, Wayne State University</p> <p><b><i>Parents helping children; or is it the other way around?</i></b></p>
<p>Mar 26, 2012</p>  <p><b>Scott Atran,</b> Psychology, University of Michigan</p> <p><b><i>Sacred and religious imperatives in human conflict</i></b></p>	<p>Apr 2, 2012</p>  <p><b>Christopher Boehm,</b> Biological Anthropology, USC</p> <p><b><i>Free-rider suppression and the evolution of altruism in humans</i></b></p>	<p>Apr 9, 2012</p>  <p><b>Pat Barclay,</b> Psychology, University of Guelph</p> <p><b><i>Reputation and the Evolution of Competitive Altruism</i></b></p>