

EVOLUTIONARY PERSPECTIVES ON DEATH



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leading to the degrees of
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The goal of the conference is to enrich our understanding of death; an additional objective is to recognize the importance of and encourage engagement in interdisciplinary collaboration.

**APRIL 17-18, 2018: EVOLUTIONARY PERSPECTIVES ON DEATH CONFERENCE
MEADOW BROOK HALL, OAKLAND UNIVERSITY**

CONFERENCE AGENDA

**Tuesday,
APRIL 17, 2018 - Oakland Center, Gold Rooms**

7:30 – 9:00 pm

Keynote Address with Q&A

Is Your Death Bad for You?

David Benatar

Philosophy, University of Cape Town, South Africa

**Wednesday,
APRIL 18, 2018 - Meadow Brook Hall**

8:00 – 8:30 am Continental Breakfast

8:30 – 12:00 pm Morning Session (30 min per panelist:
20 min talk, 10 min Q&A from panel and audience)

Welcoming Remarks

James P. Lentini

Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs
and Provost, Oakland University

Ora Hirsh Pescovitz

President, Oakland University

David Buss

(Psychology, University of Texas)

Sarah Brosnan

(Psychology, Georgia State University)

Joseph Carroll

(English, University of Missouri-St. Louis)

Eileen Hebets

(Biology, University of Nebraska-Lincoln)

Ajit Varki

(Medicine, University of California-San Diego)

12:00 – 1:30 pm Lunch

Midday Remarks

Kevin J. Corcoran

Dean, College of Arts and Sciences,
Oakland University

1:30 – 4:30 pm Afternoon Session (30 min per panelist:
20 min talk, 10 min Q&A from panel and audience)

Randy Thornhill

(Biology, University of New Mexico)

Jeanette Altarriba

(Psychology, University at Albany - State University of
New York)

Nicholas Humphrey

(Psychology, London School of Economics; Philosophy,
New College of the Humanities, UK)

Katie Zejdlik

(Anthropology, Western Carolina University)

David Benatar

(Philosophy, University of Cape Town, South Africa)

5:00 – 6:00 pm Reception

Poster Session (Graduate Students, Department
of Psychology, Oakland University)

6:00 – 9:00 pm Dinner

Roundtable Remarks: Reflections and perspectives
on the evolution of death: Future research and
theory (5 min per panelist)

DISCUSSANTS AND PARTICIPANTS

Joshua Ackerman

(Psychology, University of Michigan)

Jody Alt

(Sterling Heights High School, Michigan)

Brian Boutwell

(Criminology, St. Louis University)

Kingsley Browne

(School of Law, Wayne State University)

Eugene Burnstein

(Psychology, University of Michigan)

Brent Donnellan

(Psychology, Michigan State University)

Kevin Laube

(Claw Logistics, Sterling Heights, Michigan)

Tingting Liu

(Psychology, University of Michigan)

William McKibbin

(Psychology, University of Michigan-Flint)

Stephanie Preston

(Psychology, University of Michigan)

Thomas Pyszczynski

(Psychology, University of Colorado at Colorado Springs)

**POSTER PRESENTATIONS BY
OAKLAND UNIVERSITY GRADUATE
STUDENTS IN PSYCHOLOGY**

Validation of the Fear of Rape Scale

Brenna R. Coleman, Melissa McDonald,
& Samantha Brindley

*Cross-Cultural Differences in Perceptions of Death in Japanese
and American Undergraduates*

Whitney Dominick & Jessica Kopitz

Symbolic Prosocial Choice Task in Neotropical (Ara) Macaws

Jessica Leete, Jennifer Vonk, & Patricia Billette

Sequence Learning in Domestic Cats (Felis silvestris catus)

Jennifer Lieb & Jennifer Vonk

*Does Sex Drive Predict Preferences for Sexually Dimorphic Faces
within Short- and Long-Term Relationship Contexts Across
Different Sexual Orientations?*

Jenna Lunge & Lisa L. M. Welling

*A Whole New World: An Investigation of Women's Online
Mating Tactics*

Virginia Mitchell & Lisa L. M. Welling

Effects of Crowds and Enrichment on Captive Pig Behavior

Audrey Robeson, Molly McGuire, Zoe Johnson-
Ulrich, & Jennifer Vonk

Narcissism and Power in Romantic Relationships

Jennifer K. Vrabel & Virgil Zeigler-Hill