

# OSU Department of Entomology

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## The Intersection of Science and Faith

The question "Where did we come from?" is at the core of both religious and scientific thought. In the popular imagination, religion and science are engaged in a cultural battle over the question. To help clarify the understandings and misunderstandings over where religion and science overlap, Susan Fisher (Department of Entomology) has partnered with COSI, WOSU, and Christopher Andersen, Project GRO (Office of University Outreach and Engagement and Office of Research) to produce an annual discussion of faith-based and scientific views of evolution. Funded by a multiyear grant from the John Templeton Foundation, this project brings together international figures to discuss aspects of the intersection of faith and evolution before a live audience at the WOSU@COSI studios. The program is taped for broadcast on WOSU television.

### Beyond Belief: Is Religion in Our Genes?

On Wednesday, October 13, 2010, [Neal Conan](http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=2100380) (<http://www.npr.org/templates/story/story.php?storyId=2100380>), senior host of the National Public Radio talk show, [Talk of the Nation](#), moderated a lively panel discussion at the [WOSU@COSI Studio](#) (<http://www.wosu.org/archive/wosuatcosi/index.php>):

- [Andrew Newberg](http://www.andrewnewberg.com/default.asp) (<http://www.andrewnewberg.com/default.asp>), MD, Director of Clinical Nuclear Medicine, Director of NeuroPET Research, University of Pennsylvania, and author of "Why God Won't Go Away: Brain Science and the Biology of Belief"
- [Nicolas Wade](http://www.nicholas-wade.com/) (<http://www.nicholas-wade.com/>), New York Times science writer and author of "Before the Dawn," and "The Faith Instinct."

The program will be broadcast on [WOSU PLUS](http://www.wosu.org/television/tv-channels/) (<http://www.wosu.org/television/tv-channels/>) on Fridays in December at 9:30 PM.

#### More to Read and View About the Series:

[Judgment Day: Intelligent Design on Trial](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/id/) (<http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/nova/id/>) (PBS/NOVA)

[Beyond the Atheism-Religion Debate](http://speakingoffaith.publicradio.org/programs/atheism-religion/index.shtml) (<http://speakingoffaith.publicradio.org/programs/atheism-religion/index.shtml>) (NPR/Speaking of Faith)

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