

EVOLUTION AND LITERATURE WERKMEISTER WORKSHOP FEBRUARY 26 AND 27

**Organizers:**

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**Participants:**

John Holmes U Birmingham (England)

John Glendening Montana State U

Jonathan Smith U Michigan at Dearborn

Piers Hale U Oklahoma

Meegan Kennedy Florida State U

Anne DeWitt NYU

Ian Hesketh U Queensland (Australia)

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Lecture Room: 228 Diffenbaugh

**Program:**

Thursday February 25 Participants arrive – pick up at airport and pizza chez Ruse

Friday February 26

Each session is one hour long with a 15 minute break between sessions (there will be coffee and donuts in the Seminar Room)

8.30 Breakfast -- place to be determined, probably the Ruses'

9.30 Session One: Ian Hesketh, "A Literary Approach to Evolutionary Narratives of the late 19th Century"

10.45 Session Two: Jonathan Smith, "Darwin and the Sensation Novelists"

12.00 Session Three: Anne DeWitt, "Periodical Poetry About Evolution"

1.00 Lunch Walk to Pitaria, then visit to Library to see first edition of the *Origin of Species*

2.30 Session Four: John Holmes, "Ways of Knowing: Poetry, Science, and Reductionism"

3.45 Showing of film, *Dr Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, followed by general discussion led by Michael Ruse

6.00 Break – back to the hotel or the Leon Pub

7.30 Dinner – Z Bardhi's

Saturday February 27

8.30 Breakfast

9.30 Session Five: John Glendening, "Sexual Selection and Literature"

10.45 Session Six: Meegan Kennedy, "Microscopes and Literature"

12.00 Session Seven: Piers Hale, "Charles Kingsley, Water Babies, and the Evolution of Man, Mind, and Morals"

1.00 Lunch Shell Oyster Bar

2.30 Leave for Wakulla Springs with graduate students – afterwards, back to the hotel for a rest, Leon Pub, or Ruses'

6.30 BBQ at Ruses'

Sunday February 28

Participants leave for home (taking cabs to the airport)

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