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Public Meeting

Featuring

Nikhil Rao

Conservatives Against Intelligent Design

Let Evolution Speak for Itself: You Are Just the Messenger

This presentation will address:

- How evolution itself isn't a radical idea, it's just continually associated with radical or at least contentious ideas.
- How we can make evolution palatable to religious conservatives by clarifying the difference between metaphysical and scientific knowledge.
- How biology education needs to be reformed so that people can approach the issue of evolution in an informed manner.

I plan on weaving these together with my experiences as someone who was raised in the Bible Belt and has been involved in conservative activism and thought and contrasting that with my perception of various left-leaning figures in evolution.

Nikhil Rao started Conservatives Against Intelligent Design in the summer of 2006 in response to the increasingly political and theological tone of the evolution/intelligent design debate. His major research interests include the evolution of primate mating systems and the evolution of the mind. Nikhil holds a B.A. from Cornell in Neurobiology and Behavior, an M.Sc. (distinction) in Human Evolution and Behaviour from University College London in 2005, and is currently in his second year of medical school at the University of Oklahoma and plans to go into psychiatry. He sits on the Board of Governors of Oklahomans for Excellence in Science Education.

TUESDAY, April 24

7:30 to 9:00 PM

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