

# Edward O. Wilson: A Celebration of his 80th Birthday

Place: Psychology Auditorium, Florida State University  
Date: Tuesday, June 2, 2009

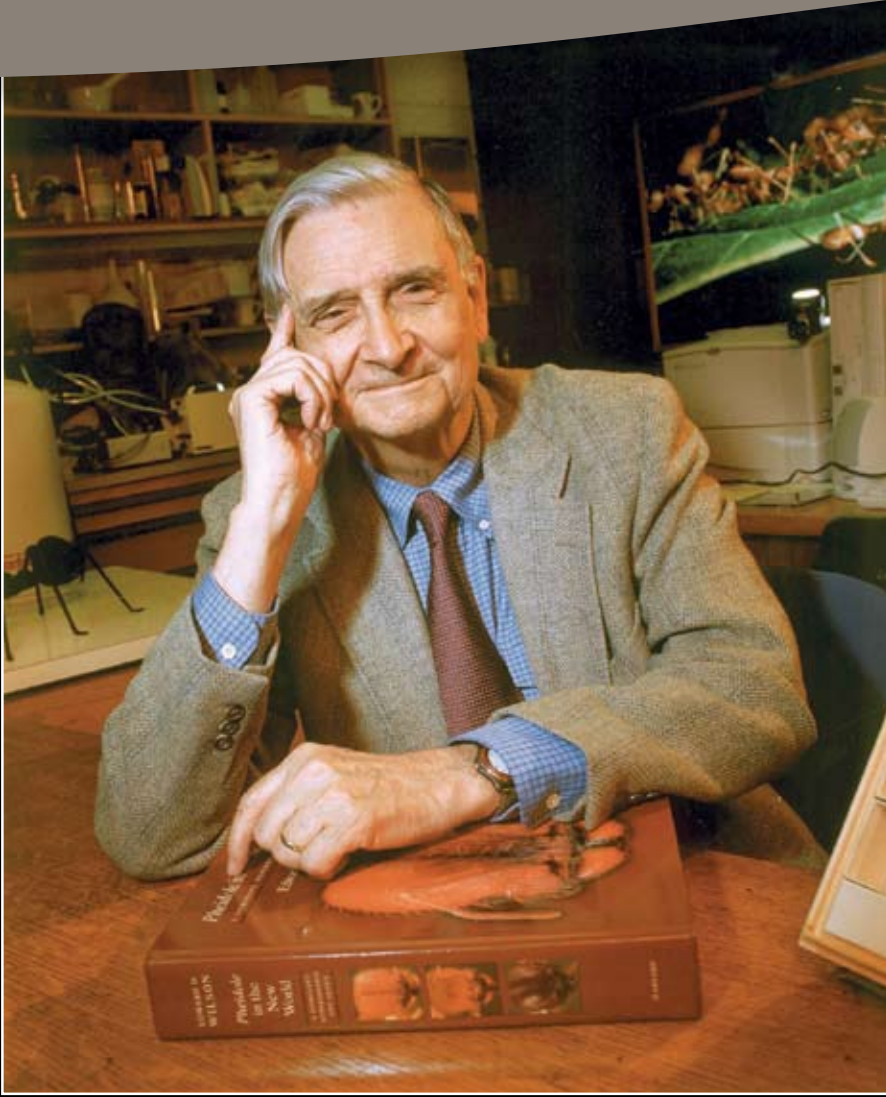


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To celebrate the 80th birthday of America's most distinguished evolutionary biologist, and one of the South's most eminent sons, Edward O. Wilson of Harvard University, the History and Philosophy of Science Program at Florida State University will be holding a one-day symposium on important aspects of his work. All talks will be followed by a short discussion and Professor Wilson will be invited to comment.

All are welcome, both to the symposium and to the fish fry in the evening. There is no charge, but space is limited and we need a head-count for the food, so please register. This symposium is made possible by the generosity of the William H. and Lucyle T. Werkmeister gift to the Philosophy Department at FSU.

- 8.30 am Coffee and donuts.
- 9.15 am Welcome by the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Lawton Professor Joseph Travis (afternoon chair) and the Director of the Program in History and Philosophy of Science, Lucyle T. Werkmeister Professor Michael Ruse (morning chair).
- 9.30am Fritz Davis (History, FSU): Organismic Biology in an Age of Molecules: EOW and Jim Watson Clash Over the Future of Biology
- 10.15am Richard Richards (Philosophy, U Alabama): Subjectivity and Sub-Species: EOW and Ernst Mayr on the Trinomial
- 11.00am Mark Borrello (Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, U Minnesota): Group Selection Thinking in the Work of EOW: Was He Ever a Reductionist?
- 11.45am David Sepkoski (History, UNC Wilmington): EOW, Island Biogeography, and the Rise of Theoretical Paleobiology
- 12.30 pm Lunch -- a list of local restaurants will be provided to attendees
- 2.00 pm Dan Simberloff (Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, U Tennessee): EOW and the Linkage between Historical and Ecological Biogeography
- 2.45 pm M. C. Davis (Nokuse Plantation): EOW, Conservation, and Public Education
- 3.30 pm Jon Maner (Psychology, FSU): EOW, Sociobiology, and the Rise of Evolutionary Psychology
- 4.15 pm Walter Tschinkel (Biology, FSU): EOW and the Biology of Ants.
- 6.30 pm Fish fry at the home of Michael and Lizzie Ruse, 651, East Sixth Avenue, Tallahassee, Florida, 32303. (We live two miles from campus. So long as you tell us beforehand if you are a vegetarian, we will accommodate you.)



In order to register simply send a message to the administrative assistant of the FSU Program in the History and Philosophy of Science, Sarah Whyllly, [sfisk@fsu.edu](mailto:sfisk@fsu.edu). She will be happy to offer advice on hotel accommodations, directions, and other pertinent information.

