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**2nd Human Ethology Summer Institute to be held in Maine**

5-9 July, 2009

The 2nd ISHE sponsored Human Ethology Summer Institute will be held at the University of Maine in Orono (USA) in July. The meeting will be hosted by ISHE Trustee and past-President, Peter LaFreniere, who provides some program details in this issue.

This final issue of 2008 includes three book reviews, the announcement of the 2008 Aldis Award winners, and reports on two recent meetings: the 2008 New England Evolutionary Psychology Society (NEEPS) meeting and the 2008 Siberian Ethology Summer School (sponsored in part by ISHE).

As announced last issue, tentative plans to transform the *Bulletin* to an on-line publication with additional content consisting of peer-reviewed articles are being developed and are under discussion. So far, input from ISHE members has been almost entirely supportive and encouraging. 2009 may be the last year for the *Human Ethology Bulletin* in its present form. If so, the *Bulletin* should remain easily recognizable and become more readily available and more widely read. ISHE officers remain eager to hear advice and comments from members on this potential change.

– Editor
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BOOK REVIEWS

Who’s Afraid of Charles Darwin? Debating Feminism and Evolutionary Theory

By Griet Vandermassen

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Every so often, a book is published at exactly the right time with respect to the intellectual climate. *Who’s Afraid of Charles Darwin: Debating Feminism and Evolutionary Theory* is an example of such a book. When this book was first released, there had been little attention to how feminism and evolutionary-based ideas could be integrated, although there were some notable exceptions (e.g., Eagly & Wood, 1999; Gowaty, 2003; Grosz, 1999; Wilson, 2002). This book was published three years ago and since then I have increasingly seen discussions on this topic arise on internet list-servers, at conferences, and among colleagues. This book is invariably mentioned as the “go-to” reference, and is held in high regard by those who need a source to document the ways that feminism and science are very distinct and yet need each other in order to move forward.

The book is constructed of six chapters, plus an introduction and a short conclusion. The introduction provides the motivation and layout of the book, and the author's personal perceptions of the scientific method and feminism. It also includes a highly useful set of definitions, presenting the variety of feminisms that exist, and overviews the raging debate between the feminist and evolutionary perspectives. Chapter 1, “Science and Its Problems”, focuses on general, feminist views of science, centering on issues such as historical and contemporary occurrences of misogyny. These issues are further explored in detail in Chapter 2, “Feminist Views of Science,” where different forms of feminism are discussed with respect to their perspectives on biological theories and research. Chapter 3, “The Sexes since Darwin,” discusses sex differences from the evolutionary standpoint, starting with Darwin's writings and ending with 1970's “sociobiology.” I particularly liked Chapter 4, “Biophobia within Feminism,” as it captures the majority of the problems one encounters when integrating evolutionary and feminist views. For example, the two views clash over whether the exploration of sex differences is informative or worthwhile. Evolutionary researchers obviously invest considerable effort into examining sex differences, whereas feminists tend to regard “the search for biologically based sex differences [as]...ideologically suspect” (p. 87), especially since, they argue, there is a great deal of overlap between the sexes (p. 88). Essentially, Vandermassen shows that there is a fundamental disagreement between feminists and evolutionary theorists on development; the former asserts social development is the root of all sex differences, whereas the latter draws upon biological influences. The author clearly provides evidence that feminist scholars often have used the naturalistic fallacy to support their dismissal of biological findings and theory. She refers to the infamous feminist writer, Anne Fausto-Sterling, who says “all scientific writing embodies political agendas” (emphasis in the original text, cited on p. 102).

As an aside, I believe that Vandermassen could go further here (Chapter 4) and show how
feminist scholars such as Fausto-Sterling are adamant in their opposition to sociobiology and consistently rely on the naturalistic fallacy. For example, Fausto-Sterling, when talking about the use of animal behavior models and terminology for explaining human behaviors such as rape, says, “This linguistic hat trick [using animal behavior terms to apply to humans with conscious will] characterizes virtually all of human sociobiology” (p. 161). She continues, “If the builders of unfounded evolutionary theories about rape do not foresee how their work will be used and if they claim that it is not their fault, that they simply injected their hypotheses into the free marketplace of ideas where they could be tested and rejected if wrong, then they are at best fooling themselves. At worst, they engage in the most irresponsible sort of academic navel-watching” (p. 195).

Chapter 5, “Sociobiology and Evolutionary Psychology,” temporally follows the material of Chapter 3, and continues the discussion to present-day evolutionary psychological research. Chapter 6, “A Metatheory for Feminism,” is mainly aimed at feminists, with the hope that they will begin to apply evolutionary-based ideas to their research instead of simply responding in a reactionary manner.

Vandermassen’s writing is exceptionally clear and concise. She carefully demonstrates that feminist scholars have a wide diversity of views about the origins of sex differences, with some individuals being more receptive to scientific, or specifically evolutionary, explanations than others. Similarly, she shows how evolutionary-based researchers have frequently excluded investigations of topics that are salient to women, been demeaning, or represented women as too passive. Meanwhile, others who work from this perspective have addressed or commented on these issues directly (e.g., Campbell, 2002; Hrdy, 1999). It is this diversity of views that Vandermassen works with when she tries to create a synthesis for feminist scholars and researchers in evolutionary-based areas of study. Her understanding of these divergent and contradictory perspectives radiates throughout the book, and she has made an outstanding effort to reference a considerable body of literature, spanning many sub-disciplines.

It seems to me that this book was primarily written to inform those who want to understand what feminist scholars think about evolutionary-based research, and to encourage feminists to consider the evolutionary view. This is not a trivial challenge: feminist views of the evolutionary foundations of human behavior (or just biological explanations generally speaking) are typically not ambivalent; as she documents, there have been numerous hostile reactions towards this research. Unfortunately, I doubt that many feminist scholars will appreciate Vandermassen’s view since no framework seems to exist that would allow them to appreciate her message. This situation is truly a shame because, “If feminists continue to reject the mounting evidence from the biological sciences (e.g., genetics, behavioral genetics, neurophysiology, endocrinology, neurolinguistics, artificial intelligence) with regard to the biological underpinnings of human behavior, they back themselves into an embarrassingly uninformed corner” (p. 196).

One thing that is missing in this book is a more than cursory review of Darwinian feminist research. These are individuals who apply the evolutionary framework to “integrate proximate feminist theories in the ultimate framework of evolutionary theory” (p. 14). Perhaps there are too few individuals in this area to actually warrant much discussion, but it seems like a promising start and I would have enjoyed more attention to these developments.

The book will be highly useful for many graduate or upper-year undergraduate courses,
including the history of scientific thought, feminist theory, cultural or gender studies, and evolutionary psychology. It is accessibly written, well referenced and should foster many interesting class discussions.

References


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**Popularizing Evolutionary Psychology**

A review of *Why Beautiful People Have More Daughters* by Alan S. Miller and Satoshi Kanazawa.


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For many in search of explanations for the mysteries underlying human behavior, the epiphany and parsimony that evolutionary psychology provides is undeniably one of the keys to formulating a comprehensive grasp of what it is to be human. It is this fundamental attribute that Miller and Kanazawa illustrate in *Why Beautiful People Have More Daughters*, summing up how evolutionary thinking has led to fruitful advances in explaining human behavior. For those already familiar with evolutionary psychology, this book provides a useful and entertaining summary of its central tenets and major research findings. However, for the lay reader curious about evolutionary psychology, but unwilling or unable to dig deeper into the scientific literature, this book will have a more profound impact.

The clear and straightforward style of Miller and Kanazawa’s writing effectively brings the world of evolutionary psychology to just about anyone’s living room. They use a simple question and answer format, and choose effective examples, embellished with excellent wit, common sense logic, and relevance to today’s reader. Their reliance on the core arguments runs smoothly throughout the book.
The authors have an uncanny knack for making sure that no ideas are lost in translation, keeping the prose concise and digestible even to those with little or no knowledge of the field. Their focus on the evolutionary psychology behind attraction, mating, violence, politics, and social issues speaks to the interest of those who might otherwise ignore this unique perspective on human behavior.

Despite the book’s provocative title, the authors touch upon much more than just what determines the sex of a child. In fact, their exploration of this question only accounts for a few pages; a wealth of other topics, research findings, and explanations make up a large part of the book. The hypothesis that beautiful people have more daughters is based on previous findings from evolutionary psychology that female attractiveness is valued highly in both short and long-term mating, whereas male attractiveness is valued primarily in short-term mating. Therefore, more attractive parents would benefit more by having attractive daughters rather than sons. In accordance with their assumption, Kanazawa reports that adults rated as “very attractive” did indeed have more daughters than sons. Miller and Kanazawa use this finding to exemplify how evolutionary psychology can generate unique theories, allow for testable ideas, and provide a coherent and fundamental explanation for the ultimate causes of all sorts of human processes and behaviors.

In clarifying the ethos of evolutionary psychology, Miller and Kanazawa repeatedly show the stark contrast between Evolutionary and Standard Social Science Models for explaining human behavior. Armed with the latest and most prominent findings of evolutionary psychology, each chapter persuasively refutes the claims of the Standard Social Science Model that all of our behavior is a product of environmental input, socialization, and cultural transmission. Instead, Miller and Kanazawa support the evolutionary contention that much of our behavior is shared across cultures, and can be explained through Darwinian natural selection. Miller and Kanazawa challenge the underlying principles of the “nature vs. nurture” argument as a false dichotomy. In spite of this stated position, they nonetheless focus their efforts on proving that the “nature” side is the prevailing force in shaping how we think and act. For the lay reader, their straightforward approach to this topic is easy to follow and understand, reinforcing the authors’ goal of bringing evolutionary psychology into the public square. However, for more astute followers, this strength may prove to be its main drawback.

While most evolutionary psychologists agree on the big picture – that natural selection shapes human brain evolution and behavior – there are still many controversies not adequately brought to light in this book. These include the concrete nature of human mental adaptations, the existence and role of behavioral variation, and the extension, as well as limits, of evolutionary logic in deriving ultimate explanations. A perfect example is the author’s usage of the “savannah principle”, stating that, “the human brain has difficulty comprehending and dealing with entities and situations that did not exist in the ancestral environment” (p. 21). The authors use this train of thought to explain why watching television gives us a sense of social belonging, the attractiveness of legally under-age women to older men, the effectiveness of make-up and plastic surgery, and the popularity of pornography even though it has no direct reproductive value. This argument is a valid one, as modern culture has found ways to manipulate our evolved desires to the extent that we cannot just “shut them off” when they become maladaptive. On the other hand, it fails to put into perspective that while our evolved desires and motivations are being manipulated, we still fully understand the context and realities of television, law, plastic.
surgery, and pornography. We know full well that the actors are not our friends, that the under-age women are off-limits, that breast implants are fake, and that we didn’t just have sex by watching it on TV. In fact, our ability to understand such innovations even as they manipulate our evolved desires is a testament to adaptations overlooked in this book, such as the vast breadth of learning, memory, and other cognitive capabilities that allow us to function in the 21st century. Miller and Kanazawa present a sound argument for evolutionary theories of our human nature, but then end up leaving out many aspects of our human nature in the service of building an argument against the Standard Social Science Model.

Nevertheless, Why Beautiful People Have More Daughters is a tribute to the success of evolutionary psychology in ushering in a new and much needed perspective to the field of human psychology. Miller and Kanazawa’s goal is not to explain every single nuance of our complex human nature, but rather to build a strong empirical and theoretical case that much of what we are, and how we think, is ultimately a product of the adaptations that helped our ancestors, and their ancestors before them, survive and reproduce. In this sense, Why Beautiful People Have More Daughters succeeds brilliantly, with a style and charm that can bring the epiphany of evolutionary logic into the mind of any reader.

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Human Nature in Rural Tuscany: An Early Modern History

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Piuttosto can vivo che leone morto
(Better to be a living dog than a dead lion)
[Tuscan proverb]

Despite the reference to “Human Nature” in the title, one may doubt that a history book would seriously consider “human nature” in an ethological manner, but this book does have a substantial component of historical ethology. The author reveals in the brief but informative preface that it is “a nominative study of social behavior” (i.e., focused “on the individual actions of ordinary people”) using a conceptual framework of ethology and evolutionary psychology. In fact, he begins the book proper by drawing parallels between his historical technique applied to a small village and the detailed study of captive chimps by Frans de Waal and others. Over the course of the book it becomes clear that the author has been greatly inspired by the techniques, theories and findings of behavioral primatology. Adding to the interest for many readers, the book concerns village life in rural Tuscany, not far from the site of the 2008 ISHE Congress in Bologna, Italy.

Hanlon’s focus is Montefollonico, a typical Tuscan castello (hilltop community) for which he has uncovered rich archives dealing with the “minutia of daily life” during the 1600’s. This small village contained about 350 residents, with 450-500 more inhabitants among the
surrounding farms. His vast array of documents includes municipal records, tax registers, real estate registers, hospital records, “abundant” legal records of civil litigation and criminal justice, “hundreds of marriage contracts and inquests into marriage eligibility”, reports from bishops and priests, baptism records, and numerous other church records. In addition, records from the regional authorities in Siena provided a “vast collection of public and private contracts” including “testaments, postmortem inventories, and property leases” (p. 3). This voluminous set of documents not only affords a more detailed look at life than that usually available to historians, but allows Hanlon to reconstruct many of the details of specific individuals living here. The records are so rich that Hanlon sometimes needs to sample the records (e.g., pp. 73ff.) in order to get a manageable data set. Hanlon is well aware of limitations and potential bias (e.g., underestimation of criminal activity) in the archival data, and is careful to explicitly acknowledge such limitations periodically throughout the book.

The book is composed of just five sections, in addition to the Preface and Introduction. These are: Governance, Cooperation, Competition, Reproduction and Invention. The book has neither a reference section nor an author index, using instead hundreds of footnotes spanning 38 pages at the back of the book. It does have a reasonably good subject index. There are 17 monochrome figures and photographs, and a sprinkling of delightful Tuscan mottos such as the one at the start of this review. The grain of analysis ranges from detailed examination of individuals to families to discussion of the population as a whole. The book often reads more like a work in cultural anthropology than in history and, on the whole, is well written.

A recurrent theme is Hanlon’s rejection of the cultural relativism, which is too often favored by historians and others, and he instead draws attention to human universals and the role of human biology. He argues that this perspective allows us to explain “more phenomena with greater economy” (p. 6), but also allows for a multitude of individual differences and for variations between cultures. Citing Darwin, Pinker, de Waal, Donald Brown, et al., he emphasizes the universals of cognition and emotion as per the core postulates of evolutionary psychology, and predicts that this perspective will “transform the way historians understand” family life, kinship, sexuality, politics, violence and cooperation. Culture is seen as merely a proximate mechanism, and one that is incapable of explaining the “constants” (universals) found in human behavior. Culture as an explanatory concept should be “invoked more sparingly or else altogether discarded as obsolete” (p. 4); a stance taken, for example, in his discussion of the double standard for adultery (cf. p. 131ff.).

Of particular importance are the universals of reciprocity and retaliation. Hanlon finds evidence of both kin selection and reciprocal altruism. Charity is seen as a “textbook illustration” of Trivers’ theory of reciprocal altruism, with the important consideration that the village was small enough that identities and reputations were well known by other members of the community. Outsiders and recent arrivals were often viewed unfavorably and rarely benefited from charity or tolerated scrounging. Kin selection seems quite evident in the data on confrontations and fighting. When not acting alone, aggressors usually were accompanied by kinsmen, with the “great majority” of allies being blood relatives, and with in-laws being infrequent members of such coalitions. The situation provoking group aggression most often was the defense of parents and children (cf. p. 89).

Another universal, hierarchy, is introduced in the opening chapter, Governance. Here Hanlon proposes that principles of apportioning power and resources usually revolve around the readily understood dichotomy of participation
and hierarchy. Social hierarchy imposes constraints on competition and fosters work towards common goals. In Montefollonico, a community with many unrelated families, governance required a careful balance of competing interests. Thus, one finds wide sharing of power and typically limited terms in powerful positions, with provisions preventing one person or kin-group from attaining strong dominance. Hanlon finds the universal “parameters of leadership”, including sympathy for the weak and a readiness to aid mistreated group members. As in other matters, reciprocity and retaliation are readily seen.

Hanlon explains how the behavior seen in his careful examination of everyday life is typically well-suited to supporting the individual goals of survival and maintenance or improvement of one’s circumstances. The behaviors range widely and include gossiping, impression management, charity, theft, and surveillance. In an economic world based on exchange and cooperation, reputations were “public commodities” of high importance that were carefully attended to by people of both high and low status. The striving for a good reputation contributes to cooperation (cf. Chapter 2). For instance, one’s trustworthiness, a critical trait in a village economy, was an outcome of “honorable behavior and a willingness to conform to community norms” (p. 52). In fact, the economy depended on “a myriad of mutually beneficial exchanges fostering cooperation and reciprocity among neighbors, landlords, and tenants” (p. 68).

Of course, the pursuit of individual advantage does not align perfectly with complete cooperation and social consideration, and individuals should seize advantages when the opportunity arises. Hanlon highlights this conflict in Chapter 3, Competition. From the evolutionary perspective taken here, cheating and deception are natural human behaviors held in check by community vigilance and the “implicit threat” of retaliation. An individual’s reputation as one who would and could defend their interests had important deterrent value. Social institutions of civil and criminal justice codify the natural sense of rules, responsibility, and social justice. Hanlon finds that wealthy people made more use of court systems to defend their property, but that the rules and processes of formal justice were sufficiently neutral to instill public confidence in them.

Although titled Reproduction, Chapter 4 also deals extensively with sex differences and sex roles. As may be expected, given the evolutionary perspective, these topics appear repeatedly throughout the book. In short, Hanlon reports findings that are remarkably consistent with the pattern of roles and differences predicted by evolutionary theories. So we see that males competed for females and for power, were more aggressive, dominated public affairs and politics, and were more prone to stealing and violence. Indeed, men “had a near-monopoly on grievous and premeditated aggression” (p. 86), and Hanlon finds some evidence of aggression in most men in the community. Risk taking is much more evident in males, particularly young males, who show more willingness “to jeopardize their lives and fortunes in search of status and attention” (p. 84). Women, in contrast, were largely responsible for child care and household chores, tended smaller animals and gardens, married older men, adhered more closely to some aspects of religion, and were less likely to be charged with crimes. Hanlon rightfully sees multiple effects of paternal uncertainty and the large biological disparity in the burden of reproduction. These include the serious consequences of premarital pregnancy and the great concern with girls’ chastity, sexual reputations, and marriage.

The final section of the book, Invention, examines the forces of change that influenced this region during the period in question. Hanlon stresses human adaptability here, and
adaptability was certainly needed as the region experienced a long-lasting economic decline and eventual crisis, as well as plagues and famine. During the same period, the power and importance of the Catholic church increased significantly. Discussion of the clergy, religious practices, church revenue and related matters is concentrated in this section of the book. Hanlon also addresses the human tendency for population growth. The chapter closes with a one page conclusion that applies to the book as a whole.

The virtues of this book include the carefully assembled archival data on Tuscan society and daily life, and the application of evolutionary perspectives to historical data. A remarkably detailed view of life is provided, including many aspects (e.g., infanticide, midwifery, sibling rivalry, parenting, sexual jealousy) not mentioned in this review but of considerable interest to ethologists. It should be expected that many of the patterns and findings in 17th century Tuscan villages as reported herein also characterize numerous human communities in other times and places since, until fairly recent times, it was common for humans to live in such small communities with familiar others.

A major weakness of the book is Hanlon’s data analyses; these never include inferential statistics and are often so limited that only frequency counts are provided. In addition, one might hope that the ethological perspective could be more developed and more frequently applied, but the historical data probably do not allow for this. Likewise, the descriptions and discussions, like most historical documents themselves, are almost certainly biased in the direction of the unusual and noteworthy, perhaps distorting the picture of everyday life for ordinary people that Hanlon tries to describe. Still, this is an admirable attempt to subject carefully gathered, highly detailed, historical data to well-conceived evolutionary analysis. Besides providing an interesting historical examination of everyday life in a largely pre-literate society, the painstaking data collection presented within can serve as a good source for identifying or confirming human universals and adaptive behaviors.

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Photos from ISHE08

A speaker is introduced by John Richer under the marvelous fresco in Prodi Hall.

A gathering of ISHE08 attendees. (photo by Wall Hattori)

At the ISHE08 banquet. (photo by Wall Hattori)
New Books

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2009 Maine Summer Institute in Human Ethology

An ISHE sponsored Summer Institute in Human Ethology will be hosted by the University of Maine at Orono on July 5-9, 2009. ISHE Summer Institutes are designed for advanced graduate students and researchers around a few important themes derived from emerging research trends in the field of human ethology, broadly conceived as the study of human adaptation and behavior from an evolutionary perspective. The timing is immediately before the meeting of the Northeastern Evolutionary Psychology Society (NEEPS) [9-12 July 2009 – State University of New York at Oswego – http://neepsociety.org/] for those who might want to attend both meetings.

The ISHE 2009 Summer Institute will include 3 plenary addresses (90 min each), 7 workshops (60 min each), approximately 20 to 30 oral presentations (20 min each) as well as poster presentations and film sessions. We will be meeting in the recently renovated state-of-the-art conference facility on the Univ. of Maine campus, with restaurants and lodging nearby.

![University of Maine conference venue.](image)

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**Important Dates:**
- **28 February 2009:** Abstract Submission Deadline
- **20 March 2009:** Notification of Acceptance:

**Plenary Addresses**

- **David Geary** (University of Missouri, USA) – *The Origin of Mind: Evolution of Brain, Cognition, and General Intelligence*
- **Kevin MacDonald** (California State University: Long Beach, USA) – *Effortful Control, Explicit Processing and the Regulation of Human Evolved Predispositions*
- **Daniel Povinelli** (Cognitive Evolution Group, University of Louisiana - New Iberia, USA) – *Humanizing the Human Mind*

**Workshops**

- **Karl Grammer** (Ludwig-Boltzmann-Institute for Urban Ethology, Vienna, Austria) – *Reverse engineering: A new approach to behavior analysis*
- **Daniel Kruger** (University of Michigan, USA) – *Understanding Statistics with Tinbergen’s Four Questions*
- **Peter LaFreniere** (University of Maine - Orono, USA) – *Evolutionary Developmental Psychology*
- **Elisabeth Oberzaucher** (Ludwig-Boltzmann-Institute for Urban Ethology, Vienna, Austria) – *Observational Methods in Research on Emotional Expressions*
- **John Richer** (Paediatric Psychology, John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford, UK) – *Diagnostic schemes in child psychiatry, where they help and where they hinder, and ethologically based alternatives for describing problems in children’s behaviour and development*
Wulf Schiefenhövel (Human Ethology Group, Max-Planck-Institute for Ornithology, Andechs, Germany) – *Fieldwork Methods in Crosscultural Human Ethology*

Glenn Weisfeld (Wayne State University, USA) – *Ethological perspectives on the basic emotions of pride and shame*

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We welcome submissions on all topics relevant to human ethology, broadly defined as an interdisciplinary approach to the study of human adaptation and behavior from an evolutionary perspective.

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Prepare two versions of your abstract: a 200-word abstract for inclusion in the program and a 500-word abstract for review. The deadline for abstract submission is February 28, 2009. Notifications of acceptance will be sent by March 20, 2009. All abstracts should be sent to the Program Chair: Peter LaFreniere (peter.lafreniere@umit.maine.edu)

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- Portland [PWM] - (2.5 hrs)
- Bangor [BGR] - (15 min)

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Two campus residence halls are available, both located within a short walk to the conference site.

- Doris Twitchell Allen Village: [www.umaine.edu/conferences/meetingspacegallery/DTAV/DTAV.htm](http://www.umaine.edu/conferences/meetingspacegallery/DTAV/DTAV.htm)
- Patch Hall: [www.umaine.edu/conferences/meetingspacegallery/Patch%20Hall/Patch.htm](http://www.umaine.edu/conferences/meetingspacegallery/Patch%20Hall/Patch.htm)

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**Off campus housing** is also available at two inns, both approximately one mile from the conference site.

- Best Western Black Bear Inn/Conference Center
  4 Godfrey Road, Orono, ME 04473
  1-207-866-7120 or 1-800-528-1234
  Fax: 1-207-866-7433
  [www.bestwestern.com](http://www.bestwestern.com)
University Inn Academic Suites  
5 College Avenue, Orono, ME 04473  
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www.universitymotorinn.com

**Conference registration** will open on March 15, 2009. At that time on-campus housing registration will be available.

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- Peter LaFreniere

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*With this issue, the last one of 2008, I would like to thank every member of the editorial staff (listed on pg. 2) for their thoughtful and conscientious contributions to the creation of the four 2008 issues. In addition, Marco Costa and Glenn Weisfeld are particularly worthy of thanks for their help with the Bulletin over the past year, as is Astrid Juette for her help is seeing that each issue gets properly sent to all recipients. Of course, the many authors of book reviews and other published items are also due thanks.*

- T. R. Alley, Editor

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**Call for Proposals:**

**Host Sites for ISHE10**

The ISHE Board of Officers would like to receive tentative proposals for hosting the 2010 Biennial ISHE Congress. Two proposals have been received with gratitude and are still being considered. This meeting is typically held during the summer, and for 2010 will be held in the Americas. Questions and offers can be directed to Glenn Weisfeld ([Weisfeld@sun.science.wayne.edu](mailto:Weisfeld@sun.science.wayne.edu)) or Wulf Schieferhövel ([Schien@orn.mpg.de](mailto:Schien@orn.mpg.de)).
The 2008 NEEPS Meeting

The NorthEastern Evolutionary Psychology Society (NEEPS) formed in 2007 as the first regional, sister society to the Human Behavior and Evolution Society. NEEPS is designed to facilitate interactions among scholars who study psychological questions from an evolutionary perspective. Given this relatively broad charge, NEEPS welcome scholars from multiple disciplines (e.g., anthropology, biology, literary studies, psychology, sociology) with a diversity of research and theoretical interests. The initial meeting was highly successful, and led to a second conference, which will be followed by a third conference in 2009.

This second meeting of NEEPS took place May 2nd to 4th, 2008. There were approximately 100 oral presentations and posters, covering an extensive range of topics. The 2008 keynote speaker was Steve Pinker, who presented a review of his recent book, The Stuff of Thought: Language as a Window into Human Nature. The plenary speaker was Peter Gray, who spoke about applying evolutionary psychology to questions of child development. Interested individuals can review a copy of the proceedings which will be available through the Journal of Social, Evolutionary, and Cultural Psychology (http://www.jsecjournal.com) in early 2009.

If you are interested in learning more about this society you should explore the NEEPS website (http://www.neepsociety.com). You might also consider attending NEEPS 2009, which will be held [just after the ISHE Summer Institute in Maine - Ed.] in Oswego, New York, right on scenic Lake Ontario.

-- Maryanne Fisher

The 2008 Siberian Summer School on Human Ethology

Report by Zhanna Reznikova (Chair)
[Photographs by Zhanna Reznikova (ZR), Elena Dorosheva (ED), Sofia Panteleeva (SP)]

The new Department of Comparative Psychology of the Novosibirsk State University (NSU) organized the third Siberian Summer School (8-14 September, 2008), in continuation of the tradition of Siberian Summer Schools on Human Ethology organized by Prof. Wulf Schiefenhoevel and Dr. Frank Salter in Novosibirsk in 2002 and 2003. The 2008 School was sponsored by NSU, ISHE, the Russian Fund for Basic Research, and the Presidium of the Siberian Branch RAS. The distinctive feature of this School is its multidisciplinary approach. We aimed at stimulating exchanges between the various branches of human ethology and related fields of comparative psychology and biological sciences. That is why the School is subtitled, “Human and Non-Human Ethology: Psychological, Evolutionary and Genetic-Physiological Aspects”.

The School gathered about 150 participants. The meeting was hosted by the Department of Psychology of NSU and the Institute for Animal Systematics and Ecology, Siberian Branch RAS. Participants visited Zhanna Reznikova’s laboratory in the Institute to watch clever ants mastering the famous “binary tree” maze, Belyaev’s well known farm of domestic foxes, the Museum of Archaeology and Ethnography at the Institute of Archaeology, the Siberian Branch RAS, and the Novosibirsk Zoo. All visitors were housed at the Golden Valley academic hotel near the university, in the Academgorodok, a scientific part of Novosibirsk. The School commenced with a social reception and dinner at NSU.
The speakers for the 2008 Siberian Summer School included several internationally known scientists as well as presentations by students and young researchers. The addresses and talks spanned a wide variety of topics including cultural primatology, social learning, development of emotions, ethology of childhood, genetic aspects of aggression, evolution of behaviour, genetic variety of human populations, behavioural consequences of stress, abusing families, and cross-cultural analysis of human behaviour. The schedule of the School was rather tight. Each day the program included 6 to 8 addresses, from 60 to 90 minutes each. Lively questions and discussions followed each lecture.

The program began with brief welcoming remarks from the hosts. Prof. Karl Grammer from Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Urban Ethology, Vienna, gave the opening presentation. His thought-provoking talk, “Darwin’s Problem: Evolutionary Aesthetics and the Sense of Beauty”, provided a good starting point for the meeting, raising many questions about various aspects of human attractiveness, a topic of high interest for researchers and students in different fields of natural science. Later that same day, Prof. Mikhail Moshkin (Institute of Cytology & Genetics and Institute for Animal Systematics & Ecology, Siberian Branch RAS) lectured on the role of pheromones in human behaviour and immune resistance. Prof. Zoya Zorina from Moscow State University summarized the role of pioneering works of the famous Russian zoopsychologist, Nadezhda Ladygina-Kohts, in the development of human ethology. In her lecture, she demonstrated many rare photos from the collection of the Darwinian Museum established by Ladygina-Kohts with her husband Alexander Kohts in the beginning of the 20th century. Zoya’s colleague from the same department, Dr. Anna Smirnova, compared inferential reasoning in human and non-human animals. It was very impressive to watch crows performing logical operations at the level of great apes and children.

The first day also included the session of presentations by young researchers and students. This session provided a multi-faceted panorama of human- and non-human ethology. The following reports were presented:
1. Valentina Burkova (Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology RAS, Moscow; supervisor Prof. M. Butovskaya) – 2D:4D ratio, aggression and personality in Russian adolescents

2. Alesya Prudnikova (Moscow State Univ. & Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology RAS, Moscow; supervisors Prof’s. E. Godina and M. Butovskaya) – Fluttering asymmetry and psychological peculiarities of personal characteristics in sportsmen of different specialties

3. Maria Solov’eva (NSU; supervisor Dr. I. Plusnina) – Effect of selection for elimination of aggressiveness towards human[s] on inter-male aggression in Norway rats

4. Victoria Lozovaya (Kiev State Univ.; supervisor N. Makarchuk) – Behavioural strategies in rats after actions of different forms of stress

5. Olga Polevaya (Nizhniy Novgorod Linguistic University; supervisor Prof. S. Averkina) – Development of “Democracy” concept in American culture (analysis of American English)

6. Alena Rubannikova (Kemerovo State Univ.; supervisor Prof. N. Litvinova) – Odour attractiveness in boys and girls

7. Olga Bulatova (Kemerovo State Univ.) – Internal estimations and EEG reactions to sexual pheromones in boys and girls

8. Tatiana Rippinen (Institute of Physiology, Siberian Branch RAS; supervisor Prof. E. Slobodskaya) – Computer in culture of childhood

9. Zoya Chasovskih (NSU; supervisor Dr. A. Druzyaka) – Development of behavioural sequences in young gulls

10. Ivan Iakovlev (Institute for Animal Systematics and Ecology; supervisor Prof. Zh. Reznikova) – Development of aggression and individual variability in ants’ behaviour

11. Aleksander Romashenko (Institute of Cytology and Genetics, Siberian Branch RAS; supervisor Prof. M. Moshkin) – A tickle view of human sexual pheromones: A behavioural and electro-physiological response of taiga tickles to synthetic sexual pheromones of humans

12. Irina Chadaeva (Severtsov Institute of Evolution and Ecology, RAS, Moscow & Institute for Cytology and Genetic, Siberian Branch RAS; supervisor Prof. N. Vasil’eva) – Djungarian hamster females reaction on males chemosignals determine analytical abilities

13. Dr. Arkadyi Bragin, Prof. Ludmila Osadchuk, Prof. Alexander Osadchuk (Institute of Cytology and Genetic, Siberian Branch RAS) – Social dominance with different level of laboratory male mice aggression (Mus musculus) in experimental model.

14. Eugenyi Brusentcev, Arkadyi Bragin, Prof. Ludmila Osadchuk, Prof. Alexander Osadchuk (Institute of Cytology and Genetic, Siberian Branch RAS) – Territoriality and scent marking activity in male mice

The audience (ZR)

The second day of the School started with Prof. Bill McGrew’s exciting lecture, “Reflections on progress in cultural primatology”. He presented key issues facing cultural primatologists, as seen from the viewpoint of a long-standing student of wild chimpanzees. The lecture of Zhanna Reznikova was devoted to an ant’s eye view of culture, a title borrowed from Bill McGrew’s foreword for her new Animal Intelligence book (Cambridge University Press, 2007). This address presented the newly revealed form of social learning in animals: distributed social learning based on triggering dormant behavioural patterns. The next speaker, Dr. Elena Dorosheva, developed the new idea of “adaptive learning” (“stimulus-pattern” instead of “stimulus-reaction”). Being developed on beetles and ants, this idea was applied by Elena for joint creative activity in young children. Prof. Marina Vancatova (Charles University, Prague) presented a wide panorama of research on “Tool behaviour
in primates”, including pioneering results of Marina’s teacher, Russian primatologist Prof. Leonid Firsov (who passed away last year). The day was finished by the very interesting lecture by Dr. Svetlana Borinskaya (Institute of General Genetics, Russian Academy of Science, Moscow) on “Cultural succession and human genetics”.

The third day was devoted to excursions. The fourth day was opened by the lecture of Prof. Kim Bard (University of Portsmouth), “Development of emotional expression in chimpanzees and human infants”. Kim highlighted the value of comparative perspectives on development and of developmental perspectives on species comparisons. This combined approach is important to understand the plasticity inherent in the emotional development of humans and chimpanzees. Marina Vancatova continued this line with a lecture (her second) on comparative analysis of picture making activity in apes and human children illustrated with a rich collection of samples of “ape art”. These pictures, Marina says, correspond to the first and, sometimes, even the second stages of the development of picture making in human children.

Dr. Kseniya Uplisova, a young researcher from St. Petersburg University, gave a brief talk in which parrots and humans changed their places: Kseniya related peculiarities of phonetic identification of vowel sounds in parrots. The second part of the day was devoted to physiological and genetic aspects of behaviour brightly presented by world-known researchers from the Institute of Cytology and Genetics Siberian Branch RAS. Natalia Kudryavtseva, the head of the Department of Neurogenetic Basis of Social Behaviour, presented a talk about the psychopathology of behaviour. Several collaborators of hers (Galina Vishnivetskaya, Damira Avgustinovich, Natalia Bondar, Irina Kovalenko, Dmitriy Smagin) summarised experimental approaches and showed a scientific film. Indeed, the audience was amazed by the human-like displays of psychopathology in mice. The attendees recovered during a short coffee break before Dr. Irina Pluschina shocked them with deep changes in aggressive behaviour and cognitive abilities caused by domestication, and Alexander Kulikov dealt the final blow with lectures about relations between candidate genes and behaviour.

The fifth day of the School started with a lecture about social behaviour and instincts in humans by Prof. Rem Hlebopros, the Director of International Centre for Research of Extreme States of Organisms, Siberian Branch RAS (Krasnoyarsk). Then Dr. Michail Potapov presented his talk (co-authored with Prof. Vadim Eviskov and Dr. Galina Nazarova). Investigations of this group are devoted to effects of sexual selection in mammals. The audience was just heated up by impressive pictures of ways to make love and keep genetic potential in mice and elephants, when Prof. Elena Nikolaeva (Russian State Pedagogic University, St. Petersburg) stimulated a storm of emotions by presenting new data concerning reinforcement and punishment in modern families. Each student in the audience wanted to give advice on how to reinforce and punish children, and how to make them happy. Then Yulia Fedenok – the young co-author of Prof. Marina Butovskaya (who was not able to attend, being in Africa) – calmed the audience with a lecture about age dynamics of individual distance and tactile communication in humans. The storm of emotions returned in the evening with the lecture of Dr. Olga Lisichenko about psycho-genetic aspects of biological and cultural evolution, and the Darwinian lecture of Prof. Pavel Borodin (Institute of Cytology & Genetics Siberian Branch RAS).
The spirit of the last day of the School was created by specialists from Nizhniy Novgorod (the State University and the State Medical Academy), Drs. Sergey Parin and Sofia Polevaya, lecturing on “Human and non-human animals in extreme situations: neurochemistry and evolution” and “Integrative principles of coding and recognition of sensory information: peculiarities of consciousness of stimuli in a stress situation”. The scientific program was finished by the lecture of Dr. Alina Amikishieva (Institute of Cytology and Genetics, Siberian Branch RAS): “Principles of bio-ethics”.

In conclusion, I would like to thank all our sponsors and also thank the members of the Student Organizing Committee (headed by Irina Karpenko, Dr. Elena Dorosheva and Dr. Sofia Panteleeva) for their great work, especially E. Fon-Der-Flaass, A. Grishaeva, A. Stupakov, M. Melnikov, M. Mezentzeva, I. Antokhin, S. Krasnukhina, N. Tarasovskaya, and N. Hotzkin.

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Correction
The minutes from ISHE08 published in the last issue mistakenly attributed the offer to host the next ISHE meeting in Brazil to Maria Lúcia Seidl de Moura, who was not in Bologna. The offer came from Maria Emilia Yamamoto (Universidade Federal do Rio Grande do Norte, Natal, Brazil).
The ISHE Board of Officers is pleased to announce the winners of Owen Aldis Awards for 2008. This year the evaluations were conducted by members of the Board of Trustees chaired by Prof. John Richer, for which the Board of Officers express their gratitude. Proposals were read by at least two different judges who evaluated them using standards of scientific merit and ethological relevance. The two winning proposals were considered to be strong on both criteria.

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**Julia Fedenok**

- Ph.D. student, Center of Cross-cultural Psychology and Human Ethology, Institute of Ethnology and Anthropology, Russian Academy of Sciences, Moscow.
- Mentor: Marina L. Butovskaya

*Adaptation to Multicultural Environment in Russia: Spatial behavior of children and adolescents*

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**Dagmar Kohoutova,** M.Sc.

- Department of Anthropology, Faculty of Humanities, Charles University, Prague, Czech Republic.
- Mentor: Jan Havlicek

*The Development of Olfactory Abilities andPreferences during Childhood and Puberty*

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEB to be Transformed into an On-Line Journal?

As previously announced, the Bulletin staff and ISHE officers are considering transforming the Human Ethology Bulletin into an on-line publication with additional content consisting of peer-reviewed articles. At this time, no decisions have been made and the input and advice of members is being sought. The benefits foreseen include [1] establishing a new publication outlet for research and theory on human ethology, [2] increasing the availability, subscriber base, and global impact of the Bulletin and, probably, [3] a reduction in costs for ISHE. In any case, we plan to maintain HEB as a quarterly publication, retain the existing content (e.g., book reviews and announcement of new books and papers), and retain the ability for members to create a printed copy of each issue by simply printing an electronic (probably PDF) document.

Members are encouraged to submit any questions, comments, advice or suggestions they may have on this matter. All responses from members can be sent to the Bulletin Editor at Alley@Clemson.edu.

ISHE members seeking graduate students or postdoc's are invited to submit material to inform and attract potential applicants for inclusion on the ISHE web site. Research interests, recent publications, etc. may be included, along with links to the person's department and personal or lab web pages. Such material can be sent to the ISHE Webmaster, Karl Grammer (see back cover).

The National Evolutionary Synthesis Center (NESCent) is now accepting proposals for sabbatical scholars, working groups and catalysis meetings. Proposals for postdoctoral fellowships are accepted at the December 1 deadline only. Proposals for sabbatical scholars (one semester to a full year), working groups and catalysis meetings are accepted twice a year, with June 15 and December 1 deadlines. Proposals for short-term visitors (2 weeks to 3 months) are considered four times a year, with deadlines on January 1, April 1, July 1 and September 1. For more information, please see our website at https://www.nescent.org/science/proposals.php.

www.ISHE.org

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http://evolution.anthro.univie.ac.at/ishe/about%20us/bulletin%20contents/index.html

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ISHE member J. Anderson Thomson delivered an expanded version of a talk given at ISHE06 on suicide terrorism. This 2007 AAI address, sponsored by the Richard Dawkins Foundation and titled “We Happy Few, We Band of Brothers (and Occasional Sister): The Dynamics of Suicide Terrorism”, is available for viewing at: http://richarddawkins.net/article,1710,We-Few-We-Happy-Few-We-Band-of-Brothers,Andy-Thomson-Richard-Dawkins-Foundation. The site also provides extensive commentary on this lecture.

Human Nature is now published by Springer. Springer offers a discounted subscription for 2008 to ISHE members. You can phone Springer at 1-800-SPRINGER, e-mail service-ny@springer.com, or go to the website [www.springer.com] to place a subscription order. Please identify yourself as an ISHE member. It is best to phone or email Springer to identify your affiliation with ISHE.
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**Forthcoming in the Human Ethology Bulletin**

**Book Reviews**


- *Necessary Knowledge* (Oxford University Press, 2007) by Henry Plotkin – reviewed by Shawn A. Collier


**Brief Communication**

- *Human Ethology from the South Pole to the North Pole* – by Carole Tafforin
CURRENT LITERATURE

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Johnson, W., Segal N.L. & Bouchard, T.J., Jr. (2008) Fluctuating asymmetry and general intelligence: No genetic or phenotypic association. Intelligence, 36, 279‐288 (Segal, N.: Calif. State Univ. Fullerton, Dept. Psychol., 800 N State Coll Bldg, Fullerton, CA 92834, USA)


Upcoming Conferences and Meetings

Evolution: The Experience
8-13 February 2009 – Melbourne, Australia

Darwin's Reach: Celebrating Darwin’s Legacy Across the Disciplines
12-14 March, 2009 – Hofstra University (USA)
http://www.hofstra.edu/Community/culctr/culctr_events_darwin.html

European Human Behaviour and Evolution Association (EHBE)
6-8 April 2009 – University of St Andrews
Abstract submission deadline: 31 December 2008
http://biology.st-andrews.ac.uk/ehbe2009/

Society for Biological Psychiatry
14-16 May 2009 – Vancouver, Canada
http://www.sobp.org

Association for Psychological Science (APS)
22-25 May 2009 – San Francisco, California
http://www.psychologicalscience.org/convention/schedule.cfm

ISHE Summer Institute in Human Ethology
5-9 July 2009 – University of Maine, Orono (USA)
www.ISHE.org (and see announcement in this issue)

Northeastern Evolutionary Psychology Society (NEEPS)
9-12 July 2009 – State University of New York at Oswego (USA)
http://neepsoociety.org/
Keynote speakers: Helen Fisher (Rutgers University) and Satoshi Kanazawa (London School of Economics and Political Science).
If you have questions, please feel free to contact:
Conference Host: Rebecca Burch (rburch@oswego.edu)
Program Chair: Daniel J. Kruger (djk2012@gmail.com)

American Psychological Association (APA)
6-9(?) August 2009 – Toronto, Ontario, Canada
12-15(?) August 2010 – San Diego, California
www.apa.org/convention09/

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