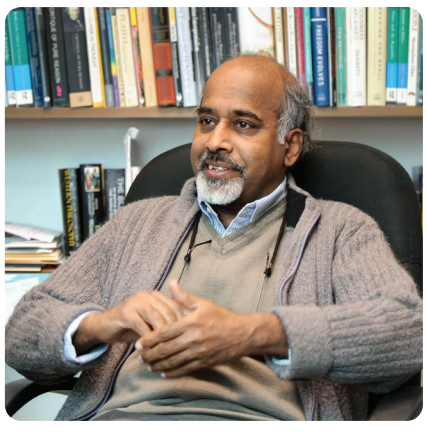
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2026–27 CAMPUS THEME





Prakash Chenjeri, Professor of Philosophy, Southern Oregon University

Shift Happens: How Paradigm Shifts Demolish and Reconstruct Reality

We like to think knowledge grows smoothly, but a true paradigm shift is pure intellectual demolition. Coined by the American philosopher Thomas Kuhn, the term describes what happens when a dominant worldview doesn't just evolve—it shatters, forcing us to rewrite the rules of reality entirely.

In this presentation, we'll explore how this chaos unfolds: from Copernicus booting Earth out of the universe's center to Darwin shattering our view of how humans came to be, and now, artificial intelligence (AI) upending what it means to create and think.

Join us for a conversation on how paradigms shift, why we resist them, and how to navigate what comes next.

Prakash Chenjeri, Professor of Philosophy, Southern Oregon University

Wednesday, October 21, 2026 • 7 pm

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Mark Krause, Professor of Psychology, Southern Oregon University

"Paradigm-ish": Psychology's Awkward Embrace of Evolutionary Theory

Psychologists have had an on-again, off-again relationship with evolutionary theory. They have borrowed pieces they like, and inexplicably ignored others. Evolution has been seen as a tie binding all approaches to psychology, or a snag threatening to unravel culturally-focused perspectives. Regardless, evolutionary theory has been very useful to psychology, and there is progress. The story I'd like to tell is that paradigm shifts do not necessarily play out in a tidy, linear, beginning-middle-end form.

Mark Krause, Professor of Psychology, Southern Oregon University

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