

100th ANNIVERSARY **SCOPES** **TRIAL** JULY 10 TO JULY 21, 1925 DAYTON, TENNESSEE



ONE HUNDRED YEARS after the landmark **Scopes Trial** sparked a national conversation about the teaching of evolution, Southern Oregon University will host a series of programs to delve into the profound advancements in our understanding of life's diversity and origins. This centennial commemoration will explore the foundational science of evolutionary theory, its complex journey through education and cultural landscapes, and its far-reaching philosophical and societal implications.



Prakash Chenjeri

A Philosophical Reckoning with Darwin's Legacy

This presentation explores the philosophical, moral, and social fallout of Darwin's theory of evolution (of natural selection). It will examine how the theory radically reshaped the understanding of human nature, challenging human exceptionalism. The talk delves into evolutionary ethics—the idea that moral behavior is adaptive—and addresses the ongoing societal tension between science and faith. It will conclude by discussing the dangers of misinterpreting theory for harmful social policies like eugenics and its enduring relevance.

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Tuesday, November 18, 2025 • 7 pm

Meese Auditorium, Art Building 101

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