

April 2007 update  
Difficult Dialogues Initiative News & Events

5. Event: The Evolution-Creation Controversy: April 10, 7:00 PM
6. Global Pentecostalism: April 11, 7:30 PM, 116 Murphey
7. Conference: Sisters Beneath the Skin 2007: April 15, 2-6 PM

5. The Evolution-Creation Controversy: A Very American Story  
Tuesday, April 10, 7:00 PM, Hanes Art Center Auditorium  
Dr. Michael Ruse will take on the assumptions of all sides in the evolution-vs.-creation controversy and offer a new and productive way of understanding it, for the Michael Polanyi Lecture in the History and Philosophy of Natural Science. Ruse, a distinguished philosopher and director of the program in the history and philosophy of sciences at Florida State University, has published more than 30 books, including *The Evolution-Creation Struggle*, which *New York* magazine named the Best Academic Book of 2005, and *Darwinism and Its Discontents* (2006). Ruse is a philosopher, comfortably at home with the biology, and sensitive to the religious controversies. The Polanyi lecture series in the College of Arts and Sciences honors the late chemist and author who explored the groundwork of knowledge and the psychology of perception.

Dialogue co-leaders are sought for follow up discussion on the lecture. If interested, email [dd@email.unc.edu](mailto:dd@email.unc.edu) . Must be able to attend the lecture and lead a small dialogue group at your convenience between April 11 and April 17. Training provided.

6. Global Pentecostalism: The New Face of Christian Social Engagement; April 11, 7:30 PM, 116 Murphey

Donald E. Miller, University of Southern California speaks as a part of the College of Arts and Sciences Christianity and Culture Series. Last year Pentecostalism celebrated the 100th anniversary of the Azusa Street revivals, which gave birth to the fastest-growing religious movement in the world. Professor Miller traveled in 20 different countries in Asia, Africa, and Latin America to document the global expansion of charismatic Christianity. To his surprise, many Pentecostal churches are not "other-worldly," but instead are addressing social problems within their communities. Using video clips from his research, Dr. Miller will illustrate the variety of different expressions of worship and social engagement by Pentecostals in the developing world.

7. Sisters Beneath the Skin Conference 2007- April 15, 2007, 2-6pm, Friday Center  
This conference is designed for all--persons who have experience exploring diversity on an advanced level and those who are just beginning this dialogue. The cost is \$35 for faculty and \$20 for students, including break service. For further information regarding the conference, please contact Chimi Boyd at [chimib@email.unc.edu](mailto:chimib@email.unc.edu). Registration extended to April 10.  
Registration form: <http://womenscenter.unc.edu/>