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Convergent Minds: The Evolution of Cognitive Complexity

9:00am - 1:00pm

The Evolution of Problem-Solving Abilities in Mammalian Carnivores

Kay Holekamp, Michigan State University

Cetaceans and Primates: Convergent Themes in Cognition

Lori Marino, The Kimmela Center for Animal Advocacy

Convergent Abstractions: Why Comparative Cognition Isn't Mechanistic (Enough)

Colin Allen, Indiana University

'Raven Politics': Understanding and Use of Third-party Relations

Thomas Bugnyar, University of Vienna

Why Might Minds Converge? The Case of the Octopus

Jennifer Mather, University of Lethbridge

Convergence on What: Rationality, Reason, or Passion?

Daniel McShea, Duke University

2:30pm - 5:30pm

Smart Moves: Is Behavioral Flexibility Evidence of Cognitive Complexity?

Irina Mikhalevich, Washington University-St. Louis

What Can Insect Brains Tell Us About How Difficult it is to Evolve Intelligence?

Lars Chittka, Queen Mary University of London

The Spoon Lecture ~ Relativity and Anchors in Time

Nicola S. Clayton & Clive A. P. Wilkins, University of Cambridge

Synthetic Commentary
Matt Cartmill, Boston University

Saturday Oct. 24th 2015
Photonics Colloquium Room, 906
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