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Biological Evolution or Intelligent Design?

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and

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Our speakers:

Vincent M. Cassone is Professor and Head in the Department of Biology at Texas A&M University. He received a bachelor's degree in English Literature and Biology from Colby College in 1975. He studied the neurochemistry of schizophrenia at the University of Connecticut, where he received an M.S. in 1977. He then moved to Eugene, Oregon and began study of the avian biological clock at the University of Oregon, earning his Ph.D. in Biology in 1983. Cassone's dissertation research showed that the avian clock was composed of multiple components residing in at least 4 structures. Cassone then studied at S.U.N.Y. Stony Brook and LaTrobe University in Bundoora, Victoria, Australia. In 1985, he returned to Stony Brook as a Research Assistant Professor until 1988, when he moved to Texas A&M University. He continues his research on comparative aspects of biological clock function the evolution of biological clocks and the mechanisms by which the clock regulates vertebrate behavior. He has authored or co-authored more than 20 journal articles in these areas since 2000.

Walter L. Bradley, Distinguished Professor of Engineering at Baylor University since 2002, received his B.S. in Engineering Science and his Ph.D. in Materials Science, both from the University of Texas at Austin. He taught for eight years at the Colorado School of Mines before assuming the position of Professor of Mechanical Engineering at Texas A&M University in 1976. At TAMU, he directed the Polymer Technology Center and, later, served as Head of the Department. He has served as Visiting Professor/Scientist at the Federal Technical University of Lausanne (Switzerland), the Federal University of Minas Gerais (Brazil) and the Lawrence Livermore Laboratory. He is a Fellow of the American Society for Materials and of the Discovery Institute. Bradley has published over 150 technical articles in refereed journals and conference proceedings on material science and engineering and has authored and co-authored several works on the origin of life, including an article in the journal *The Origins of Life and Evolution of the Biosphere* and the book "*The Mystery of Life's Origin: Reassessing Current Theories.*"

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1998

- **H. W. Brands**, "TR: The Last Romantic," author of *TR: THE LAST ROMANTIC* and Professor of History Texas A&M University

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- **James Hannah**, "World War I," Professor of English, Texas A&M University and author of *THE MOCKING STARS: A GREAT WAR READER*
- **Phillip Parotti**, "World War II," Professor of English, Sam Houston State University and author of *THE GREEK GENERALS TALK*, *THE TROJAN GENERALS TALK*, and *FIRES IN THE SKY*.
- **Robert Flynn**, "The Vietnam War," Novelist-in-Residence, Trinity University and author of *A PERSONAL WAR IN VIETNAM*.
- **Robert Divine**, "The Persian Gulf War," George W. Littlefield Professor of American History, The University of Texas, author of *THE ILLUSION OF NEUTRALITY*, *SECOND CHANCE: THE TRIUMPHS OF INTERNATIONALISM IN AMERICA DURING WORLD WAR II*, and numerous critical works on United States foreign

2000 - Biotechnologies in the Third Millennium

- **Jim Wild**, "Introduction to the New Biotechnologies," Professor of Biochemistry/Genetics, Texas A&M University
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- **Mark Westheusin**, "Cloning: The Benefits to Human and Animal Health," Professor Texas A&M College of Veterinary Medicine
- **Harlan Cleveland**, "The Social Fallout of Science," author of *THE KNOWLEDGE EXECUTIVE* and President of the World Academy of Art and Science, former President of University of Hawaii and Ambassador to NATO

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- **Jeremy Black**, "The British View of the American Revolution," author of *WAR FOR AMERICA, The Fight for Independence* and Professor of History, Exeter College, UK.

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- **Gregg Cantrell**, "Stephen F. Austin," author of *STEPHEN F. AUSTIN: Empresario of Texas* and Professor of History, North Texas State University
- **H. W. Brands**, "[Benjamin Franklin](#)," author of *THE FIRST AMERICAN, The Life and Times of Benjamin Franklin* and Professor of History Texas A&M University
- **Louie Menand**, "THE METAPHYSICAL CLUB, A Story of Ideas in America," winner of the Pulitzer Prize, author of *PRAGMATISM* and Professor of English, New York University.

2002

- **James S. Olson**, "[The Alamo in Blood and Memory](#)," author of *A LINE IN THE SAND, The Alamo in Blood and Memory*
- **Dinesh D'Souza**, "[Why They Hate Us: America and Its Enemies](#)," author of *WHAT'S SO GREAT ABOUT AMERICA* and fellow of the Hoover Institute, Stanford University

2003

- **Ed Ayers**, "[The Civil War](#)" author of *AMERICAN PASSAGES* and the *OXFORD BOOK OF THE AMERICAN SOUTH* and Professor of History and Dean, College of Arts and Sciences, University of Virginia
- **Carl Degler**, "[The Influence of Darwinism on American Social Thought](#)," author of *IN SEARCH OF HUMAN NATURE* and Professor Emeritus, History, Stanford University

2004

- **David Oshinsky**, Littlefield Professor of History at the University of Texas at Austin, lectured on his newest book, *A Conspiracy So Immense: The World of Joe McCarthy*.

2006

- **Randolph Campbell**, Professor, University of North Texas, spoke on his book, *Gone To Texas*.
- **Peter Onuff**, Jefferson Scholar, Department of History, University of Virginia, "Thomas Jefferson."

- **Paul Zoch** spoke on his analysis of American public education, "*Doomed to Fail.*"
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