

Special Psychology Conference For Teachers



David M. Buss is Professor of Psychology at the University of Texas, specialising in evolutionary psychology

Professor Buss is probably best known for his cross-cultural study of mating strategies. He has published more than 200 scientific publications, and is among the most cited psychologists in the world. In addition to research publications he has also written a range of books including *The Handbook of Evolutionary Psychology* (Wiley, 2005), for which he served as editor; *Why Women Have Sex* (2009) (co-authored with Cindy Meston).

Why Students Love Evolutionary Psychology . . . and How to Teach It

Teaching evolutionary psychology can be daunting, yet highly rewarding. It is daunting because students often enter the class with misconceptions about evolutionary psychology. It is rewarding because many students experience a profound intellectual transformation. Over many years, I have developed 17 tools for increasing the effectiveness of teaching evolutionary psychology. These include (#1) conveying a sense of deep time; (#6) describing the interactionist nature of evolutionary psychology; (#8) explaining that humans were not designed to understand the causal processes that created them; (#9) using analogies to the human body; (#11) using illustrations central to student lives such as mating, cooperation, and social conflict; (#12) using thought experiments; (#13) dealing with controversial topics such as sexual conflict and homicide openly and honestly; and (#17) showing how the meta-theory of evolutionary psychology conceptually unites the different branches of psychology and integrates psychology with the life sciences. Discussion focuses on effective ways to implement these teaching tools.

Christian Jarrett, journalist and author

Dr Christian Jarrett is founding editor of the British Psychological Society's award-winning *Research Digest* blog and staff journalist for *The Psychologist* magazine. He's author of *The Rough Guide to Psychology*, due in April 2011, *This Book Has Issues*, *Adventures in Popular Psychology*, and contributing editor of *30-Second Psychology* (forthcoming).

Psychology in the blogosphere

From *Mind Hacks* to *Neurophilosophy*, the range of blogs, podcasts and other psychology-related resources on the internet has exploded in recent years. This talk will take you on a guided tour of the best that's available. We'll also show you how to set up and synchronise your own blog. Twitter feed and Facebook pages as a way to engage with your pupils and maybe even the world beyond.

Cara Flanagan, is a widely published author, experienced teacher and senior examiner. She speaks regularly at student conferences and is well-respected as a presenter at teacher INSET courses. Her books include *The Complete Companion* series co-written with Mike Cardwell, as well as textbooks for OCR (with Phil Banyard) and WJEC.

Just give me the answer

Life at the chalk face is challenging and often there isn't time to reflect on best practice. We know all about psychology but don't always put our psychology into action. The aim of this session is to match good teaching ideas to psychological theory and use this as a way to generate new ideas.

VENUE AND DATE

Central London
Monday 21 March, 2010

SPEAKERS

David Buss
Christian Jarrett
Cara Flanagan

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Programme

- 10.00am Registration and coffee
- 10.15 **Cara Flanagan**
- 11.00 Morning coffee
- 11.20 **Dr Christian Jarrett**
- 12.45 pm Lunch
- 1.45 **Professor David Buss**
- 2.45 Afternoon tea
- 3.00 Q&A with Professor Buss
- 3.45 Day ends

No notes will be provided for this conference but slides will be available afterwards.

