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SFA to host Darwin Day program

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Dr. Michael Zimmerman, professor of biology at Evergreen State College and founder and executive director of The Clergy Letter Project, will present "The Confluence of Religion and Science" at Stephen F. Austin State University's fourth annual Darwin Day program. The event will be held from noon to 1 p.m. Monday, March 25, in the Kennedy Auditorium.

NACOGDOCHES, Texas - Stephen F. Austin State University's fourth annual Darwin Day program has been rescheduled for noon to 1 p.m. Monday, March 25, in the Kennedy Auditorium with featured speaker Dr. Michael Zimmerman presenting "The Confluence of Religion and Science."

An annual celebration of science, Darwin Day is held on or around evolutionary biologist Charles Darwin's birthday to commemorate his contributions to the field of biology.

"Simply put, if we don't make evolutionary theory the centerpiece of biological education, we end up teaching students biological information without any context," said Zimmerman, professor of biology at Evergreen State College and founder and executive director of The Clergy Letter Project. "If we don't explain why evolution is important, we fail to explain the very nature of science."

During the presentation, Zimmerman will address the significance of evolution and discuss The Clergy Letter Project, speaking about the value of scientists and science educators working with clergy members to promote high-quality science education, he said.

"Having an understanding of where science and religion overlap, and where they do not, is extremely important," said Dr. Stephen Mullin, professor and chair of the Department of Biology. "Hosting this presentation will help develop a correct understanding not only among students but also among members of the East Texas community."

The event is free and open to the public.