

COLORADO

CAFÉ SCIENTIFIQUE

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at the Wynkoop Brewing Company

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Corner of 18th and Wynkoop in LoDo, Denver

About a block from Light Rail. Thirteen minutes by foot from Auraria.

EVOLUTION: IT'S NOT JUST FOR GEEKS ANYMORE

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In the last 150 years we have witnessed a revolution in biology and other sciences. We now understand much of the molecular underpinnings of life and disease, and science has made major contributions to a near-doubling of human life expectancy in the developed world during this period. But it seems that the more science progresses, the greater the tendency for some of the public to retreat to superstitions, myths, pseudo-science, and anti-science. Evolutionary theories have been a particular focus point for attacks.

During the Café, we may discuss:

Why is understanding evolution important for all of us, in medicine, agriculture, and other fields?

What can, and can't, evolutionary research tell us?

Do proponents of Intelligent Design/Creationism hinder progress?

EVERYONE IS WELCOME. The discussion starts at 6:30 in the Mercantile Room (no food service there). Come before 6 PM to leave yourself time to get something to eat, or stay and eat afterwards. We end around 8 PM.

There's no charge. The Wynkoop is generously providing the facility; we buy our own drinks. It is first come, first seated, and **seating is limited** so that everyone can take part in the discussion.

The Colorado Café Scientifique is organized by an informal group of faculty from CU and institutions up and down the Front Range, as well as science fans from industry, government and elsewhere. We welcome your input, including ideas for speakers and topics. Bring them with you to the next Café, or e-mail them and any questions to John.Cohen@UCDenver.edu

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