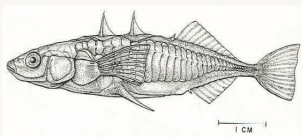


URI Celebrates Charles Darwin and *On The Origin of Species* Darwin's Legacy in the 21st Century and Beyond

As part of the global celebration of the 200th anniversary of Charles Darwin's birth and the 150th anniversary of the publication of his *On the Origin of Species*, the University of Rhode Island will host a research and public lecture series featuring three noted biologists who will address modern evolutionary approaches and Darwin's influence on 21st century science.

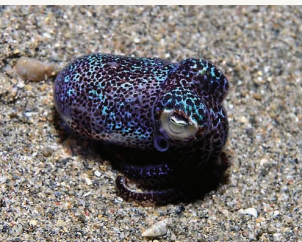
Sept. 24, 2009. Dr. Michael Bell, Dept. of Ecology & Evolution, Stony Brook University



12 pm - Research Seminar (Weaver Aud., Coastal Inst.) *"Vertical Integration of Evolutionary Mechanisms: Genes, Natural Selection, and the Stickleback Fossil Record"*

7:30 pm - Public Lecture (CBL5100) *"Darwinian Gradualism and How the Stickleback Lost Its Pelvis"*

Oct. 19, 2009. Dr. Margaret McFall-Ngai, Dept. of Medical Microbiology & Immunology, University of Wisconsin, Madison



12 pm - Research Seminar (Weaver Aud., Coastal Inst.) *"Mechanisms underlying stability of the squid-vibrio symbiosis"*

7:30 pm - Public Lecture (CBL5 100) *"In sickness and in health: Our co-dependence with our beneficial microbial partners"*

Nov 16, 2009. Dr. Debashish Bhattacharya, Dept. of Ecology, Evolution & Natural Resources, Rutgers University



12 pm - Research Seminar (Galanti Lounge, URI Library) *"Plastid origins and its consequences for the eukaryotic tree of life"*

7:30 pm - Public Lecture (CBL5 100) *"Genomic approaches to understanding 'red tide'"*