

**Wednesday, April 5, 2017**

**4 – 5 pm**

**Caputo Hall 210**

Millersville University Biology & the James C. Parks Herbarium  
present an event open to the public

# Human Evolutionary History Progress and Challenges

*A Harold R. Weirich Memorial Lecture*

by

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## **Abstract**

We have been accumulating evidence, fossil and otherwise, that bears on human evolutionary history for nearly two centuries. This talk will review the history of that accumulation and consider what lessons have been learned. How good are we at distinguishing our recent ancestors and close relatives from those of the apes? How good are we at working out how many species preceded our own? How good are we at telling which of those species are our ancestors, and which are non-ancestral close relatives? If we are not good at these tasks, how can we do better? We need to be more realistic about what we are likely to know, and not know, about our evolutionary history.

## **Where & When**

Millersville University Department of Biology  
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## **Post-event Soirée, Food and Drinks with the Speaker. Open to Students, Faculty, Staff & Visitors**

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## **About the Speaker**

Dr. Bernard A. Wood, Ph.D., is University Professor of Human Origins and Professor of Human Evolutionary Anatomy at the Center for Advanced Study of Human Paleobiology in the Anthropology Department at George Washington University. Dr. Wood has contributed substantially to our understanding of human evolution. His distinguished record of scholarship includes 15 books and over 200 peer-reviewed articles on human evolution.