

Ways to protolanguage

the initial stages of the evolution of the language faculty

Monday, September 21 - Wednesday, September 23, 2009
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INVITED PLENARY SPEAKERS

Jim Hurford (University of Edinburgh)

The contributions of storage, computation and pragmatics to the evolution of syntax

Terrence Deacon (University of California, Berkeley)

Semiotic and neurological constraints on the emergence of protolanguage

Katie Slocombe (University of York)

Chimpanzee communication

Jordan Zlatev (Lund University)

From (proto)mimesis to (proto)language

FIELDS OF RESEARCH

- * general evolutionary theory
- * evolutionary psychology
- * pleistocene archaeology
- * paleoanthropology
- * genetics of language disorders
- * cultural anthropology
- * speech physiology
- * gesture studies
- * neuroscience of speech
- * primatology
- * animal cognition
- * animal communication

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