

**Evansville native,
renowned author to be
distinguished lecturer**



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The University of Southern Indiana's first annual Distinguished Lecture in Natural Science will be presented Thursday, October 17, by Dr. David B. Wilson, an Evansville native and Bosse High School graduate who is nationally recognized as an expert on the creation vs. evolution controversy. Dr. Wilson is professor of history, mechanical engineering, and philosophy at Iowa State University.

His topic, "Did the Devil Make Darwin Do It? Rethinking the History of Science and Religion," is based on his early 1980s work leading to a paper, "Did the Devil Make Darwin Do It? Historical Perspectives on the Creation-Evolution Controversy," which was published in the Proceedings of the Iowa Academy of Science in 1982. Iowa State University Press then published his book, *Did the Devil Make Darwin Do It? Modern Perspectives on the Creation-Evolution Controversy*, which was selected by CHOICE in 1984 as the Outstanding Academic Book of 1983. The book went to a fourth printing this year.

The free public lecture, will be held at 7 p.m. in Mitchell Auditorium; a reception will follow. Dr. Wilson's book, which was written for general audiences, will be available for sale and autographing.

The Distinguished Lecture in Natural Science program is sponsored by the School of Science and Engineering Technology, and is made possible by the generous support of private donors. It is expected to feature renowned speakers annually to heighten awareness and foster appreciation of the sciences at the University and in the Evansville community and greater Tri-State.

Dr. Wilson received a B.A. in physics from Wabash College and Ph.D. in the history of science from Johns Hopkins University, where he was a teaching assistant. He joined the Iowa State faculty in 1975 after having taught four years at the University of Oklahoma and served as archivist for the Stokes and Kelvin Papers in the Cambridge University Library for four years.

Dr. Wilson is a noted scholar whose expertise is the history and philosophy of science. He has the distinction of holding academic rank in three departments at Iowa State, however. He is the author of numerous books, chapters, and research articles. Dr. Wilson is an active member of numerous professional organizations and has spent time in research and teaching in Scotland. He will be a Visiting Research Fellow this academic year in the Institute for Advanced Studies in the Humanities at the University of Edinburgh, Scotland. He has done research at the University of Glasgow and was a visiting professor this year in the Department of Physics and Applied Physics at the University of Strathclyde.

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