

# Naming Nature:

## A Conversation on the Nature, Uses, and Limitations of Biological Taxonomies

Friday, April 15, 2 pm

Whitney Humanities Center Auditorium

Speakers from Yale include *Michael Donoghue* (G. Evelyn Hutchinson Professor of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology); *Jacques Gauthier* (Professor of Geology and Geophysics and Curator of Vertebrate Paleontology and Vertebrate Zoology at the Peabody Museum of Natural History); *Richard Prum* (William Robertson Coe Professor of Ornithology, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology); and *Zoltan Szabo* (Professor of Philosophy). *Kevin de Queiroz* (Curator and Research Zoologist from the Smithsonian Institution's National Museum of Natural History) will also participate in the discussion.

The discussion is offered in conjunction with the current Gallery at the Whitney exhibit, "James Prosek: Suriname," which features watercolor paintings Mr. Prosek made both during and following his participation in a biological research and collecting expedition sponsored by the Peabody to an unexplored site in central Suriname.

<http://www.yale.edu/whc/GalleryAtTheWhitney/current.html>

The conversation will be introduced by Mr. Prosek, who is concerned, both in his painting and his writing, with questions of how and why we name and order the natural world.

In keeping with the interdisciplinary character of Whitney Humanities Center programming, both the Prosek exhibit and the Naming Nature discussion have been planned to complement this year's Shulman Seminar and Lectures on the evolution of beauty taught by biologist Richard Prum and philosopher Jonathan Gilmore.

<http://www.yale.edu/whc/calendar.html?loadpage=shulman>