



# consilience conference

EVOLUTION IN BIOLOGY, THE HUMAN SCIENCES & THE HUMANITIES

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## **THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI- ST. LOUIS WILL HOST THE CONSILIENCE CONFERENCE:**

Evolution in Biology, the Human Sciences, and the Humanities which will bring together leaders from around the world for 3 days to:

- Identify major changes taking place in each field
- Discuss future directions of research
- Maximize the interaction among biology, social sciences and humanities researchers

Participants will engage in expert-led presentations and discussion. Each session contains one speaker from biology, one from the human sciences, and one from the humanities. Join us in St. Louis for exciting face-to-face meetings with colleagues, academic networking, and social events. Graduate students and postdoctoral fellows are invited to submit poster proposals.

### **Keynote Speaker: Edward O. Wilson**

His career has alternated between doing world-class work in specialized biological subjects—entomology, island biogeography, and ecology—and synthesizing ideas across the broadest spectrum of intellectual life. In *Consilience: The Unity of Knowledge* (1998), he sounded the keynote theme of this conference: the idea that evolutionary biology encompasses the social sciences and the humanities and thus unifies knowledge about human behavior and culture. In recent years, he has taken a leading role in advancing a new paradigm shift in evolutionary biology: the ascendance of “multi-level selection.” His forthcoming book, *The Social Conquest of Earth*, integrates ideas from all this previous work.

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