

**Dr. Allen Gathman
and
Fr. Bob Towner
Present
Science and
Religion**

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"How do You Read the Bible?"

"God after Darwin?"



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Sadie's Place is located on Kent Library's main level.



"How do You Read the Bible?"

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April 2, 2008

Wednesday, 12:00 pm

Sadie's Place

Many people say that they read the Bible literally. However, the Bible was written in languages that most Americans don't know, in cultures that are very foreign to our own. Any way we read it, we're interpreting it to make sense in our own context. The question is, what's your interpretive strategy? If you don't have a conscious plan for interpretation, you're likely to interpret the Bible to agree with your own biases. In this talk, we explore some of the problems and possible solutions to the problem of Biblical interpretation.

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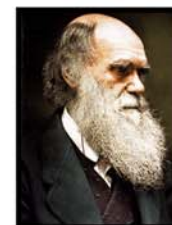
April 16, 2008

Wednesday, 12:00 pm

Sadie's Place

Is it possible to accept the conclusions of science about the origins of the universe, life, and humans and still be a religious person? What are the implications of evolution for religious thought? There is an active dialogue going on between theologians and scientists. We will show how some theologians have found evolution to be fully compatible with religious belief and how science and religion can work together to enrich human experience.

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Dr. Allen Gathman, Professor of Biology, discovered his love of teaching while finishing his doctorate in genetics after completing his master's degree in biology at the University of Arizona.

Dr. Gathman has engaged the minds of Southeast students by using several different styles of teaching. Teaching is not his only passion at Southeast. Gathman, in collaboration with Dr. Walt Lilly, has spent the past 12 years working on the genetics of fungi. He sees college as a place where students can have the chance to explore diverse interests. Although he understands students have to prepare themselves for careers, Gathman doesn't want anyone to miss out on unexpected learning opportunities - even if they don't involve a fungus.



Fr. Bob Towner has been a minister since 1971. He is rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Cape Girardeau and a regional pastor. He has been an adjunct faculty member in the Dept. of

Philosophy and Religion since 2002. He will draw on his encounter with the Bible for roughly 2000 sermons to discuss hermeneutics, the principles of interpretation in the study of texts, and their bearing on the dialogue between science and religion. He has been and still is married to Helen Illich Towner, a teacher and artist, and is father to one son, Ted, who is quickly becoming a better philosopher than he.