

Linnaeus and Beyond:

A symposium on taxonomy and philosophy,
in celebration of the 300th birthday of Carolus Linnaeus

Co-sponsored by the California Academy of Sciences and the Bay Area Biosystematists (BABS)

Date: Friday and Saturday* May 18-19, 2007

Place: California Academy of Sciences
Sequoia Board Room, 3rd Floor
875 Howard Street
San Francisco, CA 94103

Program: Lunch reception: Noon - 1:00
Presentations: 1:00 - 5:30

Michael T. Ghiselin
California Academy of Sciences
"Essences: real, nominal, and imaginary"

David L. Hull
Northwestern University
"The essentialism story: the unmaking of a myth"

Mary P. Winsor
University of Toronto
"What's wrong with teaching counterfeit history?"

Brent D. Mishler
University of California, Berkeley
"The current status of Linnaean taxonomy and some possible paths into the future"

Matthew H. Haber
University of Utah
"Stable relationships are overrated"

BABS reception and dinner: 5:30 - 7:00

Evening panel discussion: 7:00 - 9:00

"What, if anything, can philosophy do for systematics?"

* Saturday informal discussion: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm

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