From Chirps to Twitter: Why and How Do We Communicate?

A lecture by David S. Vicario, PhD
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First in a series of lectures entitled:
Communication: From Chirps to Twitter

7:00 p.m. Thursday
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Busch Campus Center
International Lounge

Birds **chirp** and sing. People talk and now they **twitter**. What are they saying, what are they communicating? What's it all about and why do they do it? Like humans, all social animals need to communicate with other members of their species, whether it's to inform, to bond, to threaten or to seduce. This series of talks will attempt to communicate some of the approaches that scholars from different disciplines use to study **communication** itself.

To introduce the series, Professor Vicario will talk about the evolution of communication behavior, describe his own research on how birds learn to sing, and preview the upcoming lectures on parrots, babies, telephones, and social media.

UPCOMING TALKS in this series:

In Search of King Solomon's Ring: Communicating with Nonhuman Subjects
Irene M. Pepperberg, PhD
Harvard University

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April Benasich, PhD
Rutgers University

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November 6, 2012 7pm

From Franklin to Facebook: How Americans Learned to Communicate over Vast Distances and Why it Matters.
Richard R. John, PhD
Columbia University

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December 6, 2012 7pm

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