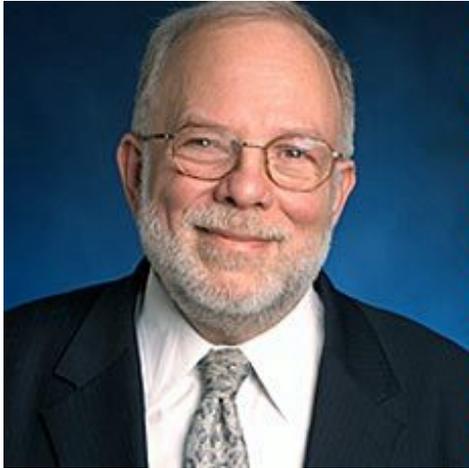


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Biological Psychologist Norm Adler to Present Two Public Lectures at USU



Norm Adler is a guest on the USU campus and presents two lectures Wednesday, March 20. All are welcome.

Norm Adler, a biological psychologist at Yeshiva University, will address some of the big ideas and challenges facing today's college students and faculty during two public lectures March 20 at Utah State University. The events are presented by the College of Humanities and Social Sciences and the university's Religious Studies Program.

Adler, a leading voice in American higher education, will offer insights into teaching the big questions that often arise in religious studies and philosophical classes. He has been recognized for his pioneering achievements in behavioral science and curriculum

development. He has received two Guggenheim awards and is a specialist of interdisciplinary and integrative learning.

His first talk, *"Teaching Big Ideas,"* will discuss how to approach conversations involving faith and reason on college campuses. For instance, what happens when students' personal faith commitments collide with that of the professor, their peers or the course material itself? Alternatively, do students think critically about material that coincides with their own beliefs? All are invited to attend the lecture Wednesday, March 20, at 11:30 a.m. at the Merrill-Cazier Library, room 101.

Adler studies the intersection between biology and behavior and explores the relationship between biological origins of religious belief and practices. He is currently developing a project on *"Big Questions: Faith and Reason on the College Campus"* for the American Association of Colleges and Universities. His second talk, *"Are We Wired to Believe? A Bio-psychologist Looks at God & the Brain, Religion & Science,"* will explore whether or not humans are biologically programmed to believe. The public is welcome to attend the lecture Wednesday, March 20, at 7 p.m. in Old Main, Room 225.

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