



The First Annual Origins Workshop Aug 15–17, 2016

An Interdisciplinary Examination of Origins and Theories of Origins across the Humanities,
Natural Sciences and Social Sciences

Mon. Aug 15	Speaker	Title & Description
9:00-10:00 am	Stephen Freeland	<i>The Path to Life: A Case Against Thinking in Straight Lines</i>
10:15-11:30 am	Veronica Vaida with Rebecca Rapf & Jay Kroll	<i>Prebiotic Chemistry</i>
1:30-2:30 pm	Maureen O'Malley	<i>Going Back In Time: Progress and Puzzles in Origin Reconstructions</i>
2:30-3:45 pm	Brian Hynek with Sarah Black	<i>Origins of Life on Mars</i>
7:00-8:00 pm	James W.C. White, INSTAAR Director	<i>Polar Ice Cores Reveal Climate Surprises</i> SEEC S 228 Sievers Conference Room
Tues. Aug 16	Session & Speaker	Title & Description
9:00-10:00 am	Carol Cleland	<i>The Problem of Contingency in the Natural Sciences</i>
10:15-11:30 am	Giff Miller With Sarah Crump	<i>Paleoclimate: Unexpected Insights</i>
1:30-2:30 pm	Stephen Mojzsis	<i>Early Earth vs. Origin of Life</i>
2:30-3:45 pm	Robert Pasnau with Tyler Huisman	<i>The Origins of Explanation</i>
Wed. Aug 17	Speaker	Title & Description
9:00-10:00 am	Michael Freeden	<i>Decoding the Political: Temporal Control and the finality of Ori-</i>
10:15-11:30 am	Michaele Ferguson with Seongjun Kim	<i>Origins of Political Ideologies</i>
1:30-2:30 pm	Samuel Boyd	<i>The Creation of Humanity, the Bible, and Ancient Israel from Mythic, Historical, and Archaeological Perspectives</i>
2:30-3:45 pm	James (Andy) Cowell with TBD	<i>Native American Origin Stories</i>

Events at **SEEC Building N128**
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