

To All Faculty & Staff

Colleagues,

The Provost's Lecture Series continues with a special event in conjunction with "Evolution 2006," sponsored by Stony Brook's Department of Ecology and Evolution and the Society for the Study of Evolution.

On Monday, June 26, 2006, at 7:30 p.m. in the Student Activities Center Auditorium, Eric Rothschild and Stephen Harvey will give a presentation entitled, "In Defense of the First Amendment: An Up-Close Look at the Landmark 'Intelligent Design' Case of *Kitzmiller v. Dover Area School District*."

Eric Rothschild and Stephen G. Harvey, partners with Pepper Hamilton LLP, were two of the lead attorneys for the plaintiffs in the historic "intelligent design" case of *Kitzmiller v. Dover Area School District* that was decided in Pennsylvania in December 2005. Mr. Rothschild and Mr. Harvey, along with lawyers from the ACLU of Pennsylvania and Americans United for Separation of Church and State, successfully represented in federal court eight families who challenged the Dover policy that included "intelligent design" in the curriculum.

Rothschild and Harvey will give an overview of the six-week trial and explain the evidential and legal issues, why the judge found that teaching ID is unconstitutional, and how this decision is a significant victory not only for science and education, but also for religious liberty and democratic values.

For more information on "Evolution 2006," the joint annual meeting of the Society for the Study of Evolution (SSE), the Society of Systematic Biologists (SSB), and the American Society of Naturalists (ASN), and which, runs June 23 to June 27, 2006, please visit the conference webpage at <http://www.evolutionsociety.org/>

Please pass along this information to any students or community members you feel may be interested in attending.

- Robert McGrath  
Provost & Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs