

## EVOLUTION & CREATION SM -- \*IN-KENTUCKY\*



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Eugenie Carol Scott is an American physical anthropologist, a former university professor, educator and founding director of the NCSE. She is a nationally recognized expert on evolution and creationism. She has received numerous accolades including 10 honorary degrees and the National Academy of Sciences Public Welfare Medal. She even has an asteroid named after her!

In the 1920s, many states considered passage of antievolution laws. Tennessee's famous 1925 Scopes Trial is the best known of these, but such legislation actually first was proposed in Kentucky. However, Kentucky scientists vigorously protested such laws, and the legislature backed down. Antievolutionism in Kentucky did not go away after the Scopes Trial, of course, and has manifested itself in many ways. In 1980-81, the Fayette County Public Schools Board of Education was approached by a citizens group promoting the teaching of creation science; the protracted struggle over what should be taught presaged battles to take place in communities all over the nation regarding state department of education policies, and the recent appearance of recreational facilities promoting creationism.

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2017 | 7-9PM | JSB 121

RECEPTION AT 6:30PM | PRESENTATION WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A Q&A







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