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## **UCSB Psychologist Explores the Evolutionary Origins of Anger**

Aggression results from an anger mechanism designed to negotiate conflicts. Evidence suggests that human anger works much like animal aggression and has many features in common, including the role of physical strength, aggressive displays with face and voice, and ritualized combat.

In a UCSB Affiliates Science Lite lecture titled "Anger's Evolutionary Origins," Aaron Sell, a postdoctoral fellow at UCSB's Center for Evolutionary Psychology, will discuss how the human mind, through natural selection, has developed and adapted to solve problems.

The presentation will begin at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, February 4, at the First Presbyterian Church Fellowship Hall, 21 E. Constance St. in Santa Barbara. The cost is \$8 for UCSB Affiliates and Chancellor's Council members and \$10 for all others. Advance registration is recommended, and can be arranged by calling the UCSB Office of Community Relations at (805) 893-4388.

Sell's research interests include human anger, its causes, behavioral consequences, and individual differences. In 2007, he received the Young Investigator Award from the International Society for Research on Aggression, an association whose members specialize in psychology, psychiatry, physiology, sociology, anthropology, animal behavior, criminology, political science, pharmacology, and education.

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