

## **TOPICS IN HUMAN EVOLUTION**

This course explores current understanding of human evolution through three approaches: first, evolutionary patterns we share with other life forms; second, basics of human genetics, with a focus on genetic and epigenetic roles in key transitions in human evolution; and third, fossil evidence for our 7 million-year journey. PowerPoints will be viewed in class, and links to videos for home-viewing will be provided. Discussion will focus on how the various lines of evidence reinforce one another, and on the challenges that confront a coherent understanding of what it means to be human.

**Leader:** Peggy de Wolf's background is in biological anthropology and sociology (MA, and PhD, respectively) with much of her career on the sociology faculty of Virginia Tech.

**Mondays:** 1:00 to 3:00 p.m., 6 weeks: February 26 through April 2.

**Location:** Presbyterian Church of Lawrenceville