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EVOLUTION, COGNITION, AND HISTORY

An interdepartmental lecture delivered by

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“History” as an independent academic discipline was founded in the 1800s in the midst of the scientific spirit then sweeping Europe. In the twentieth century, “history” became resituated as one of the humanities with a hermeneutical focus on socio-cultural particulars. In the latter part of the twentieth century, however, some historians began to embrace a “return to science.” In this paper I suggest some implications associated with that “return” for historiography, especially with respect to evolutionary theory and to theorizing in the cognitive sciences (which I understand to be framed by evolutionary theory), with brief examples from the history of religion.

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