

Devo dude headlines FSW Humanities Colloquium



[Jerry Casale](#)

Jerry Casale, founding member and songwriter of the band [Devo](#), will deliver the keynote address of the third biennial [Florida SouthWestern State College Humanities Colloquium: Education for a New Humanity](#) at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 11, in the [Rush Auditorium, Building J, Room 103](#), at the [FSW Thomas Edison Campus in Fort Myers](#).

The theme for this year's colloquium is "Evolution/Devolution/Revolution." Mr. Casale sets the tone for the event with his lecture "We Must Repeat."

Mr. Casale attributes the spark for Devo and his postmodern sensibility to the trauma he suffered as a close-up witness to the [National Guard](#) killings of four students at [Kent State University](#), May 4, 1970. This experience changed his worldview and fueled a creative approach to his outrage. Mr. Casale

explains, "I will posit that a creative response to life's apparent absurdity is the artist's attempt to battle entropy while restoring order and spirituality in the face of the chaotic twin forces of evolution and devolution – a subject on which I am quite familiar."

Two psychology professors from the [University of Miami](#) will explore the human potential to evolve on Friday, Feb. 12, in Building U, Room 102. Dr. Amishi Jha, director of Contemplative Neuroscience, Mindfulness Research & Practice Initiative at the University of Miami, will present "Contemplative Practices and Mental Training: Prospects for American Education" at 11 a.m. Dr. Jha is a highly sought-after speaker who recently served on a panel with the [Dalai Lama](#). At 1 p.m., Dr. Mike McCullough delivers his lecture, "Beyond Revenge: The Evolution of the Forgiveness Instinct." Dr. McCullough has authored more than 100 peerreviewed articles and book chapters. The focus of his research revolves around the topics of gratitude, forgiveness and revenge.

The last guest lecture relates to the theme of "revolution" and will be delivered by [Mark Hosler](#), founding member of the audio visual collage group [Negativland](#), at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 18, in Building J, Room 103.

A full schedule of colloquium events can be found at fsw.edu/newhumanity/schedule. All events are free and open to the public. |