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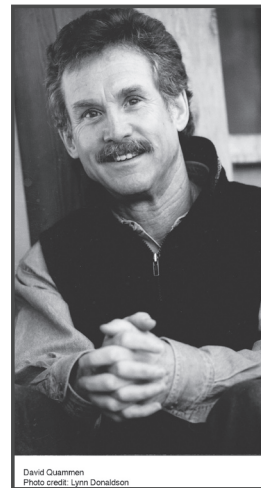
KEYNOTE LECTURE

Darwin Against Himself: Caution Versus Honesty in the Life of a Reluctant Revolutionary

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Using as background my portrait of Darwin in *The Reluctant Mr. Darwin*, I'll explore the way these two character traits--his tendency toward caution and his extraordinary intellectual honesty--balanced against each other to affect the way he lived his professional (and personal) life, the way he conceived and developed his evolutionary theory, and the peculiar 21-year delay that intervened before he published that theory in *The Origin of Species*. As I do in my little biography, I'll attempt in the lecture to make Darwin vivid and knowable as a very human person, not just a towering scientist.

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