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Our speaker is Dr. Jeremy DiSilva.

Dr. DeSilva is Professor and Chair of the Department of Anthropology at Dartmouth. He holds a B.A from Cornell and a Ph.D. from the University of Michigan. As a paleoanthropologist, he specializes in the locomotion of the first apes (hominoids) and early human ancestors (hominins). From 1998-2003, Jerry worked as an educator at the Boston Museum of Science and continues to be passionate about science education. He has studied wild chimpanzees in Western Uganda and early human fossils in throughout Eastern and South Africa. His particular expertise - the anatomy of the foot and ankle - has contributed to the understanding of the origins and evolution of upright walking in the human lineage and led to the hypothesis that the last common ancestor of both apes and humans was already an upright walker. His 2021 book *First Steps: How Upright Walking Made Us Human* outlines the foundation of that hypothesis and is the subject of his presentation to the Squires.