

## Michael Ruse (1940-2024)



Michael Ruse, a prominent philosopher of biology and public champion of science and evolutionary theory, died at his Tallahassee home on 1<sup>st</sup> November aged 84 years.

Michael's [Wikipedia entry](#) has a comprehensive account of his education, academic career (University of Guelph then Florida State University), his many books and numerous articles and chapters. The 'Recent Books' section of the November 2024 HPS&ST newsletter notes his final book *Charles Darwin: No Rebel, Great Revolutionary*. Cambridge, Cambridge University Press, 2024 ([HERE](#)).

The [Leiter Report](#) has an extensive list of remembrances by his friends and colleagues. He was a diligent friend of many; so many people who he met in academic, and doubtless outside life, became friends; they realised that Michael was interested in them, their work, their careers and families. This is a rare academic quality.

Michael had a life-long interest in education famously being an Expert Witness in the 1981 [Arkansas 'Creationism' trial](#).

In 1989 he took a part in the dramatic production 'Re-trial of Galileo' at the first IHPST International Conference held at Florida State University. He was a member of the Founding Editorial Committee of the journal *Science & Education: Contributions from History, Philosophy and Sociology of Science*.

With Michael Reiss, he contributed an Opinion Piece to the HPS&ST newsletter (May 2023): 'The New Biology: A Battle between Mechanism and Organicism' [HERE](#).

Michael will be sorely missed by family and by many friends throughout the world.