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# ***DEAN'S DISTINGUISHED LECTURE***

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# ***AGENDA***

## **OPENING REMARKS**

Frank LaFerla, PhD

Dr. Lionel and Fay Ng Dean

## **Lecture**

Adriana Briscoe, PhD

## **Q & A**

## **Reception**



## About the Lecture

The mysterious beauty of butterflies has dazzled us from ancient times to modern. What makes them beautiful is partly in the eye of the beholder. Join us on a scientific tour of the role that visual senses play in ecosystems and the surprising sensory world inhabited by these enchanting insects.

## About the Speaker



**Adriana Briscoe, PhD**

Professor, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology

Born in Honolulu, Hawaii, Adriana D. Briscoe grew up in Colton, California. She received a BA in Philosophy, a BS in Biological Sciences, and an MA in Philosophy from Stanford University and a PhD in Biology from Harvard University. She is a professor in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of California, Irvine. Briscoe is known for studies of how color vision mediates ecological interactions between butterflies, host plants, and the environment, in the context of mimicry and species recognition. Her discoveries have been featured on television and in museums both in the USA and in Europe. She has written and spoken about the importance of teachers in developing future scientists and the need for increased funding for Black, Indigenous people of color (BIPOC) teacher training in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) in order to create a more just and diverse scientific workforce. She is a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences and a Guggenheim Fellow.



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