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**BOCA RATON PUBLIC LIBRARY AND FAU DIVISION OF RESEARCH PRESENT  
“WHEN NATURE BREAKS THE RULES: MATING BETWEEN SPECIES”  
WITH KATE DETWILER, PH.D.  
FEBRUARY 20, 2020, 1:00–2:00PM, DOWNTOWN LIBRARY**

BOCA RATON, FL (January 16, 2020) – The scientific world was shocked when DNA evidence proved the existence of hybrid monkeys in Africa resulting from the mating of two different species. In “When Nature Breaks the Rules: Mating Between Species,” FAU’s Kate Detwiler, Ph.D., discusses her research on how hybrid monkey species are possible—and why we should care. During this presentation on February 20, 2020, at 1:00pm at Boca Raton’s Downtown Library, she’ll also discuss her work with Jane Goodall; primate behaviors and habitats; the origins and evolution of primates; future biological studies; and conservation projects.

Dr. Detwiler is an associate professor of anthropology at Florida Atlantic University, where her research focus is on the evolution and conservation of African forest monkeys. Her primatology lab specializes in studying rare and endangered primate species in the Congo Basin rainforests in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, hybrid monkeys in Gombe National Park in western Tanzania, and a local population of introduced African monkeys living in the mangrove swamps near Fort Lauderdale airport. She teaches biological anthropology courses to undergraduate and graduate students at FAU, and her work on the discovery of the new monkey species *Cercopithecus lomamiensis* received widescale media coverage, including *National Geographic*, *Science Magazine* and *Nature*.

This program is part of the FAU Research in Action series, an ongoing collaboration between FAU’s Division of Research and the City of Boca Raton Libraries in which researchers share their innovative work and seek input from the community. “We are fortunate to have a research university in our city,” notes Amanda Liebl, Events and Community Engagement. “This informative series allows our residents to learn about experts’ discoveries and provide helpful feedback.”

“When Nature Breaks the Rules” is free and open to the public. Register through the calendar at [bocalibrary.org](http://bocalibrary.org) or call the library at 561-393-7852.



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