

PSYCHOLOGY CLUB PRESENTS

# GOSSIP: IS IT A SOCIAL SKILL -- OR A CHARACTER FLAW?

Dr. Frank McAndrew

Tuesday, November 14th  
12:30pm - 1:30pm  
Room: QC Complex 2222  
Food & Drinks provided



Dr. McAndrew is a frequent guest on TV & radio news/talk programs, and he has lectured widely throughout countries ranging alphabetically from Denmark to Tanzania.

He has been featured in thousands of media outlets such as **The New Yorker**, **NPR**, the **BBC**, **CNN**, the **Wall Street Journal**, the **New York Times**, the **Washington Post**, and **NBC's TODAY Show** --and has been lampooned by comedians **Jay Leno & Conan O'Brien**.



Few people want to be called a "Gossip" but most people can't resist hearing a juicy story about a friend, celebrity or co-worker. Why? What is it about learning private information about others that is so irresistible? Why have people been gossiping across decades and across cultures? Is gossip good, bad or necessary? Should we think of gossip as a character flaw or a social skill?

Dr. Frank McAndrew will share the Science of Gossip. In fascinating detail, he will draw upon research to consider everything from the evolutionary need for gossip to successful gossiping, gender differences, celebrity obsession, social skills, destructive possibilities and more. You will understand gossip in a way you have never considered.