

## EXTRA CREDIT ASSIGNMENT

### Instructions

Choose a topic within the field of evolution that you are interested in and do a literature review on this topic. A good literature review should give an overview of the topic and include **foundational papers** as well as more **recent publications**.

Include **5-10 citations** (or more) and write a minimum of **1,000 words** (ca. 2 pages single-spaced). Refer to the syllabus (section "Written assignments") for formatting instructions.

You can earn up to 50 extra points (5 % of your final grade) with this assignment. Since this is an extra credit assignment (meaning "above and beyond" what is required), full credit will only be earned if you do an excellent job. **Submitting the assignment is not a guarantee for points!**

For full credit, the assignment must meet the word and citation requirements but it must also be **well-written** (good grammar, no typos), **well-structured** (sections and paragraphs as appropriate for the topic, not just one long string of words), and **concise** (avoid wordiness and giving unnecessary or irrelevant information), foundational concepts for background information need to be explained and past and current research must be described and interpreted correctly.

You can submit the extra credit assignment at any time but **no later than April 21<sup>st</sup>** (one week before the final exam).

#### Links for literature research:

- Web of Science via NCSU libraries databases:  
<http://www.lib.ncsu.edu/databases/databases.php?alpha=W>)
- Google Scholar: <http://scholar.google.com/>