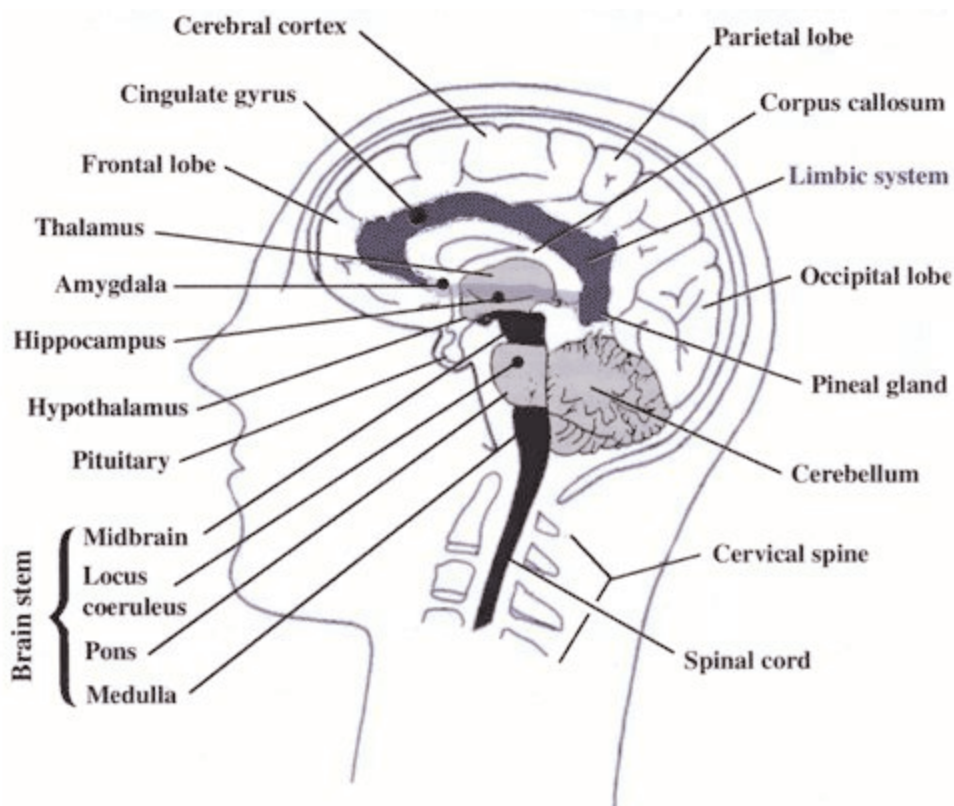


# The Wolfe Institute

*The Ethyle R. Wolfe Institute for the Humanities,  
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**Carol Zicklin Lecture in Interdisciplinary Studies**

## The Evolution of a Universal Moral Grammar



**Marc Hauser** earned his Ph.D. from the University of California Los Angeles in 1987. He has been on the faculty of Harvard University since 1992, where he is currently Professor of Psychology, Organismic and Evolutionary Biology, and Biological Anthropology. He is also Adjunct Professor in the Graduate School of Education and Program in Neuroscience. He is Co-Director of the Mind, Brain, and Behavior Program, a Fellow at the Center for Ethics, and Director of the Cognitive Evolution Lab. Dr. Hauser's research focuses on the evolutionary and developmental foundations of the human mind, with the specific goal of understanding which mental capacities are shared with other nonhuman primates and which are uniquely human. Central questions include the following: What are the evolutionarily ancient building blocks of our capacity for language, mathematics, music and morality? What were the selective pressures that led to a change in mental representation from the divergence point with the last common primate ancestor? To what extent is the architecture of the mind comprised of domain-specific reasoning mechanisms? How do such mechanisms channel the organism's experiences in the world, allowing it to acquire a mature state of knowledge? Hauser's publications include *Moral Minds: The Unconscious Voice of Right and Wrong*; *Wild Minds: What Animals Really Think*; and *The Evolution of Communication*, in addition to volumes authored with colleagues and numerous articles.

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