

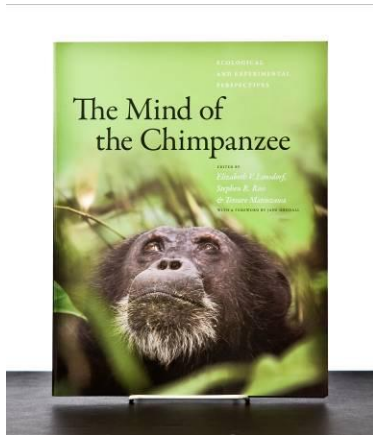
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**New book explores how chimpanzees think, learn and behave;
Provides insights into origin of human cognition**

Chicago (Aug. 30, 2010) – In *The Mind of the Chimpanzee: Ecological and Experimental Perspectives*, which officially releases Sept. 15, more than thirty prominent scientists from around the world share their latest findings and unique perspective into what goes on inside the mind of our closest living relative.



Edited by leading great ape researchers Elizabeth Lonsdorf and Steve Ross, both with Chicago's Lincoln Park Zoo, and Tetsuro Matsuzawa with the Primate Research Institute of Kyoto University, Japan, the book is the third in the renowned "Understanding Chimpanzees" collection that stems from the conference series of the same name. In 2007, Lincoln Park Zoo's Lester E. Fisher Center for the Study and Conservation of Apes hosted the "Mind of the Chimpanzee" conference that brought the world's most important chimp researchers together to share information. The results of that important meeting of minds are presented in this new book.

"Understanding the chimpanzee mind is akin to opening a window to our own consciousness," explains Lonsdorf. "Many of the complex cognitive processes that humans take for granted have origins that can be seen in the way that chimpanzees think, learn and behave."

Featuring foremost scientists studying chimpanzees today, with a foreword by Dr. Jane Goodall, *The Mind of the Chimpanzee* brings together perspectives from the field, research centers and zoological parks to create a unique and stimulating view of these fascinating beings.

Concepts ranging from imitation, tool-use, face recognition, culture, cooperation, and reconciliation, are intertwined with critical commentaries on conservation and welfare. Together, a clear message emerges: Understanding how chimpanzees learn, think and feel not only provides insight into the origins of human cognition, but crystallizes our collective efforts to protect wild populations and ensure appropriate care in captive settings.

The Mind of the Chimpanzee is available through Amazon.com starting Aug. 30. It will be more widely available through major book sellers starting Sept 15 (Oct. 11 in the United Kingdom). Signed copies of the book can be purchased at Lincoln Park Zoo or online at www.lpzoo.org

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ABOUT LESTER E. FISHER CENTER FOR STUDY AND CONSERVATION OF APES

The Lester E. Fisher Center for the Study and Conservation of Apes was created in 2004 to mark a commitment to ape research at Lincoln Park Zoo. Located in the zoo's Regenstein Center for African Apes, the Fisher Center's research mission is to initiate and conduct multidisciplinary research that will advance the knowledge of ape biology, improve the care and management of apes in zoos and sanctuaries, and conserve and protect wild populations. The Fisher Center leads great ape conservation research on site through behavioral and cognitive research and is the headquarters for Project ChimpCARE. Fisher Center staff lead conservation research focusing on wild ape populations in Gombe National Park, Tanzania, and the Goualougo Triangle, Republic of Congo. Additionally, the Fisher Center offers unique training and educational opportunities for undergraduates, student interns, graduate students and post-doctoral fellows.

ABOUT CHICAGO'S LINCOLN PARK ZOO

Lincoln Park Zoo, a historic Chicago landmark founded in 1868, is dedicated to connecting people with nature by providing a free, family-oriented wildlife experience. A leader in conservation science both globally and locally, the zoo exemplifies the highest quality animal care and educational outreach. The not-for-profit zoo, managed by The Lincoln Park Zoological Society, is a member-supported organization and one of the nation's only free, privately managed zoos. For more information, call 312 -742-2000 or visit www.lpzoo.org.