

*Forgiveness Among Individuals: Developing Forgiveness
Forgiveness Among Families
Forgiveness Involving Biology and Human Evolution*

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About the Investigator and Her Research in Forgiveness

At Georgia State University and at the Great Ape Trust of Iowa, **Dr. Savage-Rumbaugh** focused on understanding the social, cultural and cognitive matrix, which creates culture as we know it. Within that matrix, forgiveness must exist to some degree, but it varies along a continuum. She and her colleagues examined the (1) effect of the intentional introduction of forgiveness into a *Pan/Homo* culture, (2) historical developmental profile of pre-forgiveness patterns in Bonobos reared in a *Pan/Homo* culture, (3) effect of the intentional introduction of forgiveness into a *Pan/Homo* culture, (4) critical stages of prosocial development, and (5) role of affect in the development of forgiveness. Findings are forthcoming as much of the research data has yet to be entered and analyzed. Even so, Dr. Savage-Rumbaugh and her colleagues have published several articles and presented their findings at numerous conferences. The data are being collected and should be complete in June, 2005. She has not published empirical results yet.