

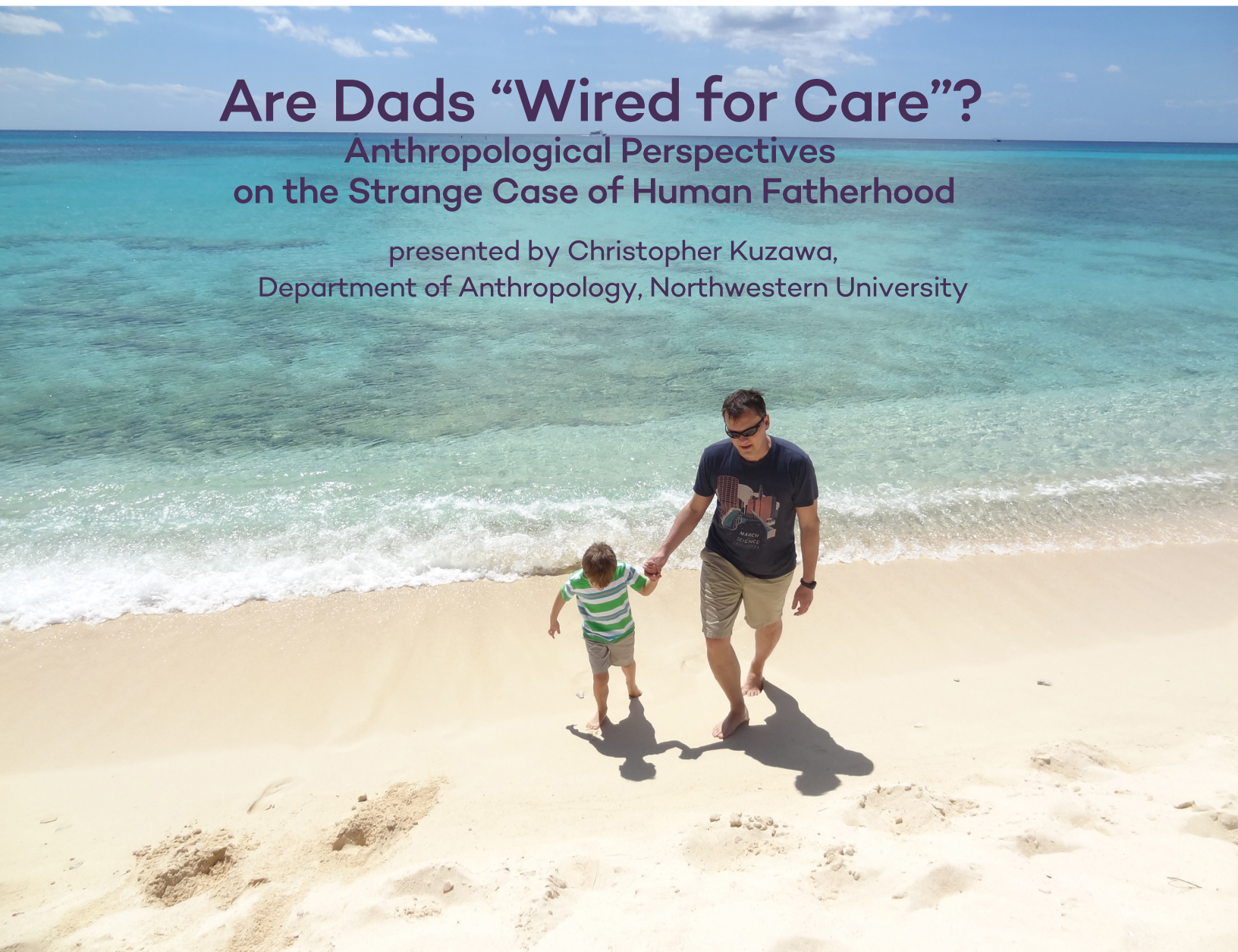
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# Are Dads “Wired for Care”?

## Anthropological Perspectives on the Strange Case of Human Fatherhood

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**Wednesday**  
**February 27, 2019**  
**6:30 - 8:00pm**

**The Firehouse Grill**  
**750 Chicago Avenue**  
**Evanston**

Most mammalian fathers don't know who their kids are, and are not involved with raising them. This contrasts with our own species, as human fathers often play an important parental role. In this talk, anthropologist and dad Chris Kuzawa will explore the unique evolutionary origins of human fatherhood.

Kuzawa's work focuses on young men who, as they transition to new fatherhood, experience profound biological changes. Testosterone has emerged as a central player in this story: men's hormone production shuts down as stable relationships are established and as they care for their newborns. This evolved and complex response by our body's systems reveals that human fatherhood is crucial to our species' success.

Bonus: Did you know we share this trait with many types of birds? Come on out and hear how this strange fact may help explain why human dads behave as they do!

Science Cafe: Eat. Drink. Talk research in a relaxed atmosphere.

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