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## **Introduction to Michael Lewis**

*Morris Eagle*

It is a pleasure to introduce Michael Lewis. Michael and I met in Italy years ago, became friends, and have remained friends since then. Michael received his B.A. in 1958 and his Ph.D. in 1962, both from the *University of Pennsylvania*. His accomplishments are so extensive that were I to list them all, there would be little time left for Michael's presentation. Michael is University Distinguished Professor of Pediatrics and Psychiatry, and Director of the *Institute for the Study of Child Development* at *Rutgers Robert Wood Johnson Medical School*. He is also Distinguished Professor of Psychology, Education, Biomedical Engineering, Social Work, Cognitive Science, Public Health, School of Nursing, and Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology at *Rutgers University*.

Michael has published 12 books, more than edited 40 books, and more than 540 journal articles and chapters in edited books. His most recent book is entitled *The Rise of Consciousness and the Development of Emotional Life* (New York: Guilford, 2013). Much of theory and research on emotion have focused mainly on the so-called basic emotions, such as fear, rage, lust, and so on, as seen in the work, for example of Panksepp and Ekman. Relatively ignored are what Michael refers to as the self-conscious emotions (which can also be seen as social emotions) such as shame, embarrassment, pride, and guilt. Michael has carried out seminal research in this area and will share some of that work with us today. The title of his presentation is "The Rise of Consciousness and the Development of Emotional Life".