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In 1966 Barash graduated as a biology major from Harpur College, State University of New York at Binghamton. He received his Ph.D. in zoology at the University of Wisconsin, Madison in 1970.



After teaching for three years in upstate New York, at the State University at Oneonta, He accepted a position in the Psychology Department at the University of Washington, in 1973, where he has been ever since.

Barash was one of the early contributors to the growth of socio-biology, but has lately directed much of his attention to understanding the underlying evolutionary factors influencing human behavior, in other words “evolutionary psychology”. Ever since the early 1980s he has been active in researching, promoting, and practicing the field of Peace Studies

His interest in Peace Studies derives especially from two sources: (1) a longstanding concern about nuclear weapons and the psychology and doctrine surrounding them, and (2) the implications of biological factors - including but not limited to questions of "innate" human aggressiveness - in producing and sometimes restraining individual as well as group violence. He has also dealt with questions concerning deterrence theory as well as specific weapons-related matters, such as Star Wars, and Gandhian non-violence.

Professor Barash has published numerous books, among others: *Peace & Conflict Studies*, Sage Publications Inc. (2002), *Understanding Violence*, Allyn & Bacon (2001), *Approaches to Peace*, Oxford University Press (2000), *Beloved Enemies: our need for opponents*, Prometheus Books (1994)