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## **Podcast Answering “What Makes Us Human?” Launches in Denver**

**August 14, Denver, CO** - What makes you ... you? Is it your DNA, culture, or environment? The digital anthropology magazine **SAPIENS.org** is releasing its first podcast series titled SAPIENS: A Podcast for Everything Human to ask and answer questions surrounding the human experience.

Series hosts Dr. Jen Shannon from the University of Colorado, Dr. Esteban Gómez from the University of Denver, and SAPIENS.org Editor-in-Chief Dr. Chip Colwell from the Denver Museum of Nature and Science will speak with scientists from around the globe to source answers rooted in anthropology. Stories range from exploring the complications and accuracy of at-home DNA tests, to how outer space is a cultural invention.

“I’m starting this series to explore how varied and unpredictable the human condition is,” explains Dr. Colwell. “ You can predict the movement of the stars with absolute precision. And yet I can’t predict what you’re going to say next or what I’m going to think next or where as a society we’re headed. There’s just this immense mystery about being human. Anthropology is the science that tries to unpack that, tries to help us interpret it and make sense of human history, biology, and culture.”

The first season will be 10 episodes, running from August 14 through December 18, and is funded by the Wenner-Gren Foundation and produced by House of Pod. SAPIENS: A Podcast for Everything Human is available for download at **sapiens.org** or on iTunes, Stitcher, Spotify, Google Play, and most podcatchers.

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