

**Tanner Lectures on Human Values at the Whitney Humanities Center,  
Yale University, 53 Wall Street, April 11–13, 2012**

**New Haven, Conn.** — Lisa Jardine, CBE, Centenary Professor of Renaissance Studies and Director of the Centre for Editing Lives and Letters at Queen Mary, University of London, will deliver the 2012 Tanner Lectures on Human Values this spring at the Whitney Humanities Center. The lectures are jointly titled “The Two Cultures: Still Under Consideration.” The first, “The Sorcerer’s Apprentice: C. P. Snow and J. Bronowski,” will be on Wednesday, April 11; the second, “Science and Government: C. P. Snow and the Corridors of Power,” will be on Thursday, April 12. Both will take place at 5 pm in the Auditorium. On Friday, April 13, a group of prominent scientists and humanists will gather to consider further if and how the two cultures can engage with each other. The panel discussion, “Why Should Scientists and Humanists Talk to Each Other Anyway?,” featuring Lisa Jardine, Tamar Szabo Gendler, Daniel J. Kevles, Eric Dufresne, and David Marshall Miller, will be held at 10:30 am in the WHC Auditorium.

Ms. Jardine’s career exemplifies the breadth of her commitment to sustaining meaningful dialogue between scientists and humanists. A Fellow of the Royal Historical Society and an Honorary Fellow of King’s College and Jesus College, Cambridge, she holds honorary doctorates of letters from the University of St. Andrews, Sheffield Hallam University, and the Open University, and an honorary doctorate of science from the University of Aberdeen. She has been a Distinguished Visiting Professor at the Netherlands Institute for Advanced Study in the Humanities and Social Sciences, a Scaliger Visiting Fellow at the University of Leiden, and a recipient of the Sarton Medal at the University of Ghent, Belgium. Currently, she sits on the prestigious Apeldoorn British Dutch Conference Steering Board and is a Trustee of the Victoria and Albert Museum, Patron of the Archives and Records Association, and a former member of the Council of the Royal Institution in London. Since 2008 Ms. Jardine has served as Chair of the Human Fertilisation and Embryology Authority, the U.K. government regulator for assisted reproduction. In 2011 she was appointed Director of the National Archives and Honorary Bencher of the Honourable Society of the Middle Temple. In 2013-14 she will serve as President of the British Science Association.

Ms. Jardine has published extensively, for both academic and general audiences. Her best-selling books include *Worldly Goods: A New History of the Renaissance*; *Ingenious Pursuits: Building the Scientific Revolution*; and biographies of Sir Christopher Wren and Robert Hooke. Her most recent work, *Going Dutch: How England Plundered Holland’s Glory*, on Anglo-Dutch reciprocal influence in the seventeenth century, won the prestigious Cundill International Prize in History. She also writes and reviews widely for the media, and appears regularly on arts, history, and current affairs programs for TV and radio. She is a regular presenter of “A Point of View” on BBC Radio 4.

Regarding her upcoming Tanner lectures, Ms. Jardine explains: “In 1959 C. P. Snow’s Two Cultures lecture started a firestorm of debate about the relative merits of the sciences and humanities within the western educational system. Fifty years on the debate continues, curiously unresolved, in view of the way science and technology dominate our everyday lives. In these lectures I shall argue that the force of Snow’s argument, and that of contemporaries including

Jacob Bronowski (my father), became lost behind the shrill voices of intransigent opponents like F. R. Leavis. We can learn important lessons for today by attending to the urgency of their postwar premonitions about the necessity to give serious thought to the role of science in government, and the limits on the power of the humanities.”

Lisa Jardine will be joined by three distinguished Yale professors for the Friday, April 13, panel discussion. Tamar Szabo Gendler is Professor of Philosophy, Psychology, and Cognitive Science; her interests lie at the intersection of philosophy and psychology, including the relation between imagination and belief, and the role of habits in shaping behavior and judgment. Daniel Kevles, Stanley Woodward Professor of History and Professor of History of Medicine, American Studies, and Law, works on issues ranging from scientific fraud and misconduct, to genetics; innovation and intellectual property; and national security. Eric Dufresne is John J. Lee Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering and Materials Science, with joint appointments in Chemical and Environmental Engineering, Physics, and Cell Biology; his research focuses on understanding, controlling, and exploiting the properties of soft materials. David Marshall Miller, Visiting Assistant Professor of Philosophy and History at Duke University and a former Mellon postdoctoral fellow at Yale, will moderate.

The Tanner Lectures on Human Values were established by the American scholar, industrialist, and philanthropist Obert Clark Tanner, who hoped that these lectures would contribute to the intellectual and moral life of humankind. Both lectures and the panel discussion are free and open to the public. For more information contact Susan Stout at 203 432-6556 or [susan.stout@yale.edu](mailto:susan.stout@yale.edu)