

Opening 2012 Shulman Lecture January 31

Professor Sally McBrearty will deliver the first of the 2012 Shulman Lectures in Science and the Humanities on Tuesday, January 31, at the Whitney Humanities Center. Her talk, "The Revolution That Wasn't," will take place at 5 pm in Room 208 and is free and open to the public.

The 2012 Shulman Lectures are organized in conjunction with the Yale College seminar "Music and Human Evolution," which investigates the formation of human capacities for music-making and music perception in the light of recent evolutionary science and theory. The course is taught by Gary Tomlinson, Professor of Music and Humanities. Other scheduled lectures include Jamshed Bharucha (talk title to be announced), on February 21; and Terrence William Deacon, "Adapted to a Symbolic Niche: How Less Became More in Human Evolution," on March 27.

Ms. McBrearty is Professor and head of the Department of Anthropology at the University of Connecticut Storrs. She has directed archaeological field projects for more than thirty years in East Africa, where she focuses on the Middle Pleistocene and the origin of *Homo sapiens*. She is particularly interested in the behavior of early humans, their environmental setting, and how behavior and environment interact with geologic processes to produce the fossil and archaeological records. Ms. McBrearty has held faculty positions at Brandeis, Yale, and the College of William & Mary. Her work has been supported by the National Science Foundation, the Wenner-Gren Foundation, the National Geographic Society, and the L.S.B. Leakey Foundation, and she has served on the editorial boards of the *Journal of Human Evolution*, *Before Farming*, and Springer's *Vertebrate Paleobiology & Paleoanthropology* monograph series. Her article "The Revolution That Wasn't," coauthored with Alison Brooks and published in the *Journal of Human Evolution*, is the most frequently cited in that journal's history. She was elected a fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science in 2007.

The lecture series is named after Robert Shulman, Sterling Professor Emeritus of Chemistry, Molecular Biophysics and Biochemistry, and senior research scientist in diagnostic radiology, in recognition of his roles as a Founding Fellow of the Whitney and as an unwavering supporter of the integration of science and the humanities.

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