

2017 Shulman Lectures: Other Minds

The Whitney Humanities Center is pleased to announce the Spring 2017 Shulman Lectures in Science and the Humanities, "Other Minds." The opening lecture, "What Is It Like to Be a Dog?" will be given by Alexandra Horowitz on Wednesday, February 15. Other speakers in the series will include Peter Godfrey-Smith, February 22; Mark Moffett, April 5; and Anne Harrington, April 26.

All lectures will be at 5 pm in the Auditorium of the WHC and are free and open to the public.

Alexandra Horowitz, "What Is It Like to Be a Dog?" February 15

Alexandra Horowitz is the author of the *New York Times* bestseller *Inside of a Dog: What Dogs See, Smell, and Know* (2009), *On Looking: Eleven Walks with Expert Eyes* (2013), and *Being a Dog: Following the Dog into a World of Smell* (2016). She is an adjunct associate professor at Barnard College, Columbia University, where she teaches seminars in canine cognition. The Horowitz Dog Cognition Lab at Barnard studies dog behavior in naturalistic conditions, and lately has been investigating dog olfaction and play behavior.

Peter Godfrey-Smith, "Paths to the Evolution of Consciousness," February 22

Peter Godfrey-Smith grew up in Sydney, Australia, and taught at Stanford, Harvard, the Australian National University, and the CUNY Graduate Center before moving to his current position as professor of the history and philosophy of science at the University of Sydney. His main research interests are in the philosophy of biology and the philosophy of mind, though he also works on pragmatism and various other aspects of philosophy. He has written four books, including the widely used textbook *Theory and Reality: An Introduction to the Philosophy of Science* (2003) and *Darwinian Populations and Natural Selection* (2009), which won the Lakatos Award. His most recent work is *Other Minds: The Octopus, the Sea, and the Deep Origins of Consciousness* (2016).

Mark Moffett, "Social Identity and Complexity in Ant and Human Societies," April 5

Biologist and explorer Mark Moffett, called "the Indiana Jones of entomology" by National Geographic, is a research associate at the Smithsonian Institution and a visiting scholar at the Department of Human Evolution at Harvard. He has received the Explorers Club's Lowell Thomas Award, the Distinguished Explorer Award from the Roy Chapman Andrews Society, Yale University's Poynter Fellowship for Journalism, Harvard's Bowdoin Prize for writing, and five of his images appear in the special National Geographic publication *100 Best Wildlife Pictures*. His many adventures include climbing the world's tallest tree, descending into sinkholes a quarter mile deep to find new frog species, and placing a scorpion on Conan O'Brien's face. He is the author

of *Adventures among Ants: A Global Safari with a Cast of Trillions* and *The High Frontier: Exploring the Tropical Rainforest Canopy*.

Anne Harrington, “Mindful Minds, Different Brains: Historical Reflections on America’s Love Affair with Meditation,” April 26

Anne Harrington is the Franklin L. Ford Professor of the History of Science and Director of Undergraduate Studies in the Department of the History of Science at Harvard University. She is also Faculty Dean of Pforzheimer House, a residential position involving oversight of 400 Harvard College undergraduates. She is the author of three books: *Medicine, Mind, and the Double Brain* (1987), *Reenchanted Science* (1997), and *The Cure Within: A History of Mind-Body Medicine* (2007). She is currently completing a fourth book, *The Biological Revolution in Psychiatry: What Really Happened*. She has published many articles and produced a range of edited collections including *The Placebo Effect* (1997), *Visions of Compassion* (2000), and *The Dalai Lama at MIT* (2006). Other research interests include relations between religion and medicine, between the science and the humanities (especially the biobehavioral sciences), and first-person experiences (narratives) of brain disorder.

The Shulman Lecture Series is organized in conjunction with a Yale College seminar taught by Henry Cowles (history) and Laurie Santos (psychology).

The Shulman Lectures are presented under the auspices of the Franke Program in Science and the Humanities, which is made possible by the generosity of Richard and Barbara Franke. The 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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