

ITHACA EXPLORES HUMAN ORIGINS

November 23, 2016—February 28, 2017



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Exploring Human Origins

What Does It Mean To Be Human?

Opens in the Avenue of the Friends

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On display in the Avenue of the Friends January and February 2017

Tuesday, November 29, 7:00 PM at Cinemapolis
"First Peoples—Americas"

Free screening of the first in the PBS film series
"First Peoples" sponsored by WSKG and Cinemapolis.

Wednesday, November 30, 6:30 – 8:00 PM
Exploring Human Origins: What Does It Mean To Be Human?

Guest Lecturer Dr. Rick Potts, Smithsonian Institute
Join Dr. Rick Potts, paleoanthropologist and curator, as he explores the main themes and messages of the traveling exhibit in a program for the general public. The talk will include a tour of the exhibit. Refreshments will be served.

Thursday, December 1, 6:00 – 8:00 PM
Exploring the Meanings of Human Evolution: A Community Conversation

Led by Dr. Connie Bertka and Dr. Jim Miller, co-chairs of the Smithsonian Institution's Broader Social Impacts Committee, with Drs. Rick Potts and Briana Pobiner.
How do scientific discoveries about human origins relate to people's personal understanding of the world and their place in it? Join Drs. Connie Bertka and Jim Miller, as they encourage a community conversation about human evolution that helps us to understand each other's perspectives, to identify areas of common interest or concern, and to explore the variety of ways human evolution connects to personal meaning.

Friday, December 2, 5:00 – 8:00 PM
First Friday Gallery Opening Night

***On Being Human* curated by Terry Plater** a multi-media exhibit featuring the work of ten artists opens. There will be a reception in the BorgWarner Room and opportunities to meet the artists.

Saturday, December 3, 11:00 AM
Why We Look Different: How Evolution Can Explain Human Shapes, Sizes, and Colors

Jennifer Muller, Associate Professor Department of Anthropology, at Ithaca College, will give a special presentation on Human Evolution for Families.

Saturday, December 3, 2:00 PM
Shaping Humanity
A presentation by John Gurche, a paleo artist and artist in residence at the Museum of the Earth
Gurche will talk about his work and how and where he does it, including work included in this exhibit.

Sunday, December 4, 1:30 PM and 3:00 PM
Cave Painting for Families
In the Thaler/Howell Program Room
Presented by Wendy Kenigsberg, graphic designer and arts educator. Learn about Cave Painting, and have an opportunity to create your own Cave Paintings to be displayed in Youth Services.

Sunday, December 4, 2:00 PM
Embracing Science as a Sacred Obligation: What we can learn from Averroes and Maimonides, two 12th Century religious intellectuals?

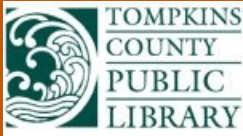
A talk by Ross Brann, Milton R. Konvitz Professor of Judeo-Islamic Studies and Stephen H. Weiss Presidential Fellow at Cornell University.

Thursday, December 8. and January 12, 6:30 – 8:30 PM
From Human Origins to Human Opportunities: Science, Religion and Culture as Essential Decision-making Tools for Turbulent Times.

An interactive seminar led by Eric Clay of Shared Journeys. Offered twice.

Saturday, December 10, 11:00 AM
"How does Neanderthal DNA impact our human biology today?"
Presented by Aaron Sams, Ph.D., a biological anthropologist and computational biologist.

Saturday, December 10, 2:00 PM
Tools and Human Development: Thinking about People through the Things They Make
Frederic Gleach, Ph.D., Historical Anthropologist, Senior Lecturer and Curator of the Anthropology Collections at Cornell, will talk about prehistoric stone tools and how archaeologists use them in the effort to better understand the people who made and used them.



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January/February Programs

Thursday, January 12, 6:30—8:30 PM

From Human Origins to Human Opportunities: *Science, Religion and Culture as Essential Decision-making Tools for Turbulent Times* led by Eric Clay of Shared Journeys.

Thursday, January 19, 6:00—7:30 PM

The Evolution of Language

Presented by Morten H. Christiansen, PhD, Professor, Department of Psychology, Cornell University, Co-Director, Cornell Cognitive Science Program and Professor of Child Language, Aarhus University and Senior Scientist, Haskins Laboratories

Saturday January 28, 2 PM

Women in the Paleolithic

A presentation by Professor Kathleen Stirling, Director of Graduate Studies, Department of Anthropology Binghamton University

Tuesday, February 7, 6:00—7:30 PM

How and why do languages change and how we can use linguistics to study prehistory and the dispersion of modern humans around the globe.

A presentation by Michael Weiss, Professor of Linguistics at Cornell University

Saturday, February 11, 1—2:00 PM

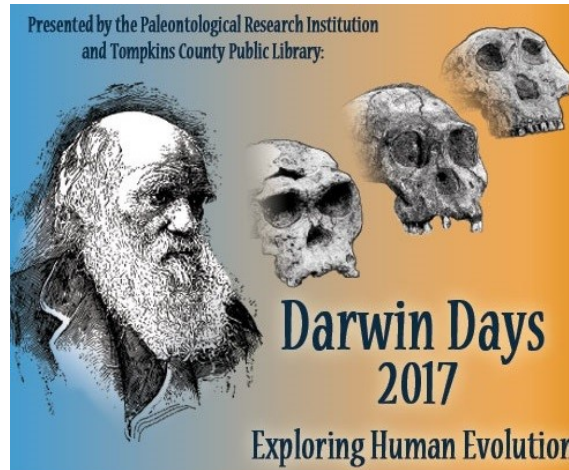
Families Learning Science Together

Thursday, February 23, 6—7:30 PM

A talk on Human Diversity and Evolution

A presentation by Charles Aquadro, Charles A. Alexander Professor of Biological Sciences & Professor of Population Genetics in the Department of Molecular Biology and Genetics.

February 12th - 18th
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Saturday, February 18, at Cayuga Nature Center

Flintknapping—A hands-on program

presented by Professor Sebastien Lacombe, Binghamton University.

with

Stone Age Butchery and Cooking

Presented by Dr. Maureen Costura Associate Professor—Liberal Arts, Culinary Institute of America.

Details of additional programs to follow

Film Series—December to February

TCPL will present a series of films which build on the theme of what it means to be human.

Films will be screened from 6 to 8 p.m. in the BorgWarner Community Room-East unless otherwise indicated.

Wednesday, December 7, ***“Lucy”***

Wednesday December 14, ***“Ex Machina”***

Wednesday December 21, ***“TITAN A. E.”***

Date to be decided ***“2001: A SPACE ODYSSEY”*** to be screened At Cornell Cinema.

Coupons for free tickets will be available at TCPL.

Discovery Trail Weekend Dec, 17—18

Join Discovery Trail members as they *Explore Human Origins and What It Means To Be Human*

Cornell Botanic Gardens present ***Ah-Theuh-Nyeh-Hah: The Planting Moon.***

The Paleontological Research Institution display ***“Evolution of the Human Skull”*** features real specimens and casts, and discusses hominids, apes, and humans by analyzing skull characteristics.

Saturday, December 17, 11:00 AM

The Sciencenter presents ***“Insect Evolution”*** a video from Linda Rayor’s Naturalist Outreach Series

Saturday December 17, 2:00 PM

The History Center presents ***“Seeing the World for the First Time: Early Human Concepts of Space and Place”*** a talk by Robert Kibbee, retired Cornell University Map and Geospatial Information Librarian.

Sunday, December 18, 2:00 PM

Join Johnson Museum of Art educator Carol Hockett for a program on ***Human Origins in Art from ancient Egyptian sculpture to contemporary painting.***



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