

Robert and Maurine Rothschild Distinguished Lectures

November 19, 1991

Thomas S. Kuhn (Laurance S. Rockefeller Professor of Philosophy, Emeritus, MIT)
“The Trouble with the Historical Philosophy of Science”

March 16, 1993

John L. Heibron (Vice Chancellor and Professor of the History of Science and Technology, University of California, Berkeley)
“The Affair of the Countess Gorlitz and the Coming of Age of Physical Science”

November 30, 1993

Gillian Beer (Professor of English, University of Cambridge; Fellow of Girton College, Cambridge)
“Eddington and the Idiom of Modernism”

May 3, 1994

Anthony Grafton (Dodge Professor, Department of history, Princeton University)
“Astrology in Renaissance Europe: Contours and Content of a Forgotten Science”

September 29, 1995

G.E.R. Lloyd (Professor of Philosophy and Science, University of Cambridge; Master of Darwin College)
“Science in Antiquity: The Greek and the Chinese Cases Compared”

April 8, 1997

Gerald Holton
“Culture Roots of Modern Science: Einstein’s Rebellion”

April 23, 1998

Charles E. Rosenberg (Janice and Jullian Bers Professor of History and Sociology of Science, University of Pennsylvania)
“Pathologies of Progress: The Tradition of Civilization as Risk”

April 22, 1999

Ian Hacking (University of Toronto)
“Historical Ontology: From the Creation of Phenomena to the Formation of Character”

April 18, 2000

Marilyn Strathern (William Wyse Professor of Social Anthropology, University of Cambridge; Mistress, Girton College)
“Emergent Properties: New Technologies, New Persons, New Claims”

April 23, 2001

Norton Wise (Professor of History, University of California at Los Angeles)
“What’s In a Line? The Three D’s, Durer, Dirichlet and Dubois”

April 23, 2002

Donna J. Haraway (Professor History of Consciousness, University of California at Santa Cruz)
“From Cyborgs to Companion Species: Kinship in Technoscience”

April 22, 2003

Heinrich Von Staden (Institute for Advanced Study, Princeton University)
“When Physicians Err....Responses to Medical Failures in Ancient Greece”

April 20, 2004

Bruno Latour (Professor Centre de Sociologie de L’Innovation, Ecole Nationale Supérieure des Mines, Paris)
“First and Second Empiricism: Let’s get a Bit Closer to the Facts”

April 26, 2005

Evelyn Fox Keller (Professor of History and Philosophy of Science, MIT, Program in Science, Technology, and Society) “Organisms, Machines and Thunderstorms”

April 4, 2006

Simon Schaffer (Professor of History and Philosophy of Science, University of Cambridge) “Newton on the Beach: Knowledge Flows in the Early Modern World Economy”

April 24, 2007

Paolo Galluzzi (Professor of the History of Science, University of Florence, Italy and Director of the Istituto e Museo Nazionale di Storia della Scienza in Florence) “Galileo’s Blog: History of Science and Scientific Heritage in the Digital Revolution”

March 17, 2009

Owen Gingerich (Professor of Astronomy & History of Science, Emeritus) “The Great Martian Catastrophe and How they Coped”

April 19, 2012

Alex Rivera (Sundance Award-winning Filmmaker) “Engineering the Border, Imagining America”

April 8, 2013

Walter Isaacson (President and CEO of the Aspen Institute, past chairman and CEO of CNN, former editor of TIME magazine and author of the recent biography *Steve Jobs*) “The Genius of Jobs, Einstein, and Franklin”