

Thomas Dixon | Monday 12 October

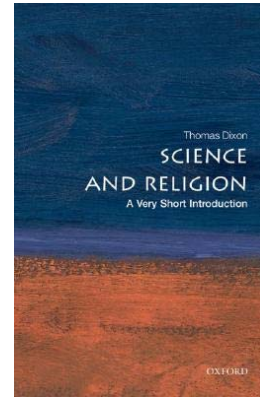
Darwinism vs creationism: a very American conflict

British Society for the History of Science public lecture, hosted by Manchester Museum and CHSTM

By the time of Charles Darwin's death, many Christians had come to terms with the troubling religious implications of natural selection. Yet today the idea of a conflict between Darwinism and faith seems to be stronger than ever. Thomas Dixon explains how the culture, law, and politics of the USA helped to create a confrontation between evolution and Christian creationism in the second half of the twentieth century.

Thomas Dixon's book *Science and Religion: a Very Short Introduction* (2008) was recently awarded the 2009 Dingle Prize of the British Society for the History of Science. He is Senior Lecturer in History at Queen Mary, University of London.

Manchester Museum, Oxford Road. 5.30 till 7pm



James Moore | Tuesday 20 October

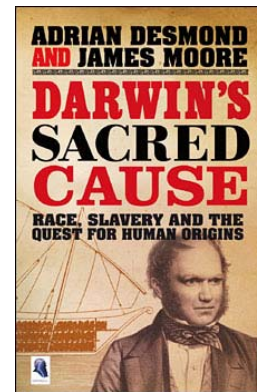
Darwin's sacred cause: race, slavery and human origins

Public lecture sponsored by CHSTM, Manchester Museum and Manchester Science Festival

Learn how the anti-slavery cause, with which Charles Darwin grew up, shaped his views on the evolutionary unity of mankind and man's place in the animal kingdom.

James Moore is the author, with Adrian Desmond, of the bestselling biography *Darwin* (1991) and *Darwin's Sacred Cause* (2009). He is Professor in the Department of History at the Open University, and one of the world's leading Darwin scholars.

Theatre B, Roscoe Building, Brunswick Street (off Oxford Road), University of Manchester. 5.30 till 7pm



Patricia Fara | Saturday 24 October

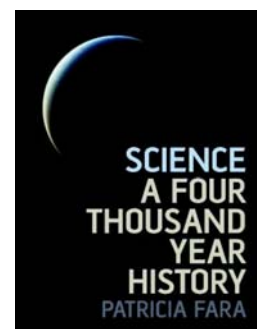
4000 years in 400 pages

Public lecture sponsored by Manchester Science Festival

How do you fit 4000 years of science into 400 pages? Historians call this the Big Picture problem, and now Patricia Fara has provided a solution. In this talk, she discusses three of the Big Questions she had to confront while she was writing *Science: A Four Thousand Year History*: When did science begin? Who did science? How does science change? Some of her answers may be unexpected.

Patricia Fara's books include *Newton: the Making of Genius* (2002), *An Entertainment for Angels: Electricity in the Enlightenment* (2003), and *Scientists Anonymous: Great Stories of Women in Science* (2005). She is a Fellow of Clare College, Cambridge, where she lectures on the history of science.

John Rylands Library, Deansgate. 1 till 2.30pm



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