

**2015 MBL – ASU History of Biology Seminar
Perspectives on Stephen Jay Gould**

Seminar Schedule (updated May 14)

(see also the reading assignments for each session)

All seminar sessions to be held in the MBL Club, 100 Water Street (except where noted)

Wednesday, May 13:

2:00 - 9:00 Check-in and registration

5:30 - 7:00 Dinner

7:00 - Drinks at Captain Kidd's

Thursday, May 14:

7:00 - 8:30 Breakfast

8:30 – 10:00 Welcome and introduction to the MBL and the MBL-ASU Seminar (Jane Maienschein, Andrea Cottrell); introduction of participants

10:00 - 10:30 Coffee break

10:30 – 12:00 Reflections on Gould, and some issues to consider during the week (led by Everett Mendelsohn, Garland Allen, and Diane Paul; also Myrna Perez Sheldon, John Beatty, David Sepkoski; and participants!)

12:00 – 1:30 Lunch break (NB: the dining room stops serving lunch everyday at 1:00; also our lunch break today is a half hour shorter than usual to make time for the library tour at 1:30)

1:30 - 2:00 Library tour (meeting place to be announced)

2:00 – 3:30 The public face of science: Gould as a public intellectual (Declan Fahy)

3:30 – 4:00 Coffee break

4:00 – 5:30 Participant research presentations (instructions forthcoming; led by Karl Matlin)

5:30 - 7:00 Dinner

Friday, May 15:

7:00 - 8:30 Breakfast

- 9:00 – 10:30 From *The Mismeasure of Man* to “Remeasuring man” (Michael Weisberg, Garland Allen)
- 10:30 - 11:00 Coffee Break
- 11:00 – 12:30 “The spandrels of San Marco” and the critique of adaptationism (Patrick Forber)
- 12:30 – 2:00 Lunch break
- 2:00 – 3:30 The politics of adaptation (Myrna Perez and Diane Paul)
- 3:30 – 4:00 Coffee break
- 4:00 – 5:30 Recap and integration of presentations to this point (led by James Collins)
- 5:30 - 7:00 Dinner

Saturday, May 16:

- 7:00 - 8:30 Breakfast
- 9:00 – 10:30 *Ontogeny and Phylogeny*: Gould, heterochrony, and macroevolution (Alan Love and James Collins)
- 10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00 – 12:30 Getting the level on Gould: Hierarchy and selection (Lisa Lloyd and Mark Borrello)
- 12:30 – 2:00 Lunch
- 2:00 – 3:30 Time off (possible time for participant groups to meet)
- 3:30 – 4:00 Coffee break
- 4:00 – 5:30 Recap and integration of last group of presentations, and mid-week reflections (led by Jim Collins with input from participant groups)
- 5:30 - 7:00 Dinner

Sunday, May 17: Free Day

Monday, May 18:

- 7:00 - 8:30 Breakfast

9:00 – 10:30 Towards a nomothetic paleobiology: Gould and the “paleobiological revolution” (David Sepkoski)

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30 *Wonderful Life?*: Gould and historical contingency (Douglas Erwin)

12:30 – 2:00 Lunch break

2:00 – 3:30 Time off (possible time for participant groups to meet)

3:30 – 4:00 Coffee break

4:00 – 5:30 Public lecture: “The Cambrian conundrum: Stephen Jay Gould and the topology of the possible” (Douglas Erwin)

5:30 - 7:00 Dinner

Tuesday, May 19:

7:00 - 8:30 Breakfast

9:00 – 10:30 Narratives: Scientific, historical, literary (John Beatty)

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:30 Recap and integration of last group of presentations (led by Jim Collins)

12:30 – 2:00 Lunch break

2:00 – 3:30 Final reflections on Gould (Gar Allen, Everett Mendelsohn, Diane Paul, Myrna Perez-Sheldon), and participant group presentations

3:30 – 4:00 Coffee break

4:00 – 5:30 Time off

5:30 - 7:00 Final dinner

Wednesday, May 20:

7:00 - 8:30 Breakfast (box lunches available, more information to be provided)

Departures