

# Lucy 50 Upcoming Events

## Celebrate 2024: A Year for Human Origins

This year, ASU's Institute of Human Origins is celebrating the 50th anniversary of the discovery of the fossil skeleton "Lucy" — one of the most significant anthropological findings of our time.

Join IHO as we dedicate a year to the world's greatest mystery story—how we "became human." Explore with us what our first bipedal ancestor continues to teach us about our ancient common past, our challenging present, and our boundless future.

More information at [iho.asu.edu/Lucy50](https://iho.asu.edu/Lucy50)

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## A Year of Discovery

### Monthly Lecture Series

Join IHO researchers for a year-long "master class" in human origins research as they illuminate the many facets of how we "became human" and what that means for the future of humans on the planet.

Auditorium, Walton Center for Planetary Health

5:00 pm to 6:30 pm

Speakers and monthly schedule at

[iho.asu.edu/Lucy50-monthly-lecture-series](https://iho.asu.edu/Lucy50-monthly-lecture-series)

Spring semester 2024

February 8 Exploration and Discovery in the Field and Lab

March 14 Common Origins – Share Future

April 11 Meet Your (Nonhuman Primate) Cousins

May 2 Our Ancient DNA

### Bill Kimbel Distinguished Lecture featuring Donald Johanson

Thursday, April 4, 2024, 7:00 pm

Mesa Arts Center

IHO Founding Director Donald Johanson will enthrall the audience with the story of "Lucy's" discovery, the controversies of naming a new species, and how this small but complicated ancient human ancestor changed the way we think about how humans developed on Earth. Johanson has been a public voice for the science of human evolution and an advocate for human's responsibility to connect with the natural world. General admission tickets (\$43 each) will go on sale February 9.

### Lucy 50th Anniversary Gala dinner – "A Night with Don and Lucy"

Friday, April 5, 2024, Cocktails and conversation 5:00 pm, Dinner and presentation 7:00 pm

The Phoenix Zoo

The evening's presentation will be a conversation between IHO Founding Director Don Johanson and IHO Director Yohannes Haile-Selassie about the past, present, and future of human origins research.

Individual tickets \$300. Table sponsorships begin at \$3,000. See [iho.asu.edu/Lucy50/GalaDinner](https://iho.asu.edu/Lucy50/GalaDinner) or more information

Funds from this event support public outreach and student scholarships for the Institute of Human Origins.

### Symposium – The Impact of Lucy on Human Origins Science

Saturday, April 6, 2024, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Walton Center for Planetary Health, Auditorium (107)

Sixteen internationally renowned scientists will discuss the impact of Lucy's discovery on human origins science.

A list of topics and speakers can be found at [iho.asu.edu/Lucy50/symposium](https://iho.asu.edu/Lucy50/symposium)

Free and open to the public – but you must register online (link below) as seating is limited.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/lucys-impact-on-human-origins-science-a-lucy-50th-anniversary-symposium-tickets-796349832787?aff=oddtcreator>