

The New York University Libraries, Women on Women (WoW), and the Department of Chemistry invite you to attend a special event on May 8, 2007:

## “When the Scientist Becomes the Story”

### A Celebration and Discussion of the Life and Legacy of Nobel Laureates Francis Crick and John Nash with their distinguished biographers



#### With honored guests:

**Matt Ridley:** Author of “Francis Crick: Discoverer of the Genetic Code”  
Founding Chairman of the International Centre for Life, Newcastle, UK  
Prize-winning author of many books on genomes, former science editor of *The Economist*  
and a columnist on the *Daily Telegraph*



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**Sylvia Nasar:** Author of “A Beautiful Mind”  
Knight Professor of Business Journalism, Columbia University  
Prize-winning author and journalist, contributor to many magazines and newspapers  
including *The New York Times* and *The New Yorker*



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#### Hosted by:

**Tamar Schlick:** NYU Professor in Chemistry, Mathematics and Computer Science

**Carol A. Mandel:** Dean of NYU’s Division of Libraries

**Tuesday, May 8, 2007**

**4:00-5:15 p.m. Presentations and Discussion; 5:15-6:00 p.m. Reception**  
**Fales Library, Bobst Library, Third Floor, 70 Washington Square South**  
**New York University Greenwich Village Campus**

Join Matt Ridley, Sylvia Nasar, and Tamar Schlick for a discussion of the inspiring life of Francis Crick and John Nash.

Crick (1916-2004) received the 1962 Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine for the discovery of the structure of DNA with James Watson and Maurice Wilkins. They worked together with Rosalind Franklin and Raymond Gosling at the Cavendish Laboratory at Cambridge University. Later, Crick proposed the “central dogma” connecting, by the genetic code, DNA, RNA, and protein. Crick had many ideas about science, religion, and the soul. His final position was at the Salk Institute for Biological Studies in La Jolla, CA.

In his twenties, John Nash (b. 1928) solved spectacular problems in game theory, Riemannian geometry and partial differential equations. At thirty, his brilliant career was cut short by a devastating mental illness. For three decades, Nash was known to Princeton students only as The Ghost of Fine Hall. Then, in 1994, Nash won a Nobel Prize in Economics for his influential early work on games, and the world learned of his remarkable recovery from schizophrenia and about the people in his life who never gave up on him. Today, Nash lectures widely and holds a research appointment at Princeton University.

**All NYU faculty and students and community guests are welcome to attend this free event.**

**Kindly RSVP to: 212-992-9018 or [rsvp.bobst@nyu.edu](mailto:rsvp.bobst@nyu.edu)**

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