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# An Evening with Don and Lucy

A Celebration of  
50 Years of Discovery

Friday, April 5, 2024

**ASU** Institute of  
Human Origins  
Arizona State University



**“... as I turned to leave, a fossil caught my eye  
and I kneeled down to get a closer look.  
As I looked, I saw another bone and then another...  
It was unbelievable.”**

**The human story—our story—began in Africa.**

The Institute of Human Origins Executive Board and Research Council are excited to invite you to attend a **special evening** with Donald Johanson as the ASU Institute of Human Origins **celebrates the 50th anniversary of this seminal discovery** in human origins science. Join us as Dr. Johanson recounts the importance of the discovery and what it felt like, in that golden moment, when he realized he was looking at the remains of a never-before-seen species of human ancestor.

Johanson has spent his career as a **public voice for the science of human evolution and an advocate for humanity's responsibility to connect with the natural world.**

Don't miss this chance to meet Dr. Johanson as he recounts the details of that eventful day, the importance of the discovery, and how **connecting the human past is important to our global future.**

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**5:00 pm – Lemur Lane Reception  
and Silent Auction**

**7:00 pm – Dinner and Program**

**Lakeside at the Phoenix Zoo**

455 North Galvin Parkway

Phoenix, Arizona

**Donald Johanson PhD** is considered to be among the most important and accomplished paleoanthropologists of our time. Over the course of his illustrious career, he produced one of the field's groundbreaking discoveries – the most widely known and thoroughly studied fossil finds of the 20th century – the 1974 discovery of a 3.2-million-year-old hominin fossil in Ethiopia that added a crucial link to human origins science. Lucy – as the fossil skeleton was called and references The Beatles song “Lucy in the Sky with Diamonds” – prompted ongoing debate and major revisions in our knowledge and understanding of the human evolutionary past.

Johanson founded the Institute of Human Origins (IHO) in 1981, which, in 1997, joined Arizona State University. Today, IHO is one of the preeminent research centers in the world devoted to the science of human origins, whose scientists are global collaborators on the forefront of new paradigm-shifting discoveries and novel approaches to solutions of pressing and newly emerging scientific questions about the human career over deep time.



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*Donald Johanson image—Hadar landscape  
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