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Quick Facts

- Shlain, author of three acclaimed interdisciplinary books, will speak April 17-19 at the Hornsby Master of Liberal Arts Lecture Series.
- His appearance is made possible through an endowment given by Clarence and Lynn Hornsby of Rock Hill.

ROCK HILL, S.C. - Renowned scholar, author and speaker **Leonard Shlain** will visit Winthrop's campus April 17-19 as part of the inaugural **Hornsby Master of Liberal Arts Lecture Series**.

Shlain is the author of three critically acclaimed, highly interdisciplinary books: "Art and Physics," "The Alphabet vs. the Goddess" and "Sex, Time and Power." Chosen for the series of lectures because of his worldwide reputation as an intellectual, **Shlain** is a public scholar who knows no discipline boundaries.

He will speak at 7:30 p.m. on April 17 on "Art and Physics" and at 7 p.m. on April 19 on "The Alphabet vs. the Goddess," both in **Plowden Auditorium**. His appearance is made possible through an endowment given by Clarence and Lynn Hornsby of Rock Hill.

Shlain is the chairman of laparoscopic surgery at the California Pacific Medical Center in San Francisco and is an associate professor of surgery at UCSF. His book "Art & Physics: Parallel Visions in Space, Time, and Light" (HarperCollins), published in 1991, is presently used as a textbook in many art schools and universities and has been translated into foreign languages.

His recent work "The Alphabet Versus The Goddess: The Conflict Between Word and Image" was published by Viking in hardcover in 1998 and within weeks was on the national bestseller list. The Washington Post called it "bold and fascinating," George Steiner in the London Observer wrote that it was "provocative and innovative." The New York Times' Idea Section discussed his thought-provoking theory. David Gergen interviewed **Shlain** for The Jim Lehrer News Hour and Frank Stasio did the same for National NPR.

Shlain has won several literary awards for his work and also holds several patents on innovative surgical devices. His most recent work, "Sex, Time and Power: How Women's Sexuality Shaped Human Evolution," explores the reasons why homo sapiens evolved so far away from other animals in several key attributes. **Shlain** lives and writes in Mill Valley, Calif.

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