

Faculty & Friends



Secret Science Club inducts Alea Mills

With a growing audience of 400+ pushing the capacity of its Brooklyn bar venue, the Secret Science Club lecture series is no longer a secret! Professor Alea Mills is the latest CSHL investigator to take the stage at the monthly gathering. Previous CSHL lecturers have included Drs. Stillman, Hannon, Martienssen, and Mitra. More evidence that the secret is out: a glowing article on the club in the *New York Times*, in which one

loyal attendee explains it began in 2006 as “push-back” against “national stupidity.” The idea that “people were sick of being dumb” might have been key to success of the science series, according to the *Times* piece. The Club’s organizers have held steadfast to their original mission of keeping the barriers to the audience as low as the qualifications of the speakers are high: attendance is always free. Check it out: www.secretscienceclub.blogspot.com



2012 WSBS honorary degree to Sir Kenneth Murray

At this year’s commencement convocation a distinguished scientist, Dr. Kenneth Murray, was awarded an honorary doctorate. Professor Murray, who was knighted by the Queen of England in 1993 for his discovery of Hepatitis B antigens, graduated with a degree in chemistry from the University of Birmingham in 1956. He received his Ph.D. in Chemistry on an accelerated track just 3 years later. His list of achievements includes developing a life-saving hepatitis vaccine, starting the first European biotech company and creating his own philanthropic organization — the Darwin Trust — to support biological sciences at the University of Edinburgh to train of scientists from less affluent parts of the world.