

Culinary Historians of New York
presents

Bones of Retention
Reconstructing Prehistoric Diets from Fossils
with
Andrew Sillen

Wednesday, October 17, 6:30 pm
Greenwich House Music School

Over the past decade, archaeologists have been able to reconstruct aspects of prehistoric human diets by reading trace elements and isotopes in human and animal skeletons. These trace elements and isotopes shed light on the consumption of certain kinds of foods, such as meat vs. vegetable or seafood vs. terrestrial. The results of these studies have been surprising, and they challenge popular conceptions about key events in the past, such as the origin of the human line in the Pleistocene (around 1 to 3 million years ago), and the origin of farming in the Holocene (around 10,000 years ago).

Join Andrew Sillen as he busts some myths about “cavemen” and our other ancestors.

Andrew Sillen was Professor of Paleoanthropology and Chair of the Department of Archaeology at the University of Cape Town, South Africa, where he lived from 1985-2001. He is co-discoverer of the earliest use of fire (at Swartkrans, approximately 1 million years ago) and an expert on the evolution of human diets. A native of New York, he has returned home where he is currently a vice president at Brooklyn College.

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6:30 pm Reception
7:00 pm Lecture

Greenwich House Music School
46 Barrow Street
(near Seventh Avenue South)
See www.gharts.org for directions.

Coming up:

November 26, Mitchell Davis and Hervé This on “Molecular Gastronomy”

December 17, Michael Lerner on “Dry Manhattan: Prohibition in New York City”

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For reservations, please make checks payable to Culinary Historians of New York and send to CHNY c/o Carolyn Vaughan, 150 E. 93rd Street, #10B, New York, NY 10128, by October 15.

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