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Edward and Bonnie Foreman Biodiversity Lecture

# *The Sound of the Sea: Seashells and the Fate of the Oceans*

**By award-winning author and journalist Cynthia Barnett**

The human fascination with seashells is primal. Neanderthals collected empty cockle shells on the coast of what is modern Spain, showing a preference for those they found beautiful. In her program *The Sound of the Sea*, Barnett explores the profound relationship between humans and seashells, uncovering the ancient history of shells as global currency, their use as religious and luxury objects—and the rarely appreciated but remarkable creatures that make them. Today, seashells are revealing how humans have altered the climate and the sea—down to its very chemistry. But they are also sentinels of hope for alternative energy, carbon sequestration and other solutions that lie beneath the waves.



Breakfast and Lecture

**April 4, 2025**

**at 9 a.m.**

in Library Room 129



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