

**READING OF THE PLAY “OXYGEN”
Followed by a Discussion**

May 10 (Monday) at 5:30 PM

in

Phillips Auditorium

Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics

60 Garden St.

by an all-CfA cast.

Join the authors

**Carl Djerassi (Stanford) and Roald Hoffmann (Cornell),
for a Discussion following the reading at about 6:30 PM.**

**G. Holton, Mallinckrodt Research Professor of Physics
& Research Professor of the History of Science, and
W. Lipscomb, Professor Emeritus of Chemistry,
will help us facilitate it.**

*“Oxygen” examines the nature of what motivates a scientist.
S.J. Gould wrote about it: “What is the nature of greatness?
And whom do we honor: the one who made it first, who pub-
lished it first, or who understood it first? ...”*

*H. Varmus: “The authors, two of the world’s best chemists,
have teamed up ... to create a fascinating, imaginary encounter
in 1777 between three of the best chemists in history - the con-
tenders for the discovery of oxygen...”*

*J.-M. Lehn: “This play is about scientists and science history,
but also about the much broader question of the nature of discov-
ery: is it finding a tree or seeing the forest?”*

For more info: www.djerassi.com/oxygen/oxygen2.html

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