



Author Barbara Goldsmith chats with Dean Mandel and her co-panelists. From left to right: Dr. Tamar Schlick, Dean Carol A. Mandel, Barbara Goldsmith, and Lynn Sherr.

Noted author, scholar and historian Barbara Goldsmith, interviewed by veteran ABC journalist Lynn Sherr, discussed her latest book at Fales on March 2. *Obsessive Genius: The Inner World of Marie Curie* has won Ms. Goldsmith wide critical acclaim and has introduced a diverse audience to the life and work of a brilliant, driven, and pioneering scientist. The audience that gathered for the March 2 discussion reflected the wide appeal of Ms. Goldsmith's latest work and included students and educators in the sciences, history, women's studies, and journalism.

Ms. Goldsmith's and Ms. Sherr's dialogue was introduced by Dr. Tamar Schlick, NYU Professor in Chemistry, Mathematics, and Computer Science, and founder of WoW, a support group for women in science and cosponsor of the event. Dr. Schlick emphasized that the 'sad, touching, heroic, and unique aspects' of Marie Curie's life provided an important context for discussing the many challenges for women in science today, including the competing demands of family, home, and the lab, the high pressure of success, and the important role of male mentors.

Responding to questions raised by Ms. Sherr, Ms. Goldsmith gave the audience a compelling picture of Marie Curie. Her thought-provoking insights into the life of Marie Curie shed new light on the paths she broke for women scientists, the present state of women in the lab, and the future for women's equality across professions. The enthusiastic audience had many questions,

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'Obsessive Genius' Draws a Diverse Crowd Engaged with Women in Science



Author Barbara Goldsmith signs a copy of her book, *Obsessive Genius*, for Dmitry Lupyin, a Ph.D. student in the joint NYU/Mount Sinai program in computational biology.

and attendees had the opportunity to more closely engage with Ms. Goldsmith at a book signing following the discussion.

Obsessive Genius is not the first of Ms. Goldsmith's books to receive wide literary and public acclaim. Her publications also include *The Straw Man*, *Little Gloria...Happy at Last*, *Johnson v. Johnson*, and *Other Powers: The Age of Suffrage, Spiritualism and the Scandalous Victoria Woodhull*. She has received numerous awards for her literary accomplishments; her honors include election to the Academy of Arts and Sciences as well as the President's Commission on the Celebration of Women in American History. ■

Friends of Bobst Library Gather and Tour Library Renovations



The Mamdouha S. Bobst Gallery

Friends of Bobst Library helped ring in the holiday cheer at a renovations tour and reception hosted by Dean Carol A. Mandel on December 3, 2004. The group gathered in the new Mamdouha S. Bobst Gallery in the atrium of the Library, where Dean Mandel thanked the *Friends* for their ongoing support. Guests then embarked on self-tours of the newly renovated Brine Library Commons (on Lower Levels 1 and 2), where Bobst Library faculty and staff were stationed to answer

their questions. One alumnus, medical student Ned Shami (CAS '00), was amazed to see the changes in the spaces where he had spent so many of his NYU days and nights cramming for his exams, saying that "the space, in my opinion, is perfectly designed for student comfort and utility. It's quite apparent that the innovators of this project took everything into consideration when developing this space and I am certain future generations of NYU Alumni will be more than grateful."