

RECENT HISTORY OF *HOMO SAPIENS*

This month two articles have taken stock of the recent evolution of *Homo sapiens*. The one in Nature ([Origins of modern human ancestry](#)), is a strictly “scientific” paper. The second ([An evolutionary timeline of *Homo sapiens*](#)), which appeared in Smithsonian Magazine, is very well illustrated, also reconstructing what the face of our ancestors, or close relatives like Neanderthals, must have looked like.