Peabody Museum Director Derek Briggs cordially invites you to the opening of

**Mightier Than the Sword: The Allure, Beauty and Enduring Power of Beads**

Thursday, December 12, 2013
5:00 – 6:30 pm
Department of Anthropology
51 Hillhouse Avenue

The meanings of beads cut across cultures and time; they force us to acknowledge our common humanity. Were the actors upon the ancient stage much like us, so that we can understand their motivations? Or were they playing to a script that is untranslatable to an audience from another time, another society? Beads answer these questions for us.

Please join us as we celebrate the beauty of beads and the research of Yale faculty and students as they uncover the wonder of beads and the stories that they tell!

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