

BIANCHI PLANETARIUM LECTURES PRESENTED IN 2009

Date of the lecture: **May-08-2009**
Title of the lecture: **Cassini Visits Saturn's Active Moon Enceladus.**
Speaker: **Dr. Amanda Hendrix, JPL**

Date of the lecture: **Apr-24-2009**
Title of the lecture: **Strolling through the Heavens - An Introduction to the Constellations of the Winter and Spring Skies.**
Speaker: **Mr. Andrew Vandenberg and Mr. John Hodgson, CSUN**

Date of the lecture: **Mar-27-2009**
Title of the lecture: **New Wheels on Mars - The Mars Science Laboratory Mission.**
Speaker: **Dr. Richard Cook, JPL**

Date of the lecture: **Mar-13-2009**
Title of the lecture: **The Search for Planets Orbiting Nearby Stars.**
Speaker: **Dr. Damian Christian, CSUN**

BIANCHI PLANETARIUM LECTURES PRESENTED IN 2008

Date of the lecture: **Oct-24-2008**
Title of the lecture: **Arctic Adventure: Chasing a Total Solar Eclipse in the Land of Midnight Sun.**
Speaker: **Mr. Matt Ventimiglia, CSUN**

Date of the lecture: **Oct-17-2008**
Title of the lecture: **Building Palomar's Big Eye.**
Speaker: **Dr. Scott Kardel, Cal Tech**

Date of the lecture: **Oct-03-2008**
Title of the lecture: **The Dark Side of Sunspots.**
Speaker: **Dr. Debi Prasad Choudhary, CSUN**

Date of the lecture: **Apr-25-2008**
Title of the lecture: **Exploring the Nature of Planets Around Other Stars.**
Speaker: **Dr. Brad Hansen, UCLA**

Date of the lecture: **Mar-28-2008**
Title of the lecture: **Finding Planets around Other Stars.**
Speaker: **Dr. David Ciardi, Michelson Science Center and Cal Tech**

Date of the lecture: **Mar-07-2008**
Title of the lecture: **Predicting Climate Change: Removing the Mystery.**
Speaker: **Dr. Duane Waliser, Cal Tech and JPL**

BIANCHI PLANETARIUM LECTURES PRESENTED IN 2007

Date of the lecture: **Nov-09-2007**
Title of the lecture: **Final Frontier: the Dream, History, and Future of Space Flight.**
Speaker: **Mr. Matt Ventimiglia, CSUN**

Date of the lecture: **Oct-12-2007**

Title of the lecture: **The Dawn Mission to the Asteroid Belt.**
 Speaker: **Dr. Mark Rayman, JPL**

Date of the lecture: **Sep-28-2007**
 Title of the lecture: **Voyager: 30 years in Space.**
 Speaker: **Dr. Alan Cummings, Cal Tech and JPL**

Date of the lecture: **May-11-2007**
 Title of the lecture: **The Last Days of the Earth.**
 Speaker: **Dr. Mark Morris, UCLA**

Date of the lecture: **Apr-27-2007**
 Title of the lecture: **Phoenix Mars Scout Mission and the Search for Extant Water Ice.**
 Speaker: **Dr. Deborah Bass, JPL**

Date of the lecture: **Apr-13-2007**
 Title of the lecture: **Water in the Saturn System.**
 Speaker: **Ms. Trina Ray, JPL**

Date of the lecture: **Mar-09-2007**
 Title of the lecture: **From Continental Drift to the Theory of Plate Tectonics.**
 Speaker: **Dr. Elizabeth Nagy-Shadman, CSUN**

Date of the lecture: **Feb-23-2007**
 Title of the lecture: **Comet Dust in Captivity: What Have We Learned from the Stardust Mission.**
 Speaker: **Dr. Kevin McKeegan, UCLA**

Date of the lecture: **Feb-09-2007**
 Title of the lecture: **The Planet Club: Why Pluto Got Kicked Out, and Why Earth is So Special.**
 Speaker: **Dr. Amanda Mainzer, JPL**

BIANCHI PLANETARIUM LECTURES PRESENTED IN 2006

Date of the lecture: **Nov-17-2006**
 Title of the lecture: **Meteorites and Asteroids.**
 Speaker: **Dr. Alan Rubin, UCLA**

Date of the lecture: **Nov-03-2006**
 Title of the lecture: **Mysterious Titan.**
 Speaker: **Ms. Trina Ray, JPL**

Date of the lecture: **Oct-06-2006**
 Title of the lecture: **Astronomy in Ancient Mediterranean: Chasing the Total Eclipse of March-29-2006.**
 Speaker: **Mr. Matt Ventimiglia, CSUN**

Date of the lecture: **Sep-22-2006**
 Title of the lecture: **Mars: The Adventure of Exploring the Red Planet.**
 Speaker: **Dr. David Senske, JPL**

Date of the lecture: **May-19-2006**
 Title of the lecture: **The Magnificent Voyage of Stardust.**
 Speaker: **Mr. Darren Baird, JPL and UCLA**

Date of the lecture: **May-12-2006**
 Title of the lecture: **Ultraviolet Photolysis of Amino Acids in Crystalline Water**

Ice: Can They Survive on Europa.
Speaker: Drs. Grazyna Orzechowska and Jay Goguen, JPL

Date of the lecture: May-09-2006
Title of the lecture: Phoenix After MER: From the Equator to the Poles of Mars.
Speaker: Dr. Albert Haldemann, JPL

Date of the lecture: Apr-124-2006
Title of the lecture: Winning the Cosmic Lottery.
Speaker: Dr. Paul Weissman, JPL

Date of the lecture: Mar-24-2006
Title of the lecture: The Latest from NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope: From Planets to Deep Space.
Speaker: Dr. Varoujan Goorjian, JPL and Cal Tech

Date of the lecture: Mar-10-2006
Title of the lecture: The Worlds of the Outer Solar System.
Speaker: Dr. David Senske, JPL

Date of the lecture: Feb-17-2006
Title of the lecture: The Latest Results from Cassini: Enceladus.
Speaker: Mr. David F. Coppedge, JPL

BIANCHI PLANETARIUM LECTURES PRESENTED IN 2005

Date of the lecture: Dec-9-2005
Title of the lecture: Age and Evolution of the Earth: Three Revolutions in One Century.
Speaker: Dr. James Powell, USC

Date of the lecture: Dec-2-2005
Title of the lecture: Astronomy and the Chinese Calendar.
Speaker: Dr. Paul Lee, CSUN

Date of the lecture: Nov-18-2005
Title of the lecture: Special Relativity for Non-Scientists.
Speaker: Dr. Skip Newhall, JPL

Date of the lecture: Nov-4-2005
Title of the lecture: What Makes Planets Habitable?
Speaker: Dr. David Stevenson, Cal Tech

Date of the lecture: Oct-28-2005
Title of the lecture: The War of the Worlds: A Brief History of Martian Invasion.
Speaker: Mr. Matt Ventimiglia, CSUN

Date of the lecture: **Oct-21-2005**
Title of the lecture: **High Resolution Astronomy near Downtown Los Angeles: Recent Results from the CHARA Array.**
Speaker: **Dr. David Berger, University of Michigan**

Date of the lecture: **Oct-14-2005**
Title of the lecture: **SIM - The Next Great Observatory.**
Speaker: **Mr. Stephen Edberg, JPL and Cal Tech**

Date of the lecture: **Sep-30-2005**
Title of the lecture: **Spirit and Opportunity: The Corps of Discovery for Mars.**
Speaker: **Dr. John Callas, JPL**

Date of the lecture: **Sep-23-2005**
Title of the lecture: **The Cassini/Huygens Mission to Saturn.**
Speaker: **Mr. Robert Mitchell, JPL**

Date of the lecture: **Sep-9-2005**
Title of the lecture: **Hubble Ultra Deep Field of Galaxies.**
Speaker: **Dr. Michael Corbin, ASU and STScI**

Date of the lecture: **June-24-2005**
Title of the lecture: **Science at Saturn: The Cassini/Huygens Mission to Saturn and Titan.**
Speaker: **Mr. David F. Coppedge, JPL**

Date of the lecture: **May-20-2005**
Title of the lecture: **The Solar Eclipse of April-8-2005.**
Speaker: **Mr. Matt Ventimiglia, CSUN**

Date of the lecture: **May-13-2005**
Title of the lecture: **In Search of the Cause of the End of the Dinosaur Era: The Story of the Chixculub Impact Crater.**
Speaker: **Dr. Adriana Ocampo, JPL, Cal Tech**

Date of the lecture: **May-6-2005**
Title of the lecture: **Fact and Fiction in Cosmology.**
Speaker: **Dr. Edward (Ned) Wright, UCLA**

Date of the lecture: **April-29-2005**
Title of the lecture: **Pluto, Sedna, and the Edge of the Solar System.**
Speaker: **Dr. Michael Brown, Cal Tech**

Date of the lecture: **April-22-2005**
Title of the lecture: **Secret of Sound and Music.**
Speaker: **Dr. David Bach, CSUN**

Date of the lecture: **April-15-2005**

Title of the lecture: **Nature vs. Nurture: How Venus Went Bad.**
Speaker: **Dr. Nathan Bridges, JPL**

Date of the lecture: **April-1-2005**
Title of the lecture: **Galaxy Train Wrecks.**
Speaker: **Dr. Sarah Gallagher, UCLA**

Date of the lecture: **March-18-2005**
Title of the lecture: **Deep Impact: A Mission to Understand the Heart of a Comet.**
Speaker: **Dr. Donald Yeomans, JPL**

Date of the lecture: **March-04-2005**
Title of the lecture: **Cosmic Jets: New Building Blocks of the Universe.**
Speaker: **Dr. David Meier, JPL**

Date of the lecture: **February-25-2005**
Title of the lecture: **Cassini at Saturn, Huygens on Titan.**
Speaker: **Dr. Kevin Grazier, JPL**

Date of the lecture: **February-11-2005**
Title of the lecture: **The Moon: Our Nearest Neighbor in Space.**
Speaker: **Dr. Bonnie Buratti, JPL**

Date of the lecture: **February-04-2005**
Title of the lecture: **When the Pacific Speaks, The World Listens.**
Speaker: **Dr. William Patzert, JPL**

Date of the lecture: **January-28-2005**
Title of the lecture: **The Perils of Living in Space: An Introduction to Space Weather**
Speaker: **Dr. Mark Moldwin, UCLA**

Date of the lecture: **January-21-2005**
Title of the lecture: **Mount Wilson Observatory - Then and Now; a Centennial Celebration.**
Speaker: **Mr. Don Nicholson, Mount Wilson Observatory Association and Institute**

BIANCHI PLANETARIUM LECTURES PRESENTED IN 2004

Date of the lecture: **December-10-2004**
Title of the lecture: **Search for the Christmas Star.**
Speaker: **Mr. John Mosley, Griffith Observatory**

Date of the lecture: **December-03-2004**
Title of the lecture: **Search for the Christmas Star.**
Speaker: **Mr. John Mosley, Griffith Observatory**

Date of the lecture: **November-19-2004**
Title of the lecture: **The Galaxy Evolution Explorer.**
Speaker: **Dr. Michael Rich, UCLA**

Date of the lecture: **November-12-2004**
Title of the lecture: **What's Shaking and How We Measure It.**
Speaker: **Dr. Kate Hutton, JPL and Cal. Tech.**

Date of the lecture: **October-29-2004**
Title of the lecture: **Halloween Storms on the Sun.**
Speaker: **Dr. Debi Prasad Choudhary, CSUN**

Date of the lecture: **October-15-2004**
Title of the lecture: **Planets in Alignment- Venus in Transit.**
Speaker: **Mr. Matt Ventimiglia, CSUN**

Date of the lecture: **October-08-2004**
Title of the lecture: **As the World Turns and Changes Its Mass Distribution.**
Speaker: **Dr. Jean O. Dickey, JPL**

Date of the lecture: **October-01-2004**
Title of the lecture: **Spirit and Opportunity: Summer 2004 Adventure on Mars.**
Speaker: **Dr. Albert Haldemann, JPL**

Date of the lecture: **September-10-2004**
Title of the lecture: **The Quest to Detect Gravitational Waves.**
Speaker: **Dr. Peter Shawhan, Cal. Tech.**

Date of the lecture: **August-20-2004**
Title of the lecture: **Keck Interferometer - Planet Hunting and Other Astrophysics Done with High Resolution Imaging.**
Speaker: **Dr. Andrew J. Booth, JPL**

Date of the lecture: **July-30-2004**
Title of the lecture: **Rings of Saturn**
Speaker: **Dr. Linda J. Spilker, JPL**

Date of the lecture: **July-23-2004**
Title of the lecture: **Ultra-High Energy Cosmic Rays: The Mystery of Nature's Most Powerful Particle Accelerators.**
Speaker: **Dr. Theresa Lynn, Cal. Tech.**

Date of the lecture: **June-25-2004**
Title of the lecture: **Genesis - Search for Origins.**
Speaker: **Mr. Donald Sweetnam, JPL**

Date of the lecture: **June-4-2004**
Title of the lecture: **Understanding the Dark Universe.**
Speaker: **Dr. David B. Cline, UCLA**

Date of the lecture: **May-14-2003**
Title of the lecture: **The Cassini/Huygens Mission to Saturn and Titan.**
Speaker: **Dr. Kevin Grazier, JPL**

Date of the lecture: **May-7-2004**
Title of the lecture: **From New Stars to Black Holes: The Infrared View of the Universe from NASA's Spitzer Space Telescope.**
Speaker: **Dr. Varoujan Gorjian, JPL**

Date of the lecture: **April-16-2004**
Title of the lecture: **In the Heat of the Night: Exploring the Invisible Universe.**
Speaker: **Dr. Michelle Thaller, JPL**

Date of the lecture: **April-9-2004**
Title of the lecture: **Galileo's Odyssey: The Worlds of Jupiter.**
Speaker: **Dr. Rosaly M. Lopes, JPL**

Date of the lecture: **March-26-2004**
Title of the lecture: **The Icy Moon Europa May Contain a Liquid Ocean.**
Speaker: **Dr. John Olson, UCLA**

Date of the lecture: **February-13-2004**
Title of the lecture: **Relativistic Interstellar Travel**
Speaker: **Dr. Art Huffman, UCLA**

Date of the lecture: **January-31-2004**
Title of the lecture: **The STARDUST MISSION: The Return of Cometary Samples to Earth**
Speaker: **Dr. Kevin McKeegan, UCLA**

BIANCHI PLANETARIUM SPEAKERS BEFORE 2004.

Mr. Matt Ventimiglia - Matt has traveled all over the world and observed four total solar eclipses, four annular eclipses, numerous lunar eclipses, and one transit of Venus and one transit of Mercury.

Mr. Robert Provin - Senior Information Technology Consultant and Lecturer in the Department of Geography at California State University, Northridge.

Professor Richard Rains - Professor of Physics and Astronomy at Los Angeles Mission College.

Professor Peter Collas - Professor of Physics in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at California State University, Northridge.

Professor Duane Doty - Professor of Physics in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at California State University, Northridge.

Professor Paul Lee - Professor of Physics in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at California State University, Northridge.

Professor Phil Plait - Professor of Astronomy in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at Sonoma State University, Sonoma, California.