

# Humanities Grant Funds Astronomy Lecture Series

BCC has received a nearly \$2,000 grant from the Florida Humanities Council through the National Endowment for the Humanities. The money is being used to partially fund the BCC Space and Astronomy Lecture Series.

BCC Physics Professor Dr. Fiorella Terenzi is the coordinator for the series, and is thrilled that BCC is able to use the grant to introduce another world to Brevard County.

“As the host and event director of the lecture series it is my desire to educate, enlighten, and enthrall because education empowers us,” Terenzi said. “It is the most powerful springboard for guiding us to a great understanding and appreciation of the universe and our place in it.”

The series began Sept. 10 and will con-

tinue through April 8, 2011. Each lecture is free and begins at 7 p.m.

The next presentation will be Feb. 11, when Dr. Rafael Guzman, Professor and Chair of the Astronomy Department at the University of Florida, discusses the “Gran Telescopio de Canarias: First Light of the Largest Optical Telescope on Earth.”

Guzman focuses his research on the structure, the kinematics (the study of motion), and the stellar (star) populations of galaxies. Guzman has given presentations in Spain, Mexico, and throughout the United States.

To see a full schedule of guest speakers, visit <http://www.brevardcc.edu/astrolectures>. ■