

## Brevard Community College Newsroom

BCC Space and Astronomy Lecture Series Presents "President John F. Kennedy and The Race To The Moon"

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Brevard Community College Space and Astronomy Lecture Series presents Dr. John Logsdon, an award-winning scientist and Professor Emeritus at the George Washington University Space Policy Institute in Washington, D.C., will speak at 7 p.m., March 11, at the Brevard Community College Planetarium and Observatory.

The event is part of the BCC Space and Astronomy Lecture Series, which is partially provided for by a grant from the Florida Humanities Council. The series is held every second Friday of each month at 7 p.m. during the 2010-11 academic year. The lecture is free and open to the public.

Logsdon is the founder and long-time director of the Space Policy Institute at the George Washington University Elliott School of International Affairs. He is the author of the book "The Decision to Go to the Moon: Project Apollo and the National Interest" and is general editor of the eight-volume series "Exploring the Unknown: Selected Documents in the History of the U.S. Civil Space Program."

The seminar will focus on President John F. Kennedy's broad affect on the space program, the reasons for his decision to launch astronauts to the moon, his commitment to the Apollo project and its impact on the space program.

Logsdon, a member of the International Academy of Astronautics and the author of several articles and reports on space policy and history, has held the Lindbergh Chair in Aerospace History at the Smithsonian Institute National Air and Space Museum in Washington, D.C. He served as a member of the Columbia Accident Investigation Board, the Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Council of the Department of Transportation, and the blue-ribbon international panel that evaluates Japan's National Space Development Agency. Logsdon is an award-winning scientist who has received the 2005 John F. Kennedy Award from the American Astronautical Society, and the 2006 Barry Goldwater Space Educator Award of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics. He has earned a Bachelor of Science in Physics from Xavier University and a Doctorate in Political Science from New York University. He also has received NASA Distinguished Public Service and Public Service Medals.

Fiorella Terenzi, BCC Physics and Astronomy Professor, is the host and event director of the lecture series.

"Our BCC Space and Astronomy Lecture Series targets the latest and newest discoveries in space and astronomy, aiming straight to the heart and minds of everyone," Terenzi said.

“The facts and mysteries of the Universe make it the most powerful tool for human growth and development.

“It inspires us all to see and discover new possibilities. It conveys knowledge, and it creates a sense of common purpose. Looking up lifts our spirits and raises our consciousness. We invite the public to join us in this journey into the wonder of space to explore amazing new facts about space and astronomy including some poetic and inspiring truths about our lives.”

Other events in the series include a lecture and concert on April 8, 2011, “An Evening at the Edge of the Universe” by Dr. James Webb, Director of SARA Observatory and Professor of the Florida International University Department of Physics in Miami. The event also will feature Jonn Serrie, a special guest composer and producer who will perform a live concert under the stars in the Planetarium dome.

For more information, visit [www.brevardcc.edu/AstroLectures](http://www.brevardcc.edu/AstroLectures) or call Terenzi at (321) 433-7653.