

Brevard Community College Newsroom

BCC Space and Astronomy Lecture Series Presents "An Evening At The Edge Of The Universe"

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Brevard Community College presents "An Evening at the Edge of the Universe," by Dr. James Webb, Director of the Southern Association for Research in Astronomy Observatory and Professor of the Florida International University Department of Physics, on April 8 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.

Webb will take the audience to the edges of the visible universe as he discusses his research on quasars and supermassive black holes. The program will start with a video tour to a supermassive black hole set to a classical guitar rendition of the Beatle's "Across the Universe."

Webb's scientific career is centered on the study of the continuum variability of active galaxies and Blazars. He has taught at all educational levels and educates the general public through public lectures. Webb, who also plays guitar and writes astronomy music, obtained a bachelor's degree in Physics and a master's degree and Doctorate in Astronomy. Webb has taught at Stephen F. Austin State University, Goddard Space Flight Center, and Florida International University in Miami, where he currently works.

Jon Serrie, a world acclaimed guest composer and producer, will perform a "live stellar jam session" under the stars in the Planetarium dome. Serrie's music has performed in theaters worldwide including England, Germany, Sweden, Italy, Japan, China, Canada, South America, and Australia.

In addition, Serrie has composed music for "Galaxies Across Space And Time," an IMAX and Space Telescope Science Institute feature film on the discovery of Deep Field Galaxies beyond the universe. The project won first-place at the Large Format Film Festival in Los Angeles.

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."

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