

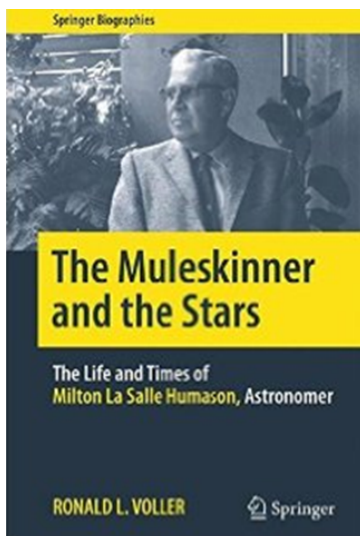
Pre-Meeting Option

Thursday May 18th

7:30pm Albany Area Amateur Astronomy Meeting – **at miSci**

Speaker: Ron Voller- from NYC

Author of *The Muleskinner and the Stars: The Life and Times of Milton La Salle Humason, Astronomer*



Friday May 19th

8:30-9:00am Registration (miSci lobby)

9:00-9:30am Tour of our Challenger Learning Center



9:30-11:30am Lessons/Presentations (planetarium)



11:30-11:45am BREAK

11:45-12:30pm Lessons/Presentations (Aud)

12:30-2:00pm Lunch w/ Presentation (Aud)

Speaker: Janie Schwab – Former observatory director- Dudley Observatory- History of a Future Observatory



2:00-3:30pm Lessons/Presentations (Aud)

3:30-4:30pm Tour of Collections and Archives- miSci collections

Dinner on your own

7:00pm Board van/travel to Octagon Barn



8:00-10:00pm Lecture and Telescope Observing (weather permitting)

Speaker: Dr. Matthew Szydagis

Topic: Gravitational Waves

Matthew Szydakis is an Assistant Professor of Physics at the University at Albany, State University of New York, in his third year. He received his B.A., M.S., and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago in 2005, 2006, and 2010, and was a postdoctoral scholar at the University of California Davis from 2011 to 2014. He specializes in experimental astroparticle physics, belonging to leading projects in the search for direct evidence of dark matter particles, LUX and LZ, dark matter being the theoretical form of matter for which we have strong, albeit indirect, astronomical evidence, although no conclusive and unambiguous detection yet.

Saturday May 20th

9:00-10:30am Lessons/Presentations (Aud)

10:30-10:45am BREAK

10:45-12:00pm Lessons/Presentations

12:00-1:00pm Lunch

1:00-2:00pm Lessons/Presentations

2:00-3:00pm Group Discussion

Topic: How do you teach about the Space Race and Moon Landings to your groups?

3:00pm – Meeting Ends

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MAP'S membership required.