

# Smithsonian Lectures on Astronomy, 2017



The Administrative Complex of the Fred Lawrence Whipple Observatory with the four gamma-ray telescopes of VERITAS.

## Popular Illustrated Lectures in Astronomy Free to the Public in Santa Cruz Valley

The Fred Lawrence Whipple Observatory takes pleasure in presenting its 47th year of Public Lectures on Astronomy and Astrophysics by our local astronomers on topics of their choice. All the lectures will be on Wednesday mornings at 9:00am.

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| January 11  | <b>“Our Future Off-Earth”</b>  |
| Wednesday   | Dr. Christopher Impey, University of Arizona                                   |
| January 25  | <b>“NASA’s OSIRIS/REx Asteroid Sample Return Mission”</b>                      |
| Wednesday   | Dr. Christian Drouet d’Aubigny, University of Arizona                          |
| February 8  | <b>“Train Wrecks of Galactic Size: Galaxy Mergers and the Stars They Form”</b> |
| Wednesday   | Dr. Karen Knierman, Arizona State University                                   |
| February 22 | <b>“The Milky Way: Our Home, But What Does It Look Like?”</b>                  |
| Wednesday   | Dr. Alyson Ford, University of Arizona   |
| March 8     | <b>“Let’s Play BINGO: BAOs from Integrated Neutral Gas Observations”</b>       |
| Wednesday   | Dr. Emilio Falco, Whipple Observatory  |

All the lectures will be presented in the Green Valley Recreation Center West Auditorium. Each 45 minute lecture will be non-technical and is intended for the interested layperson. A question-and-answer period follows each lecture. Admission is free and open to the public.

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