

Meeting Notice

March 2018

Of the Rittenhouse Astronomical Society

The Society invites members, guests and the interested public to our upcoming meeting (students encouraged to attend.) FREE / Open to the general public, no admit fee. Membership not required.

WHO:

GUEST PRESENTER

Dr. Derrick Pitts

Chief Astronomer: The Franklin Institute

Topic:

A New BBC Special?

WHERE:

THE FRANKLIN INSTITUTE / FELS PLANETARIUM

222 20TH STREET & THE PARKWAY

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WHAT: Dr. Derrick Pitts; Chief Astronomer at the Franklin Institute will share a new project he has recently been involved with.

WHEN:

March 20, 2017; Tuesday 6:55 PM ~ AGENDA

7:00 - Planetarium show (arrive 6:55)	8:40 - Planet Report~ D. Vacca
7:15 - Bottom of the Pendulum Staircase	8:50 - This is Rocket Science~ D. Walker
7:20 - Start of a new Era- T. Williams	9:00 - Presidents Address~ T. Williams
8:00 - Guest Presenter ~ Dr. Derrick Pitts	9:15 - Mystery Minute

Arrive before 7:00 PM and see a full digital dome feature in the Fels Planetarium

Arrive at 7:15 PM – Gather at bottom of Pendulum Staircase.

Our newly elected President Ted Williams announces the start of a new era for Rittenhouse Astronomical Society
Foucault Pendulum will provide a symbolic new start.

Arrive at 8:00 PM - Everyone gathers in Planetarium for our guest presenter Dr. Pitts

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Derrick is currently the Chief Astronomer and Director of the Fels Planetarium at The Franklin Institute. He's also been a NASA Solar System Ambassador since 2009 and serves as the "Astrobiology Ambassador" for the NASA/MIRS/UNCF Special Program Corporation's Astrobiology Partnership Program. One of his newest honors is an appointment to the outreach advisory board for the world's largest telescope, the new Thirty-Meter-Telescope at Mauna Kea in Hawaii. He appears regularly in the media as a science content expert including appearances on the "Colbert Report" on Comedy Central and "The Late, Late Show with Craig

Ferguson" on CBS. For more than two decades, Derrick has hosted award-winning astronomy radio programs for Philadelphia's two public radio stations and created signature astronomy television programming for PBS. One of the highlights of Derrick's career was meeting President Obama and his family when he was invited to participate in the first-ever White House Star Party.



DATES TO REMEMBER:

March 17, 2018

Messier Marathon

Muddy Run Park

call 410-457-2427 to register

March 20, 2018

City Wide Telescope Participants

Orientation 4:00 PM.

Precedes Rittenhouse Meeting

April 17, 2018

Monthly Meeting

Meet within Museum 7:15 PM

Location to be determined

All gather in Fels Planetarium

Call to Order 8:00 PM

April 20, 2018

City Wide Telescope Night

Locations across Philadelphia Area