

Press Release

RITTENHOUSE ASTRONOMICAL SOCIETY

GUEST PRESENTER:

ROBERT D. HICKS Ph.D.

**Director of the Mütter Museum
AUTHOR / CELESTIAL NAVIGATOR**

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

Topic:

Voyage to Jamestown
Celestial Navigation of the Early Sea-Farers

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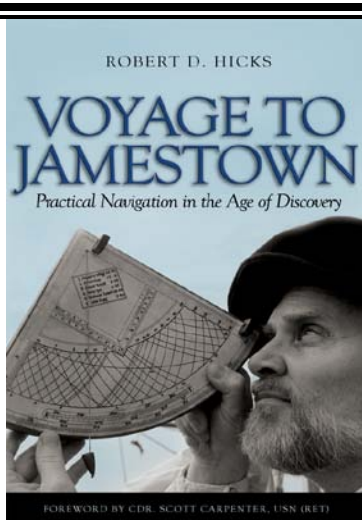
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What: Dr. Robert Hicks has published a new book titled "Voyage to Jamestown." Long before GPS technology became common, travelers relied on celestial cues to reach their destinations. For ships at sea, this reliance was a life-or-death skill. A new book, *Voyage to Jamestown: Practical Navigation in the Age of Discovery*, illustrates a fictional voyage by a merchant galleon as it travels from Bristol, England, to Virginia in 1611. The voyage is a composite of actual events and constructs the worldview of 17th-century mariners and seeks solutions to navigational problems during the time when the Western Hemisphere was still the New World.

When: **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2012**
7:15 PM. Meeting Opens, Sky Tonight Update, How the Universe Works (Lesson)
8:10 PM. – Dr. Hicks: "*Voyage to Jamestown-Celestial Navigation*"

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Join the book's author, **Robert D. Hicks**, for an illustrated talk based on the book, followed by a demonstration of celestial navigation instruments from the Age of Discovery. Dr. Hicks is the director of the Mütter Museum and Historical Medical Library of The College of Physicians of Philadelphia and holds a PhD in maritime history from the University of Exeter, United Kingdom

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Voyage to Jamestown is available through the United States Naval Institute website at:

<http://www.usni.org/store/books/catalog-holiday-2011/books-naval-history-enthusiast-holiday-2011/voyage-jamestown>.

