

# 100

## HOURS OF ASTRONOMY AND MORE!



THE UNIVERSE  
YOURS TO DISCOVER

INTERNATIONAL YEAR OF  
ASTRONOMY  
2009

In celebration of the 400th anniversary of Galileo's first use of a telescope to view the skies, Sonoma State University will be joining a worldwide event consisting of a wide range of public outreach activities. The event will take place around the world from April 2 to 5.

### April 4, at 4 pm - SSU's Warren Auditorium.

Award winning UC Berkeley Professor Alex Filippenko will be giving a free public lecture entitled "Dark Energy and the Runaway Universe."

### Saturday March 21

"From Earth to the Universe" (FETTU) is a world-wide exhibit designed to bring the undeniable beauty of astronomy to the general public throughout the world.

FETTU showcases the incredible variety of astronomical objects that are known to exist with short but informative captions on each panel, (in both English and Spanish.)

FETTU will debut on the **SSU campus on Seawolf Day, March 21**. Afterwards, the FETTU images will be on display in the **Darwin Hall Lobby or the Schulz Library**.

### March 23 at 4 p.m - in Darwin 103

Dr. Lynn's Cominsky's "What Physicists Do" lecture on new results from the most sensitive gamma-ray telescope ever flown, "Exploring the Extreme Universe with Fermi."

### April 2 from 6 to 10 p.m

Dr. Kevin McLin of the SSU Education and Public Outreach Group will be operating GORT, SSU's NASA-funded robotic telescope. As part of the "100 Hours" outreach event, the telescope will be showcased for the public, with remote observing from the **California Academy of Sciences, located in San Francisco's Golden Gate Park**. Additional telescopes will be available outside the Academy for viewing the Moon and Saturn.

### April 3 from 9 to 11 p.m - SSU Observatory

As part of the "100 Hours of Astronomy" there will be a free public viewing night. Timed to align with the Moon shifting from its new moon to gibbous phase, this is the ideal time for early evening observations. Saturn will also be featured.

### April 6 at 4 p.m - in Darwin 103

"What Physicists Do:" Dr. Jodi Cooley of Stanford University will describe the search for the mysterious dark matter in a lecture entitled "Whispers in the Dark."

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