

Silicon Valley Astronomy Lecture Series

Wednesday, April 21, 2010 @ 7:00 pm

Doomsday 2012 and the Rise of Cosmophobia

As part of the 11th annual Silicon Valley Astronomy Lecture Series, Dr David Morrison, senior scientist at the NASA Astrobiology Institute, will present *Doomsday 2012 and the Rise of Cosmophobia*, an illustrated, non-technical lecture, **Wednesday, April 21, from 7 to 8:30 p.m.** in the Smithwick Theatre at Foothill College in Los Altos Hills. Admission is free and the public is invited. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis. Arrive early to locate parking.



David Morrison

David Morrison is the senior scientist at the NASA Astrobiology Institute, NASA Ames Research Center, Moffett Field, Calif., where he participates in a variety of research programs in astrobiology -- the study of the living universe.

Left: David Morrison.

Dr. Morrison obtained his doctorate in astronomy from Harvard University. He is the author of more than 155 technical papers and has published a dozen books. He has been a science investigator on NASA's Mariner, Voyager and Galileo space missions. Morrison is recipient of the Dryden Medal for research of the American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics, the Sagan Medal of the American Astronomical Society for public communication, and the Klumpke-Roberts award of the Astronomical Society of the Pacific for contributions to science education. He has received two NASA Outstanding Leadership medals and he was awarded the Presidential Meritorious Rank for his work as director of space at NASA Ames. Morrison was a founder of the multidisciplinary field of astrobiology, and he provides on-line answers to questions from the public sent to "Ask an Astrobiologist," found at: <http://nai.arc.nasa.gov/astrobio/>.

The free lecture series is sponsored by the Foothill College Astronomy Program, NASA Ames Research Center, SETI Institute and Astronomical Society of the Pacific. Past lectures from the series are available online in MP3-format.

Foothill College is located on El Monte Road in Los Altos Hills off Interstate 280. Visitors must purchase a campus parking permit for \$2. Parking lots 1, 7 and 8 provide stair and no-stair access to the theatre. For more information, access www.foothill.edu or call (650) 949-7888.

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Meet at San Antonio and El Camino at 5:45 for dinner at the Pasta Market or 6:30 for carpooling, Wed. Jan 20. The lecture is at 7:00. For more information visit <http://palaltocatholic.org/aofa.html>, or contact Carrie, ckarnos@yahoo.com, or Randy, 408.739.2881, age-of-aquinas@palaltocatholic.org.