

PHYSICS COLLOQUIUM

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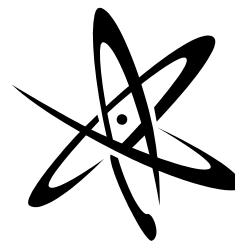
UW Physics

“From Bach to Einstein and Beyond or
What is to be done?”

Monday, April 14, 2008

4:00 PM, Ronald Geballe Auditorium, Rm. A-102

Seminars



April 14-18, 2008

Abstract: Issues of Science and Society will be examined in a musico-logical setting (with emphasis on the hyphen). An experimental test of “How well tempered was Bach’s clavier?” will be mentioned, and the audience will be invited to contemplate a quantum-mechanical puzzle. After debunking several myths about Albert Einstein, the question “What have we learned from nuclear physics?” will be discussed and the theories of the Basic Problem and Big Gap will be presented. Experience with teaching physics majors and English majors in the same classroom will be described, and a report on a recent expedition to the Center for Governance and International Affairs at the University of Bristol will follow. The final summary (and the subtitle of the talk) might be reminiscent of the most famous piece by the speaker’s infamous namesake. It is hoped that by the end of the talk, the somewhat unlikely combination of topics will merge into a coherent whole.

Tuesday, April 15

Condensed Matter Seminar

4:00 PM, Rm. C-421, PAT

Jerry Seidler, UW Physics

TBA

Wednesday, April 16

Physics General Exam

3:00 PM, Rm. C-421, PAT

Eric Deyo, UW Physics

Thursday, April 17

Astronomy Colloquium

4:00 PM, Rm. A-102, PAA

Dan Lester, University of Texas

“Telescopes Up On the Rocks? A Reevaluation of the Moon as a Site for Astronomy”