

School Seminar Program - 19 March

Positrons and DNA

Dr Josh Machacek - AMPL

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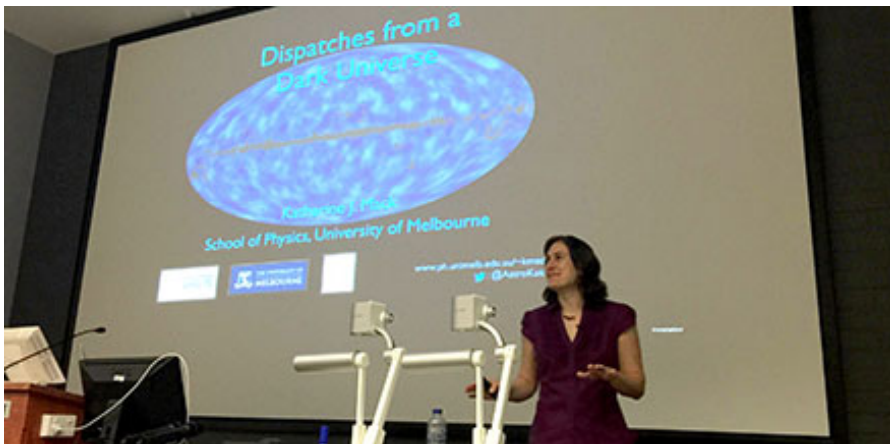
International Women's Day

The school will provide a morning tea at 10:30 am on Tuesday 10th March in the RSPE tea-room to celebrate International Women's Day (which this year is on Sunday March 8th). All welcome.

We are taking this opportunity to start a new RSPE committee that will focus on gender equity issues in the school. Members of the RSPE community interested in contributing to this committee are invited to contact [Jodie Bradby](#) for further details.

Director's Colloquium

The first Director's Colloquium held at RSPE for 2015 saw around 120 staff, students and visitors hear an engaging talk by Dr Katie Mack from Melbourne University titled 'Dispatches from a Dark Universe'. Although it was a little unsettling to hear that the universe could suddenly cease to exist Katie assured us that this was unlikely! The talk was very well received from the school community with many commenting afterwards it was great to hear many aspects of cosmology outlined in such an accessible manner.



School Seminar Committee

Welcome to our new members of the School Seminar Committee which is now:

- Andrew Truscott - AMPL (Chair)
- Daniel Shaddock - DQS
- Hua Xia - PRL (new member)
- Sudha Mokkapatil - EME (new member)
- Andrey Miroshnichenko - NLPC (new member)
- Cedric Simenel - NP (new member)
- EA to Director (currently Andrea)

Director's Office



Ms Andrea Butler will be leaving us today, Friday 6 March, for a 12 month secondment to the College Research Management team, we wish her well. Her replacement will be **Ms Tania Maxwell**. Please make her welcome.

Welcome

Nonlinear Physics Centre Welcomes [Professor Mikhail Limonov](#), who will be visiting for six weeks.

School Manager



The search process for the new Director will be held over 16-17 March. There will be a presentation by each of the five shortlisted candidates on 16 March at the Finkel Lecture Theatre between 9.00am and 1.00pm.

Stakeholder group meetings with each candidate will occur between 2.00pm and 4.30pm. The stakeholder groups in the School are: 1) Senior Academics; 2) Early Career researchers and Graduate students, and 3) Technical and Administrative staff. The Liaison committee headed by Professor Yuri Kivshar is responsible for oversight of this process in the school. Interviews by the University's selection committee will take place the following day.

CVs for the shortlisted candidates are available for viewing at the Director's Office (please contact Ms Andrea Butler or Mr. Rana Ganguly). A timetable and a questionnaire to provide feedback on the candidates will be made available shortly.

OH&S



OH&S Training

The following OH&S training courses will be running soon:

* Corrosives (OHSA07) - 17 March

* Occupational strains prevention (OHSG07) - 18 & 25 March

Departmental seminars

Professor Vladimir Bazhanov - 11 March

Yang-Baxter Maps, Discrete Integrable Equations and Quantum Groups

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Professor S. Tom Picraux - 23 March

“Little Wires – Big Challenges. Can Si nanowires help solve our energy problems”

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Professor John Snipe - 24 March

Measuring and calculating quantum states of light: Two suggestions

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