



Talk and Evening Reception with Dr. Phil Plait March 16, 2015 7:00-9:00pm

Talk at Ferguson Center for the Arts Music and Theater Hall followed by a Reception with Dr. Plait at the Virginia Living Museum's rooftop Observatory with night sky observing. Dress for the weather as telescope viewing will be available (weather permitting).

Asteroid impacts! Cometary debris! Extinction level events! These are the topics covered in this science based, but fun, look at giant impacts from cosmic objects. Dr. Phil Plait (the Bad Astronomer) talks about how these events have shaped our history, how they may do so again, and why Hollywood always seems to get them wrong. And lest you think it's all doom and gloom, Dr. Plait details how we might prevent the next great impact from ruining our whole day.

Dr. Plait is an internationally renowned astronomer, author, and lecturer. His numerous appearances live in front of audiences, on radio, television, and podcasts have made him a celebrity in science circles, and put him in demand as an expert on astronomical matters. He has been interviewed on literally hundreds of national and local radio and TV stations about astronomical topics ranging from lunar eclipses to the fate of the Universe. His writing has appeared in dozens of magazines, and his first book, Bad Astronomy, was a trade science hit. He has delighted audiences around the United States and in Australia with his lectures about astronomy, science, and the fight against pseudoscience.

Free tickets for CNU students and faculty will available through the Deans' Offices. CAH - McMurran CNBS - Forbes 3035 and CSS - Luter 224 Tickets will not be available at the door.