



THE WESTON OBSERVATORY
Department of Geology and Geophysics
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September 23, 2009

***Sub-millimeter Accuracy in
Global Positioning System Applications***

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Thomas Herring, Ph.D.
Professor of Geophysics
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

October 7, 2009

***A LITTLE FISH IN A PORK BARREL: The Snail
Darter Endangered Species Controversy, Environmental Law,
and a Parable of Modern Societal Governance***

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Zygmunt Jan Broël Plater
Professor of Law
Boston College Law School

November 18, 2009

***The Search for Stellar and Planetary Origins, from
Antiquity to Modern Times***

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Charles J. Lada, PhD.
Associate Director , Radio and Geoastronomy Division
Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics

December 9, 2009

Is Global Warming Affecting Hurricanes?

7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Kerry A. Emanuel, Ph.D.
Professor of Atmospheric Science
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

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- January 20, 2010 *"Earth-Shattering Insights into the Brain: Philosophy for Seismic Living"* 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Fr. Roy Pereira, S.J.
M.S., M.Th., M.A.
Teaching Fellow
Dept. of Philosophy, Boston College
- February 17, 2010 *Avalonian Odyssey: Tracking the Continental Drift of Southeastern New England via Ancient Magnetism and Precise U-Pb Isotopic Dates* 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Margaret D. Thompson, Ph.D.
Professor Emerita of Geosciences, Wellesley College
- March 18, 2010 *"Real-Time Plate Tectonics: What Have We Learned from 20 Years of Observing Plate Motions With Space Geodesy?"* 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Robert Eric Reilinger, Ph.D.
MIT, Principal Research Scientist,
Department of Earth, Atmospheric, and Planetary Sciences, ERL
Director of Geodynamics Project at ERL
- April 14, 2010 *An Archaeological Adventure: Dura-Europos, Crossroads of Antiquity* 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Gail Hoffman, Ph.D.
Professor, Fine Arts and Classical Studies Dept.
Boston College
- May 2010 *Topic To Be Announced* 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm
Haraldur Sigurðsson, Ph.D.
Emeritus Professor of Oceanography, URI

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