

COLUMBIA ASTRONOMY PUBLIC OUTREACH PRESENTS:

PUBLIC LECTURE SERIES & STAR-GAZING



“Science Vs. Fiction in Science Fiction”

A Lecture by Jana Grcevich

Friday, September 25. 8pm

Pupin Hall, Columbia University



Wormholes, teleportation, time travel, superluminal spaceships, force fields - these all feature prominently in works of science fiction.

Which of these phenomena are theoretically impossible within the current paradigm, and which are just beyond our current technological grasp?

Where does the science end and the fiction begin?

In addition to these questions, we will view video clips representative of common mistakes made in science fiction and talk about how to view "sci-fi" with a critical eye while still enjoying the thought provoking stories it presents.



These are Free Lectures at a Public Level Followed by Guided Star-Gazing with Telescopes
All Events are At Pupin Hall on the Columbia University Campus. No Reservations are Needed.
Lectures are Wheelchair Accessible, Star-Gazing on the Roof is Not. Lectures are 30min, Star-Gazing lasts for two hours.
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