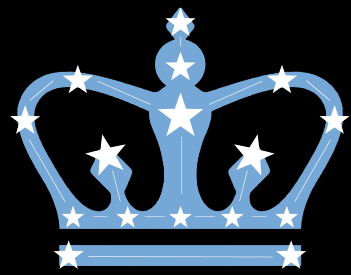


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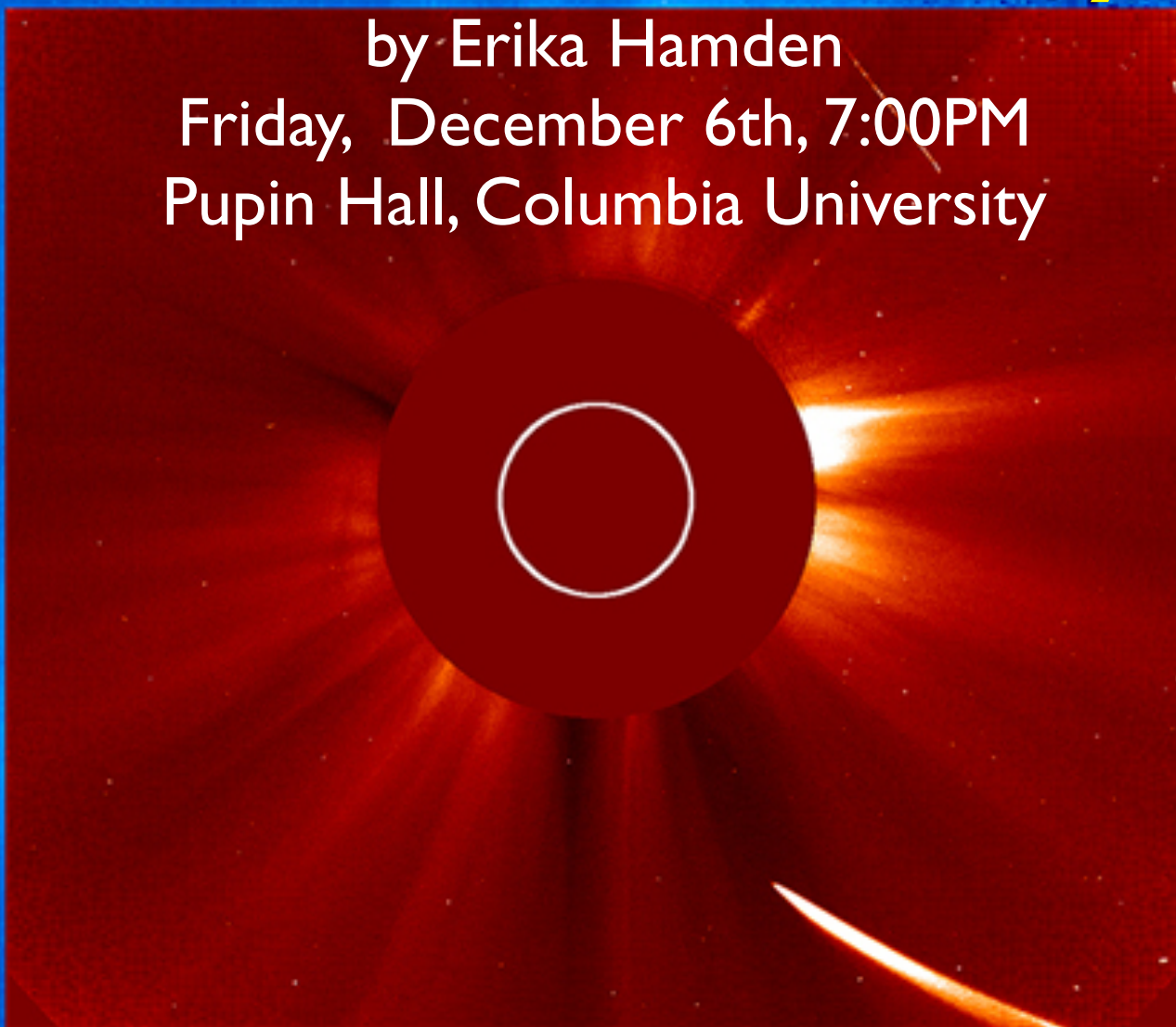


STARGAZING & LECTURE SERIES

Comet of the Century?

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Friday, December 6th, 7:00PM
Pupin Hall, Columbia University



Comet ISON is a 'sun-grazing' comet that will become extremely bright as the heat of the sun warms up its icy core, but it can also break up into nothing or plunge directly into the sun. ISON has brightened several times over the last few weeks, and may become visible to the naked-eye soon. Or it may be a bust. In this talk, I will discuss the long history of comet observations from Earth, what has happened to other sun-grazing comets, and how to observe Comet ISON. By December 6th, the fate of Comet ISON will be sealed!

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