Astronomy days lectures begin July 8 at Bradbury Science Museum

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LOS ALAMOS, New Mexico, July 2, 2008—A series of six evening lectures that focus on astronomy and the space sciences begins Tuesday, July 8, at Los Alamos Laboratory's Bradbury Science Museum.

Laboratory scientist Didier Saumon of Los Alamos's Applied Physics Division leads off the series with a talk about extrasolar planets and brown dwarf stars. He also will review the results of a decade of exciting discoveries and our new understanding of planetary systems.

Other scheduled lectures and topics are as follows:

- July 9, Gamma-Ray Bursts by Gabriel Rockefeller of the Computational Physics and Methods Group.
- July 10, Supernovas by Aimee Hungerford of the Computational Physics and Methods Group.
- July 15, Galaxies by Steven Diehl of Los Alamos's Theoretical Physics Division.

- July 16, High Energy Astronomy by John Pretz of the Neutron Science and Technology Division.

The lecture series concludes July 18 with a presentation by Earthwatch students at Los Alamos who are participating in a variety of activities over a two-week period coordinated and designed by Los Alamos technical staff members.

All lectures begin at 5 p.m., are free and open to the public.

For more information, call the Bradbury Science Museum at (505) 667-4444 or go to the Bradbury Museum's Web page. The museum is located at 15th Street and Central Avenue in downtown Los Alamos. Admission to the museum is free.