

THE ELIZABETH R. LAIRD PUBLIC LECTURE

Twists and Turns while Searching for Strange Stars

THURSDAY, MARCH 14
7:00pm at the
Johnson Geo Centre
Reception to follow.



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The scientific method, as we learned in school, involves making a hypothesis and testing it to come to a final conclusion. But have you ever wondered what happens when the conclusions are different than expected? In this talk, I'll walk you through the process of trying to find Thorne-Zytkow Objects -- supergiant stars that have swallowed neutron stars. I'll explain how I identified and analyzed a group of interesting stars in another galaxy, and the unexpected twist along the way.

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