History and Philosophy of Science
Spring 2014 • Friday Talks • UT Austin

31 Lydia Pyne “The Life, Death, and Afterlife of the Taung Child Fossil”
Dr. Pyne is the coauthor of The Last Lost World: Ice Ages, Human Origins, and the Invention of the Pleistocene (2012), and is working on a new book: Famous Fossils, Hidden Histories.

14 Michael J. Ryan “Sexual Selection: Darwin’s Second Great Theory”
UT Biology Prof. Ryan authored The Túngara Frog, A Study in Sexual Selection and Communication (1985), and coedited three books including An Introduction to Animal Behavior (2011).

21 Bruce J. Hunt Discussion: “The Past and Future of the History of Science”
UT History Prof. Hunt is the author of The Maxwellians (1991), and Pursuing Power and Light: Technology and Physics from James Watt to Albert Einstein (2010).

28 Rachel Laudan “What is Scientific Progress? The Historical Debate, 1750-1950”
Dr. Laudan is the author several books, including From Mineralogy to Geology (1987), and The Nature of Technological Knowledge: Are Models of Scientific Change Relevant? (2010).

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21 Darrel Rutkin “Astrology and the Scientific Revolution—A Reappraisal”
Dr. Rutkin is a Fellow of the F.A.Universität Erlangen-Nürnberg and is the author of Reframing the Scientific Revolution: Astrology, Magic and Natural Knowledge, ca. 1250-1800 (forthcoming 2014), and coeditor of Horoscopes and Public Spheres (2005).

28 Alexander Mourelatos “What Did the Ancient Greeks Know about the Heavens, and When Did they Know It?”

4 Colleen Witt “What is Life? Has Recent Science Answered Schrödinger?”
Prof. Witt is the Director of the RCMI Biophotonics Core and the SNRP Quantitative Analysis Core facilities at UT San Antonio and teaches for the UTSA Honors College.

11 Andrew Dressler “History of Global Warming” / Lone Star Historians of Science
* Place: TEXAS A&M, College Station / for info contact: bjhunt@austin.utexas.edu

18 William Aspray “In Search of the Many Histories of Information”

WHEN / WHERE
all talks (except April 11): Fridays at 12:00, WAG 316
snacks or lunch will be provided

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