



Religion & Science: Universe Story

February 3, May 5, August 4, &
November 3, 2019
2:00-3:30 pm

Kreitner Room, Laskey Building

Free and open to the public

The Journey of the Universe materials used in this series invite participants to step back to explore and assimilate our cosmological context. Just as scientific cosmology is giving us an understanding of the origins of the universe and the unfolding of life on Earth, philosophical and poetic reflection on this cosmology brings us a fresh perspective regarding our place in the universe. These provide an unusual braiding of sciences and humanities, weaving empirical data with poetry and fact with metaphor. They combine three intersecting objectives: understanding the evolution of the universe and Earth by drawing on current scientific research; relating the evolutionary narrative as a whole (cosmic, Earth, human); and reflecting on the story with a sense of awe and wonder. From this there emerges a new integration of scientific facts, story, and connection. Within this integrated perspective we can ask: What is humankind in relation to 13.7 billion years of universe history? What is our place in the framework of 4.6 billion years of Earth history? How can we foster the continuity and the integrity of life processes?

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