

# Events

Wednesday, March 18, 2015

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**The Rensselaer Union Bookstore hosts** a day long sale. Save 40 percent on select Under Armour, Nike, and Colosseum Clothing. Also save up to 50 percent on select clothing, gifts, school and office supplies.

**The Department of Mechanical, Aerospace, and Nuclear Engineering presents** Professor Wojciech Z. Misiolek from Lehigh University. The seminar is titled "Magnesium Alloys - Engineered Materials for Automotive Applications." It will be held in DCC 330 from 10:30–11:30 am.

**Materials Science and Engineering Spring Seminar Series continues** with Professor Rafael Jaramillo, from Massachusetts Institute of Technology. The presentation is titled "SnS Solar Cells: Device Physics with an Industrially-Scalable Material System." It will be held in CII 3051 from 11 am to noon.

**Julie Adams presents** a seminar about the ever-improving technology that provides a basis for developing a seamless synergy between humans and machines that can result in such teams completing complex tasks efficiently and effectively. Achieving the envisioned advanced human machine teaming requires a highly interdisciplinary research approach integrating aspects of human factors, engineering, computer science and psychology. It will be held in JEC 3117 from 3–4 pm.

**The Douglas Mercer '77 Seminar Lecture Series hosts** Leo J. Schowalter, CTO and co-Founder of Crystal IS, Inc. He will give a lecture titled "From a New Semiconductor Material to a Commercial Product: One Man's Entrepreneurial Approach to Changing the World." It will be held in DCC 324 from 4–5 pm with refreshments starting at 3:30 pm.

**The Department of Physics, Applied Physics and Astronomy presents** Dr. Cecilia Levy and his colloquium titled "Directly Detecting Dark Matter: Why? How? What? When?" It will be held in CII 3051 from 4–5 pm.

**The Joyce Brothers LIVE!** performs in the Rensselaer Pub from 8–10 pm.

## THURSDAY March 19

**On Call/Downtown Shuttle will not be** available. The downtown/on-call shuttle will resume normal operation at 8 am on Monday, March 23.

**Dr. Reshef Meir speaks** on "Uncertainty, Strategy, and Bounded Rationality." He is from the Center for Research on Computation and Society at the Harvard School of Engineering and Applied Sciences. The talk will be held in Lally 104 from 10:30–11:30 am.

**Victor Barranca presents** "Sparsity, Compression, and Complexity: Fundamental Organizing Features in the Brain." It will be held in Amos-Eaton 214 from 4–5 pm.

**CUSP hosts** a Student Social Skills Group. It will be used to look for more social outlets on campus and to improve various existing social skills. It will be in the Union Room 3502 from 5–6:30 pm.

## FRIDAY March 20

**Spring 2015 drop deadline is** today. Last day for undergraduate and graduate students to drop courses.

**A Data Science Research Lecture will be held** by guest speaker Thomas Brown, Senior Managing Director, Forensic & Litigation Consulting/Cyber Security and Investigations, FTI Consulting, and the title of his talk is, "Cyber Risk: The Need for a Comprehensive Approach." It will be held in the Folsom Library Fischbach Room from 4–5 pm.

**Union Programs & Activities Committee Cinema presents** *Into the Woods*. Screenings are at 7 pm, 9:30 pm, and midnight in DCC 308. The cost is \$2.50.

**The Experimental Media and Performing Arts Center presents** Extra Shapes. Created by DD Dorvillier, in collaboration with composer Sébastien Roux and lighting designer Thomas Dunn, Extra Shapes occupies a rectangular space divided into three horizontal bands, featuring sound in the front, light in the middle, and dance in the back. Cost is \$6 for RPI students. It will run from 8–9 pm.

## SATURDAY March 21

**EMPAC presents** *The Color Out of Space* from Rosa Barba, professor Heidi Newberg, and Rensselaer astronomy students. This event will convert EMPAC's 8th Street façade into an outdoor cinema that uses the solar system as source material for a speculative film. It will be from 8–9 pm. No cost to attend.

## MONDAY March 23

**Spring Break starts!** No classes will be held for this week. Classes resume Monday, March 30.

**The Biological Sciences Seminar Series presents** talks from Rensselaer biology graduate student Israel Lidsky and Christian Schenkelberg, Rensselaer biochemistry and biophysics graduate student. It will be held in the Bruggeman Conference Center for Biotechnology and Interdisciplinary Studies from noon to 1 pm.

**The Mueller Center hosts** free Sahaja Meditation Classes, open to students, staff and faculty. Class runs from 6:15–7 pm.

## Tuesday March 24

**The Houston Field House provides** open skate for the RPI Community 11:30 am–12:30 pm. A valid RPI ID is required for entry. Students, faculty, staff, and alumni are all welcome to attend. Please note that skate rentals are not offered during open skate.

**The Engineers for a Sustainable World-Biodiesel Project builds** a facility to make fuel from all the waste vegetable oil produced by campus dining halls. This semester they will be doing lab tests, building a processor, and giving presentations at schools. The meeting will be in Union Room 3510 from 4–5 pm.

**The Rensselaer Union Pub hosts** a weekly trivia tournament from 7:30–9 pm. Each week the host, Perry Laskaris, tests patron's trivia knowledge. If you are 21 or older, get a few of your friends to join you and compete in a team of four or less for the semesterly prizes!