

Philip Morrison will deliver the annual Marlar Lecture, sponsored by CASS

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Dr. Philip Morrison, professor of physics at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and one of the nation's best known astronomers, will deliver the annual Marlar Lecture Monday, November 19, at the University of California, San Diego.

The lecture, titled "The Return of the Ether!?" is sponsored by the Center for Astrophysics and Space Sciences, and will be given at 4 p.m. in the Mandeville Center Recital Hall. The public is invited and admission is free.

The William F. Marlar Foundation, which is providing funds for the lecture, is an educational foundation which assists scholars in the space sciences. In addition to the lectureship, Marlar Foundation funds have been used to create a fellowship for space research which is given each year to a promising graduate student to support the student's thesis research.

Morrison is a distinguished theoretical astrophysicist, a respected scholar-philosopher and interpreter of science and technology for the general public.

Morrison is widely known for his contributions to theoretical astrophysics. His continuing work has sought to explain supernovae, cosmic rays, cosmic x-rays, gamma rays, active galaxies, quasars and questions in cosmology.

Morrison was among the first scientists to call upon the scientific community to begin a coordinated search for extraterrestrial signals.

Since then he has been deeply involved in the developing interest of the scientific community in searching for signals of life elsewhere in the universe.

Morrison is the author of more than 70 articles on science education and science for the general reader. His work has appeared in the "New Yorker," "Saturday Evening Post," "New Republic," "Science," "The Nation," "The Saturday Review," "Newsweek," "The New York Times Book Review," "Scientific American," and the "Bulletin of Atomic Scientists."

He is also the author of more than 75 professional scientific articles and co-author of the physics textbook, "Introductory Nuclear Theory."

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