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Former Vice President of Microsoft Research Among Speakers at *Galileo's World* Symposium

NORMAN – A daylong symposium exploring the themes of the University of Oklahoma's *Galileo's World* exhibition is planned for Thursday, Feb. 25. Beginning at 9 a.m. at the Sam Noble Museum, the symposium will feature guest presenters from the Museo Galileo, the Vatican Observatory, the University of Washington eScience Institute and Georgia State University.

Due to limited seating, reservations are required and can be made online at galileo.ou.edu or by calling (405) 325-2789.



The symposium will begin with a welcome by Rick Luce, dean, professor and Peggy V. Helmerich chair, University Libraries, followed by introductory remarks by Kerry Magruder, the John H. and Drusa B. Cable Chair of OU Libraries' History of Science Collections and *Galileo's World* curator.

Leading the guest presentations at 10 a.m. will be Paolo Galluzzi, director of the Museo Galileo Institute of the History of Science, who will present "Galileo//thek@, Open Access and Special Collections."

A noted expert in the history of science, Galluzzi has served as director of the Museo Galileo since 1982; he previously taught the history of science at the University of Siena and the University of Florence. Galluzzi will discuss the Museum Galileo's "Galileo//thek@" digital library and archive of Galilean resources that gives access to data stored in individual repositories.

Nick Wilding, associate professor of history at Georgia State University, will speak on "Forging the Moon." Wilding, who is credited with uncovering the greatest modern rare book forgery, will examine the impact of forgery on modern research and the responsibilities of institutions and academics in maintaining primary source credibility.

The luncheon address, titled “The OU Tower of Pisa,” will be delivered by Theresa Marks, assistant dean for Academic Student Services, Gallogly College of Engineering, in the Sam Noble Museum atrium. OU Senior Vice President and Provost Kyle Harper will offer the introductions. Lunch is complimentary, but seating is limited; therefore, reservations are required and will be considered by date of registration.

Brother Guy J. Consolmagno, SJ, astronomer and planetary scientist at the Vatican Observatory, will open the afternoon session at 2 p.m. with a presentation on “Galileo as a Scientist.” Consolmagno has held teaching positions at Harvard College Observatory and MIT, and was awarded the Carl Sagan Medal for outstanding communication by an active planetary scientist by the American Astronomical Society in 2014. He will compare the ideas and insights of Galileo to the traits, talents and temptations of today's top scientists.

Tony Hey, University of Washington eScience Institute data science fellow and former vice president of Microsoft Research Connections, will discuss “Galileo, New Technology and Big Data,” examining the early examples of Galileo and Kepler before reviewing the present revolution caused by “Big Data: astronomy.

The symposium will conclude with a panel discussion at 4 p.m., moderated by Magruder.

Galileo's World is a campus-wide collaborative exhibition with 20 exhibits at seven locations in Norman, Oklahoma City and Tulsa. Organized through the University of Oklahoma Libraries, the exhibition is open to the public through August 2016. Visitors are encouraged to visit the galileo.ou.edu for more information about the exhibition and to confirm programming and event dates.

The Sam Noble Museum is located on the University of Oklahoma Norman campus at J. Willis Stovall Road and Chautauqua Avenue. For accommodations on the basis of disability, call (405) 325-4712 or visit SamNobleMuseum.ou.edu.

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Galileo Galilei (Italy, 1564–1642)

Sidereus Nuncius, Venice, 1610

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Currently on display in *Galileo's World: An Artful Observation of the Cosmos* at the Fred Jones Jr. Museum of Art through April 3.

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