

Watkins Visiting Professorship Series: Physics

Public lecture

Using space science and technology to help solve energy and environmental problems on Earth

4 p.m., April 23, 100 Lindquist Hall

Scientific lecture

Propellantless propulsion: Propelling spacecraft using the natural environments of space

2 p.m., April 22, 128 Jabara Hall



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