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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— On Thursday, June 6, Todd Henry, distinguished university professor of astronomy at Georgia State University in Atlanta, will give a talk as part of his visit to Illinois Wesleyan University.

Open to the public, the event will be held at 4 p.m. in C101 of the Center for Natural Science Learning and Research (CNS), (201 Beecher St., Bloomington). All summer students and their advisors are encouraged to attend.

Henry, who is a collaborator of Linda French, chair and professor of physics at IWU, will also meet with French's students as well. He is the director of Research Consortium On Nearby Stars (RECONS), a group that has been "looking to the sky from the foothills of the Andes in Chile since 1999, to discover nearby stars, and more recently, to survey asteroids in the Solar System."



Todd Henry

According to Henry, "In collaboration with Professor French at IWU, we have a parallel effort underway to explore the smallest bodies in our Solar System, the asteroids. We are revealing a surprising diversity in the surfaces and spin rates of the Greek and Trojan asteroid swarms near Jupiter, and the data help us piece together the puzzle of how they got to be that way."

Henry received a bachelor of arts degree in physics and planetary sciences from Cornell University in Ithaca, N. Y., and a doctorate degree in astronomy from the University of Arizona.

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