Institute for Condensed Matter Seminar

**Title:** "MODELING LIQUID CRYSTAL ELASTOMERS: FROM AUTO-ORIGAMI TO RESPONSIVE SURFACES AND LIGHT-DRIVEN AUTONOMOUS SOFT ROBOTICS"

**Speaker:** Robin Selinger (Kent State University)

**Date:** Monday, November 11

**Time/Location:** 12:00 pm / 190 ESB

**Abstract:** See here https://physics.illinois.edu/calendar/event/11/12/2018/33310525
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Monday, November 12, Thesis Defense: “Patterns of Electromagnetic Response” Srinidhi Tirupattur; 1:00 pm in 3110 ESB

Monday, November 12, “Integrated Computational and Experimental Studies on the Structure and Function of Ion Channels” 3:00 pm in 3269 Beckman

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Title: PATTERNS OF ELECTROMAGNETIC RESPONSE IN TOPOLOGICAL SEMI-METALS

Date: Monday, November 12

Time: 1pm / 3110 ESB
Astronomy Colloquium

**Title:** ”TENSION IN THE HUBBLE CONSTANT?”

**Speaker:** Dr. Wendy Freedman (University of Chicago)

**Date:** Tuesday, November 13  
**Time/Location:** 3:45 pm / NCSA Auditorium

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Title: “ASTROMETRY FOR DETECTING NANOHERTZ GRAVITATIONAL WAVES”

Speaker: A. Miguel Holgado (UIUC)

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Abstract: The main goal of astrometric missions like Gaia is to determine the positions, proper motions, and parallaxes of celestial objects. Observational astrometry may also be used to search for signatures of gravitational waves, which is not a new idea. Even though the prospects for astrometric gravitational-wave detection of the nanohertz stochastic background are not as promising as compared to pulsar timing arrays, astrometry shows promise for being more sensitive than pulsar timing arrays at frequencies greater than ~30 nHz for individually resolvable sources. I will discuss the nanohertz landscape, the Gaia mission, astrometric signatures of gravitational waves, and prospects for astrometric gravitational-wave detection.