

Kentucky SkyTalk



Interstellar Interloper 3I/ATLAS from Hubble
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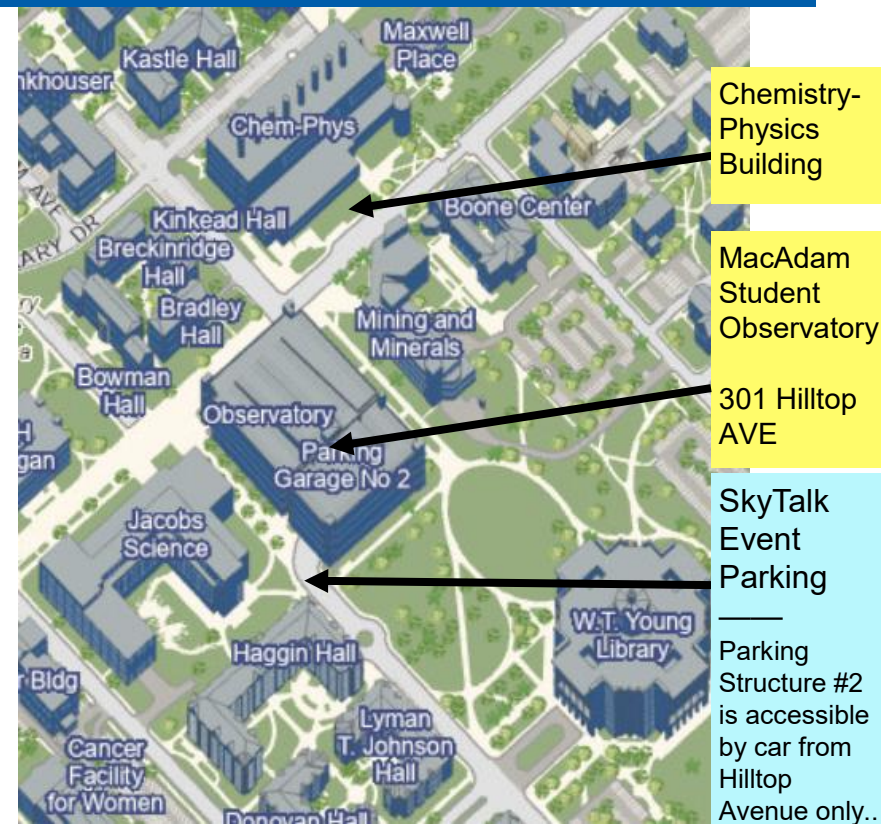
Dr. Ron Wilhelm
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Thursday – October 9, 2025 7:00 PM
Location: Chem-Phys Room 153

Title: Comet 3I/Atlas: Our Interstellar Visitor

Abstract: In my talk, I will discuss the discovery, the projected path, and how observatories and space missions from around the world will work together to observe 3I/Atlas. I will also compare this comet to the first two interstellar objects, discuss what we currently know about its composition and place of origin and preview the future potential for finding more interstellar treasures in Earth's backyard.

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Monthly Meetings

The MSO hosts monthly public-observing sessions, each with a kick-off 50 minute presentation in the Chemistry-Physics Building. The presentations will take place even on cloudy nights. If the sky is clear, the observatory will open after the talk! Can't make the SkyTalk? Then come after!

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