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Professor Astronomy

Caltech University

Naples Beach Hotel, River of Grass Dining Room

Friday, December 7, 2018



S. George Djorgovski is a professor and the executive officer (Dept. Chair) for Astronomy, and the Director of the Center for Data-Driven Discovery at the California Institute of Technology. He received his Ph.D. in Astronomy in 1985, from the University of California, Berkeley, and was a Harvard Junior Fellow prior to joining the Caltech faculty in 1987.

His research encompassed a broad variety of topics, including structure and dynamics of globular clusters, fundamental properties of galaxies and their evolution, gamma-ray bursts, early phases of galaxy and structure formation, distant quasars, dark energy, and exploration of the time domain in astronomy. He is the author or a coauthor of about 600 scientific papers. He has led several large digital sky surveys, and is one of the founders of the Virtual Observatory framework, which is now the global data grid of astronomy, as well as the emerging discipline of Astroinformatics. More recently, his interests focused on data science, and the emergence of a new scientific methodology for the data rich science in the 21st century. This involves uses of Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence for data analysis, and Virtual Reality as a scientific and scholarly platform, which led to the creation of a startup company, Virtualitics, Inc., where he is a Co-Founder and the Chief Virtual Reality Officer.

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Dr. Djorgovski has served the scientific community in a number of leadership roles, including as the Chair of the National Virtual Observatory Science Definition Team; as the director of the Meta Institute for Computational Astrophysics; as the co-director of the Center for Advanced Computing Research; and as the co-chair of the Keck Observatory Science Steering Committee. He has earned numerous recognitions, including the Presidential Young Investigator Award, the Dudley Observatory Award, the NASA Group Achievement Award, and first prize in the Boeing-Griffith Science Writing Contest, as well as fellowships with the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation, the Institute for the Advancement of Engineering, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science. The asteroid 24421 Djorgovski is named in his honor.

Guest Ticket Requests for December 7, 2018

S. George Djorgovski

To place a request for one guest ticket please submit to

forumclub@theforumclub.org

If guests tickets are available requests are processed in order of receipt and must be received by

November 30th

They will be mailed by that date and you will be billed \$40, or notified if there is no space.

Tickets are non-exchangeable and non-refundable

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March 22, 2019

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