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### **Departmental Colloquium**

#### **"Why is it Einstein? What Lesson Can We Draw"**

**3:40 PM - Thursday, September 27, 2007**

**109 Nicholson Hall**

**John Rigden**

**Washington University - St. Louis**

*Host – Arlo Landolt*

*• Refreshments served at 3:15 PM in 229 Nicholson Hall •*

In six months, one week, and two days, Einstein wrote five papers in 1905 that changed physics. One of these papers was revolutionary. Ten years later, after almost a decade of focused effort, Einstein produced what has frequently been called the greatest product of the human mind. These accomplishments qualify him as one of the greatest physicists of all time and curiously, 52 years after his death, he remains a presence in the minds of our contemporaries. Why does Einstein, a physicist, have such appeal to people everywhere? What lessons can we, as physicists, draw from the Einstein phenomenon?

#### **Congratulations To:**

- **Dr. Jeffrey Blackmon** who has been elected to the National Superconducting Cyclotron Laboratory User Executive Committee for a 3-year term beginning November 1, 2007.
- **Profs. Jerry Draayer and Jorge Pullin** who have been appointed to the editorial board of Research Letters in Physics, an open access journal.

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#### **PUBLICATIONS**

- "The expansion of the universe and the cosmological constant problem," R. F. O'Connell, Physics Letters A 366 (2007) 177-178.

