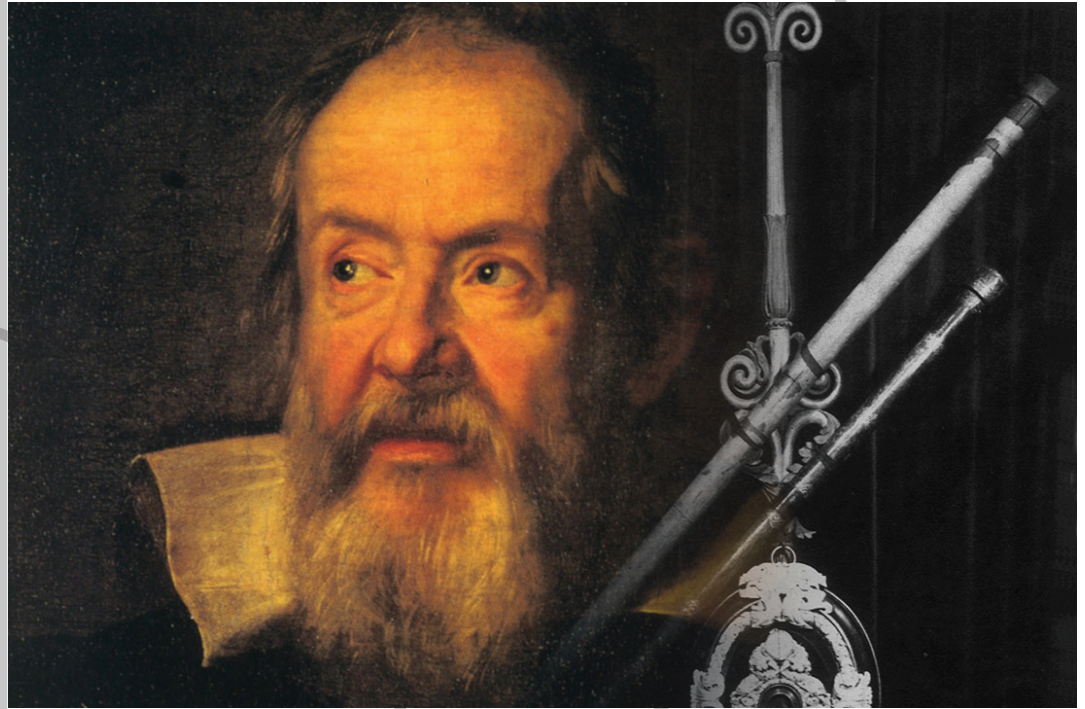


September 10 *Galileo and the 400th Anniversary of Astronomy using Telescopes*

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This year is the 400th anniversary of the first use of the telescope for astronomy. Galileo made several discoveries with the telescope which undercut the classical geocentric cosmology inherited from the Greeks. Because Aristotelean thought was the core of the university curriculum, as well as part of the Scholastic synthesis with Christian theology, this got Galileo into some trouble with his academic colleagues as well the Church. In this talk Dr. Joseph will describe some of Galileo's discoveries with his telescope and also discuss a bit about Galileo's scientific style and his confrontation with the Roman Inquisition. In the course of the discussion he hopes to dispel some of the popular myths about Galileo and his encounter with the Inquisition.

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