Ptolemy in Perspective: Use and Criticism of His Work from Antiquity to the Present

THURSDAY, MAY 31
2:55 p.m.
Keynote lecture by
Baron Prize winner

Alexander Jones
University of Toronto
"Ephemerum Conspicuum: Ptolemy Condemned or Vindicated?"

FRIDAY, JUNE 1
 Treasury Room, Dabney Hall
9:00-10:00 a.m.
Anne Tilton
Université catholique de Louvain
"A New Astronomical Document Contemporary with Ptolemy"

10:00-11:00 a.m.
Stephan Helen
University of Oxford
"Ptolemy's Doctrine of the 'Firm' and its Receptacle"

11:00-12:00 p.m.
Florian Mittelhüber
Universität Bern
"The Rotation between Texts and Maps in the Tradition of Ptolemy's Geography"

SUNDAY, JUNE 2
Treasury Room, Dabney Hall
9:00-10:00 a.m.
Daniel Rutkin
The University of Oklahoma
"The Use and Abuse of Ptolemy in Renaissance and Early Modern Europe: Two Case Studies"

10:00-11:00 a.m.
James Wessel
Independent Scholar
"Abandoning the Equant"

11:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
Frances Charlette
Independent Scholar
"Ptolemy's and His Medieval Heirs in the Eyes of Nineteenth-Century Scholarship"

2:00-3:00 p.m.
John Steele
University of Durham
"The Use of the Almagest's Eclipse Reports in Early Studies of the Earth's Rotation"

3:00-5:00 p.m.
Neal Steward
The University of Chicago
"Sycho and His Writings on Ptolemy's Observations"

4:00-5:00 p.m.
Concluding discussion

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First published at the height of the Roman Empire during the second century
of our era, Ptolemy's writings soon established themselves as the authoritative pre-
sentations of Greek mathematical and physical science. From late antiquity to the
present, scholars and scientists have exploited Ptolemy's treatises on astronomy,
astonomy, and cartography with a view both to contemporary scientific problems
and to the understanding of the past. This conference explores Greco-Roman,
Islamic, and European engagements with—and criticisms of—Ptolemy's sciences
of the earth and heavens.

If you plan to attend or need information, please call Lisa Keppel at 626.395.1609
or RSVP by e-mail to lkeppel@las.caltech.edu. Space is limited.