



**Australian Institute of Physics
NSW Branch (Public Talk)**

Inspiration Through Space Exploration!

**Leroy Chiao Ph.D. Former NASA Astronaut
Jami Sunkel NASA Master Teacher**

Monday 5th June 2017, 5:15PM for 6.00PM Start

At the

**Illawarra Health and Medical Research Institute (IHMRI) Auditorium,
Building 32 Room G01 / Gerard Sutton Building,
University of Wollongong**

Summary of Presentation:

Experience an exciting event with Astronaut Leroy Chiao and NASA Master Teacher Jami Sunkel.

Explore the Universe – The program begins with an exciting space STEM lesson. Jami Sunkel discusses the most awe-inspiring space exploration mission of the 21st Century and what we might discover in the future. Following Ms. Sunkel, Dr Leroy Chiao shares his personal story of pursuing his dream, to space!

A View from Above: An Astronauts' Path to the Stars – Leroy Chiao talks about his dream of spaceflight, and how he overcome obstacles to reach his goal of becoming an astronaut. A commander of the international Space Station, Dr Chiao shares his spaceflight adventures with personal stories and exciting visuals!

Question and Answer – There will be an opportunity to ask Dr Leroy Chiao and Ms Sunkel the questions you always wanted answered!





Brief Biography of the Speakers:

Leroy Chiao is a former NASA astronaut and International Space Station commander. He has logged 229 days in space over four missions, including six spacewalks supporting ISS design and construction. Dr Chiao is trained as an engineer and holds academic appointments at both Rice University and the Baylor College of Medicine. He speaks three languages including Mandarin Chinese and Russian.



Jami Sunkel is a professional educator and NASA certified Master Science teacher holding Master's degrees in Curriculum and Instruction as well as Educational leadership. Jami has over a decade of in-classroom teaching experience as well as three years' experience as a STEM Education Specialist. Space and science education, leadership, and effective teaching methods have always been her passion.



Detailed Schedule for Monday, 5th June 2017:

- 5:15-6.00 pm **REFRESHMENTS, IHMRI Auditorium Building 32 Rm. G01**
- 6.00-7.00 pm **LECTURE by Leroy Chiao and Jami Sunkel**
- 7.30 pm **DINNER with the Speakers at Harbourfront Restaurant, 85 Endeavour Dr, Wollongong. Cost of dinner for two courses and bread for \$55 per person. Drinks will be on a tab.**

E-mail Dr Fred Osman (fosman@trinity.nsw.edu.au) if you will be able to join us for dinner.

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