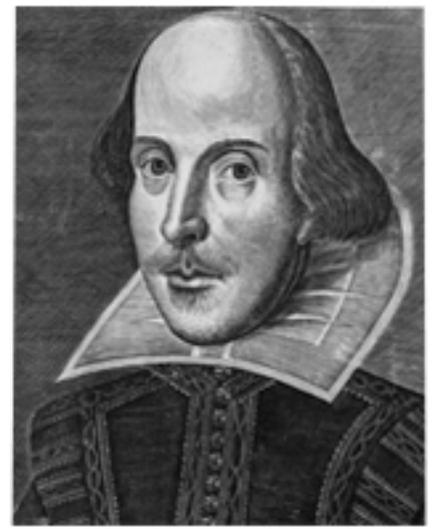


GALILEO/ SHAKESPEARE LUNCHTIME READING GROUP



To celebrate the 450th birthdays of these two remarkable men, we will host 4 lunchtime discussions about their works, lives, and legacies. Lunch will be provided, and the (brief!) recommended readings can be obtained in advance from Carolyn Purnell (cpurnel1@iit.edu). Our reading group leads the way for a gala conference on Galileo and Shakespeare, November 13 and 14, open to all members of the public and the IIT community.

OCTOBER 8: Adam Gopnik, “Moon Man” (10 pp.)

Adam Gopnik is a renowned writer especially known for his essays for *The New Yorker*. He will be the first speaker for the conference. This essay gives an introductory look at Galileo’s life and legacy.

OCTOBER 21: Dan Falk, “Shakespeare & Galileo” (25 pp.)

Dan Falk is a journalist, author, and broadcaster whose book *The Science of Shakespeare: A New Look at the Playwright’s Universe* explores the synthesis of history, science, and literature in the works of these two extraordinary men.

OCTOBER 29: Galileo, “Letter to the Grand Duchess ...” (20 pp.)

This letter is one of Galileo’s clearest pieces of writing about his views on the relationship between science and religion. Christopher Fletcher (University of Chicago Department of History) will lead this discussion.

NOVEMBER 4: David Wootton, “Watcher of The Skies” (15 pp.)

David Wootton, one of our conference speakers, is a Professor of History at the University of York. This piece, from his book *Galileo: Watcher of the Skies*, will focus on Galileo’s legacy.

All talks will take place from 12:40-1:50 in the Armour Conference Room (downstairs in Hermann Hall). Please contact Dr. Purnell at cpurnel1@iit.edu for any additional information.

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