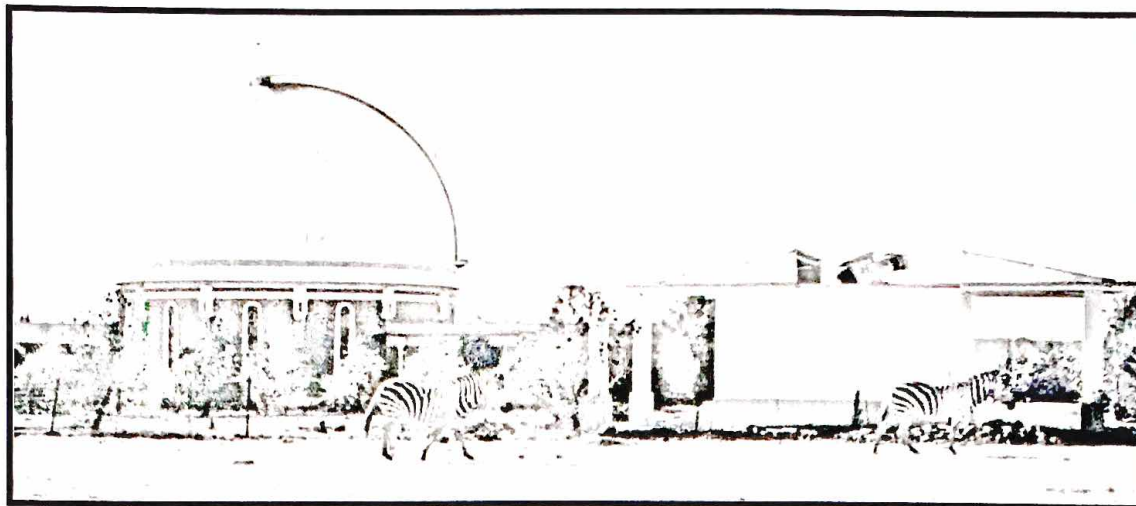


University of Michigan Detroit Observatory



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19th-Century American Astronomers in South Africa

Keith Snedegar

Associate Professor of History,
Utah Valley State College

3 p.m. Tuesday March 9

seating limited to 40 people

Lecture Series

Each month the Observatory hosts faculty and other professionals speaking on topics that heighten our understanding of 19th-century science, technology and culture. Lectures are free and open to the public. They are held in the Observatory Library (limit 40 people).

Tours & Information

The Observatory will be open for tours from 1 to 4 p.m. on Wednesday March 10 and again on Wednesday March 24. For further details regarding lectures or tours, please call us at **763-2230**, or visit our web site, **www.DetroitObservatory.umich.edu**.

From the 18th century to the present day a surprisingly large number of astronomers have pursued their science in both North America and South Africa. The list extends from the renowned partnership of Charles Mason and Jeremiah Dixon, surveyors of the Mason-Dixon line, who were dispatched to the Cape of Good Hope in 1761 to observe a transit of Venus, to University of Michigan astronomer William J. Hussey, whose ambition in the 1920s was to establish a southern hemisphere observatory, to contemporary astronomers who have recently seen first light with the Southern African Large Telescope (SALT). Dr. Snedegar will highlight the careers and research of individual astronomers, and explore the wider implications of North-South science cooperation in colonial and post-colonial Africa.

Upcoming Lecture:

Preserving Lighthouses, Endangered Beacons of Maritime Tradition

Lauren B. Sickels-Taves, Professor of Historic Preservation, Eastern Michigan University
3 p.m. Tuesday, April 6

★ Recognized by the Michigan Historic Preservation Network, the American Association for State & Local History, the City of Ann Arbor, and the American Institute of Architects-Michigan for its award-winning restoration and museum. ★

Winter 2004 Lecture Series