

How to find stuff to present on in
seminar

What sorts of topics are appropriate?

- Very Broad:
 - Physics & related
 - Astro & related
 - Engineering & related
- A goal of seminar is for you to find something with some physics/technical stuff to get your teeth into

Sources of Ideas

- Your own curiosity (I've always been interested in x.)
- Popular media (news sites, magazines, blogs, TV, ...)
- Scholarly Journals
- If you have trouble getting started, see or email me (but earlier in you talk prep!) or see one of the Reference Librarians (Alisa Mizikar is the Physics Liaison)

Note: These should never be your only sources—
notoriously unreliable

About sources

- Usually, news items and web popularizations are very qualitative and often very wrong, so never stop at these “tertiary sources”.
- Use links/searches to follow back to primary (scholarly) or secondary (Physics Today or Physics World level) sources
- Connect where possible with physics you know from class/textbooks
- http://userpages.wittenberg.edu/pvoytas/courses/p360_460_f18/library_resources.html