The UM Department of Philosophy and Religion and Associated Student Body proudly presents

"Science Looks for the Aliens"

Monday, March 7th | 12:00pm - 1:30pm | Student Union Ballroom

Dr. Seth Shostak
Senior Astronomer, the SETI Institute

The talk will be 50 minutes followed by a Q&A period. A brief reception will follow.

For further information, contact Dr. Neil Manson (namanson@olemiss.edu). This event is free and open to the public.

Are we alone in the universe? The scientific hunt for extraterrestrial life is now into its sixth decade, and we still haven’t discovered any cosmic company. Could all this mean that finding clever beings beyond Earth, even if they exist, is a project for the ages – one that might take centuries or longer?

New approaches and new technology for learning whether anyone is out there suggest that there is good reason to expect that we could uncover evidence even of sophisticated civilizations – the type of aliens we see in the movies and on TV – within a few decades. But if we succeed, what would be the societal impact of learning that something, or someone, is out there?