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CARNEGIE SCIENCE CENTER'S FREE VIRTUAL LECTURE SHEDS LIGHT ON <u>DARK MATTER</u>

GALAXIES, DARK MATTER, AND GRAVITY EXPLORED ON OCTOBER 4

PITTSBURGH, Sept. 27, 2021 — On **Mon., Oct. 4** from **7–9 pm**, Dr. Alex Moskowitz will join Carnegie Science Center's <u>Virtual Café Sci</u> – a monthly, free lecture series exploring today's science issues.

During the discussion, Dr. Moskowitz will introduce theories that have been proposed to explain dark matter and explain how scientists search for a substance that is virtually undetectable.

Alex Moskowitz recently earned his PhD in Astrophysics from Carnegie Mellon University. His research focuses on the tiny dwarf spheroidal galaxies that orbit the Milky Way, which he uses to test theories of dark matter and gravity. Alex has shared his expertise and enthusiasm for the cosmos for many years at the Science Center's "Skywatch" public observing nights, first as a volunteer, and now as an official Buhl planetarium presenter.

The Virtual Café Sci is free to attend, but <u>preregistration is required</u> to receive the webinar link. The event lasts from 7–9 pm.

Virtual Café Sci is presented by PPG and sponsored by Cook MyoSite.

For more information, visit CarnegieScienceCenter.org or call 412.237.3400.

About Carnegie Science Center

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