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Cal Poly Physics Department Presents Angels and Demons Lecture Night: The Science Revealed On May 18

SAN LUIS OBISPO – The science behind the upcoming film "Angels and Demons" will be the focus of a presentation by Cal Poly Assistant Physics Professor Jennifer Klay. The lecture, which is free and open to the public, will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 18, in the right wing of the Chumash Auditorium.

"Angels and Demons," based on the best-selling novel by "Da Vinci Code" author Dan Brown, focuses on an apparent plot to destroy the Vatican using antimatter made at the Large Hadron Collider (LHC) and stolen from the European particle physics laboratory CERN.

Klay joined the Cal Poly physics department in 2007. She has been investigating the frontiers of nuclear physics at particle accelerators around the world for the past 10 years and is the principal investigator of a National Science Foundation grant to work with Cal Poly students on the ALICE experiment at the CERN LHC.

Sponsored by the Cal Poly Department of Physics, the event is part of a nationwide series arranged by the U.S. LHC Users Organization to help particle and nuclear physicists use this opportunity to tell the world about the real science of antimatter, the LHC and the excitement of particle physics research.

More information about the series, including a list of lectures and local contacts, is available at http://www.uslhc.us/Angels_Demons/index.html. For more information on the LHC, visit CERN's Web site at http://www.cern.ch.

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