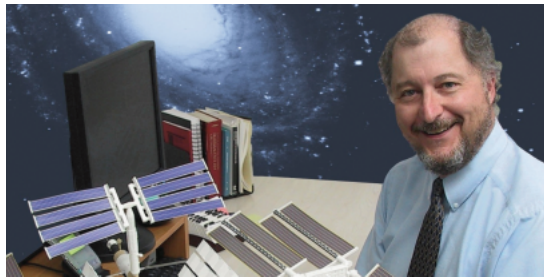


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NICK KANAS on *Mapping the Heavens from Antiquity to Today*

Public Program:

5 p.m. *Donohue Rare Book Room*
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With the construction of the International Space Station, and with new plans for manned missions to the Moon, Mars, and beyond, there is a renewed interest in how the heavens have been charted. Nick Kanas will trace the history of celestial cartography — comparing the role of constellation maps and cosmological maps.

This will be a broadly sketched tour, showing how different civilizations have captured their view of the heavens — from the stellar images of ancient China, Mesopotamia, Egypt, and India — to the true sky maps of Europe in the golden age of pictorial celestial cartography of the 17th and 18th centuries.

Nick Kanas, M.D., is a UCSF psychiatrist working with NASA on the effects of space travel on astronauts. He has been a collector of star maps for over twenty-five years. His book *Star Maps: History, Artistry, and Cartography* was published in 2007 by SPRINGER/PRAxis.

For more information call 415 422 2036

Nick Kanas's book, *Star Maps: History, Artistry, and Cartography*, will be available for purchase at the reception.

