

**Alfred University's Professor David DeGraff to read science fiction at Rochester's Writers & Books**  
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Professor David DeGraff

Alfred University Professor Astronomy David DeGraff, who in addition to studying the stars also writes science fiction, will read from his work at Writers & Books in Rochester on March 12. The reading will begin at 7:30 p.m.

DeGraff says he has been writing science fiction “since I was a kid.” He adds his love of science fiction stimulated his interest in astronomy – or it might have been the other way around. “As I said in a Star Trek Essay I had published, ‘I don’t know who’s to blame for my being an astronomer, Neil Armstrong or Gene Roddenberry.’”

His previous publications include “Above the Pole,” in *Polaris*, a collection of stories about polar science published in honor of the 50th anniversary of the International Year of Geoscience, in 1950. His story "Siren" also appeared in the collection *Carbine Tipped Pens*.

He also has been working on a science fiction novel set in Rochester, and may read from that work-in-progress.