August 26 Climate Change Impact on Civilizations: Lessons from Space Data and Archaeology, Dr. Ron Blom, Program Manager for Solid Earth Science, Jet Propulsion Laboratory, M/S 300-233, 4800 Oak Grove Dr., Pasadena, CA 91109.

September 2 Connections Between Science, Art, and Empire in the Enlightenment, Prof. Daniela Bleichmar, Departments of Art History and History, University of Southern California, VKC 351, Art History Department, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA 90089.

September 9 Rags to Hitches: log “sexy” startup (stiff corporate) = systems engineering, Ryan Charles, Director of Business Development, HireAHelper.com, and Production Manager at Aramark, 2464 Mountain Dr., Oceanside, CA 92054.

September 16 Who are Sound Engineers, and what do they do?, Erin Michael Rettig, Supervising Sound Engineer, 20th Century Fox Film Corp, Post Production Services.

September 23 Compliant Electrodes and Stretchable Devices, Dr. Qibing Pei, Professor at the University of California, Los Angeles, Soft Materials Research, Department of Material Science and Engineering, UCLA, 420 Westwood Pl, Los Angeles, CA 90095-1595.

September 30 Electrical Vehicles and Power Grids, Thomas Gage, CEO AC Propulsion Inc., 441 Borrego Ct., San Dimas, CA 91773.


October 14 Creativity and Opportunity in Biotechnology, Dr. Robert Baker, Professor of Biological Sciences, University of Southern California, RRI 104A, MC 2910, Los Angeles, CA 90089.

October 21 Synaptic Mechanisms of Neural Plasticity, Mary B. Kennedy, The Allen and Lenabelle Davis Professor of Biology, California Institute of Technology, Division of Biology, MC 216-76, Pasadena, CA 91125.

October 28 The Importance of Engineering in Modern Society, President C. L. Max Nikias, President of the University of Southern California, Bovard Administration Building, Room 110, Los Angeles, CA 90089.

November 4 Nuclear Safety Engineering and the Fukushima Disaster, Prof. Joseph E. Shepherd, Johnson Professor of Aeronautics and Professor of Mechanical Engineering, California Institute of Technology, Aeronautics, MC 105-50, Pasadena, CA 91125.

November 11 Innovate or Die (note: dying is easier...), Bran Ferren, Co-chairman & CCO, Applied Minds, 1209 Grand Central Ave., Glendale, CA 91201.

November 18 Computer animation production – a software perspective, Dr. Saty Raghavachary, Senior Trainer, Digital Training for DreamWorks Feature Animation, 1000 Flower St., Glendale, CA 91201.

December 25 Thanksgiving Break

December 2 End of Semester BBQ