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On the Occasion of the Solar Eclipse, Monday, August 21, 2017

The rare event of a solar eclipse will occur on Monday, August, 21st, from about 9am to about 11:30, during the middle of our first Monday morning classes of the new fall semester.

Safety First!

My thanks to Aaron Holmberg of the CCSF Risk Services Department who has provided the following link to NASA's website with detailed information on viewing the eclipse safely. In sum, it is never safe to look directly at the sun's rays. The only safe ways to view the eclipse are with NASA-certified filtered glasses or on television or live streaming. See below for the live streaming location sponsored by our CCSF Astronomy Department.

<https://www.nasa.gov/content/eye-safety-during-a-total-solar-eclipse>

Basic Information

My thanks to David Yee of our Astronomy Department for the following information:

A partial solar eclipse will occur in San Francisco and start at about 9:00 AM and end at about 11:30 AM. Most of San Francisco will experience a partial eclipse for about two minutes at 10:15am, at which time 75% of the sun will be blocked by the shadow of the moon.

This is indeed a rare event. The next total solar eclipse will be in 2024 and will be visible in the Midwest to the Eastern U.S. The next visible eclipse in California will be on August 12, 2045.

CCSF Presents the Solar Eclipse

Our Astronomy Department will be holding a viewing party and a live stream of the eclipse.

Viewing Opportunity On Campus: From about 9:30 - 10:30am, the Astronomy Department will set up a telescope with a solar filter at the Sundial near the South steps between Science Hall and Cloud Hall. This telescope will enable one to look at the sun. This event will not occur if there are heavy clouds and fog.



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Live Streaming of the Eclipse: From about 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM, the Astronomy Department present live streaming of the solar eclipse on the first floor of Science Hall. This will enable one to observe the total solar eclipse as it occurs in other areas of the United States.

A Final Note

All classes will proceed as scheduled for Monday. Faculty who are scheduled to meet classes during the eclipse are authorized to make any appropriate adjustments they see fit to accommodate students' interest in the eclipse.

Happy Solar Eclipse Day!

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