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The Threat of Asteroid Impacts: From the Age of Dinosaurs to the Present Day

David A. Kring
Lunar and Planetary Institute



Wortham **GIANT SCREEN** Theatre **3D**

Tuesday, June 30
6:30 p.m.

In 2013 the world was riveted by the impact of an asteroid near the Russian town of Chelyabinsk, where over 1,000 people were injured. It was an eerie reminder of another, bigger, impact event that flattened a forest near the Tunguska River in Siberia on June 30, 1908 - and a modern-day example of the immense dinosaur-killing Chicxulub impact event in the Yucatan. Dr. David A. Kring of the Lunar and Planetary Institute will describe how these types of impact events have scarred Earth in the geologic past, the magnitude of their persisting threat today, and the steps we might take to mitigate these types of calamitous events in the future. A special evening screening of *Impact* in the Burke Baker Planetarium at 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. is complementary for lecture ticket holders to help celebrate Asteroid Day 2015.