**In This Issue**

- How does the brain use events and experiences to build a brighter future—Professor Fernando Miranda-Duran

- ScienceConnect 2021: Economist at Cambridge Econometrics discuss the economic impacts of COVID-19.
- Attend Friday’s CMAI event to hear Georg Stadler from New York University discuss estimation of extreme event probabilities in systems governed by PDEs.
- William and Mary Mason's philosophy near the campus.
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**EVENTS**

- Wednesday, February 3, 2021: SPIRou Stares at a Young Rebel: the AU Mic Planetary System
- February 4, 2021: Economics Colloquium on Computational Social Science/Computational Data Sciences event
- February 5, 2021: Monthly Science Colloquium

**MASON SCIENCE COMMUNITY**

- College of Science faculty working to improve outcomes for students.
- New College of Science Seed Faculty Awards: Faculty encouraged to apply for funding to support new projects and build connections.
- Mason announced last week that it is introducing a rapid-testing and tracking gaining guidelines.

**IN THE NEWS**

- Understanding the past to build a brighter future—Professor Fernando Miranda-Duran
- Did you know the commemoration's start had local origins? First celebrated as Negro History Week in Alexandria, Virginia, the idea spread to the nation in 1926, the concept of promoting achievements by Black Americans and other peoples of African descent.

**RESEARCH & DISCOVERY**

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