

Department of Physics Colloquium

Friday, December 11, 2009 • 4:00 P.M. • 2241 Chamberlin Hall

cookies & coffee served at 3:30 p.m

Evidence for Colloquium Posters Having Nothing to do with Colloquium

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The colloquium poster (P^c) has been found in deep inelastic scattering experiments to consist of a title, an abstract, and a figure which either attempts humor or appears to contain all knowledge. We present evidence that the poster is a kind of trap, in which the interesting-sounding poster describing applications to all of physics instead yields to a monotone delivery of a highly technical talk on computation of 3rd-order Albatross diagrams. This has clear implications for condensed matter and atomic physics, the origin of ultra high-energy cosmic rays, electroweak symmetry breaking, and plasma containment (see figure).

