

Spectrum Lecture Series 2018-2019

Animal Life in Antarctica: Food Chains, Adaptations, and Behaviors

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Abstract: Antarctica is one of the most unforgiving yet beautiful places on the Earth. The ecology of the ecosystem along with the adaptations and behaviors of several animals inhabiting Antarctica will be conveyed through pictures and video. Penguins, seals, and humpback whales will be featured.... oh, and ice.

Dr. James Sniezek is the Instructional Dean for the Chemical and Biological Sciences unit and is based at the Takoma Park/Silver Spring campus of Montgomery College.

Dr. Sniezek has been associated with Montgomery College as a faculty member in the Biology Department, having taught at both the Rockville and the Takoma Park/Silver Spring campuses. He is a lecturer at the University of Maryland, College Park where he teaches majors-level biology for post-baccalaureate students. He is a graduate of Montgomery College's Leadership Development Institute.

Dr. Sniezek worked on organisms from the hydrothermal vents for his Master of Science degree and, for part of his Doctorate degree, investigated and described protozoa that live on whales. He did his post-doctoral research at the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center, researching *Production Estimates of Planktonic Ciliates in the Rhode River by Community, Trophic Category, and Specific Species*. He has several publications and remains active in research at the Smithsonian Marine Station in Fort Pierce, Florida. Marine Science remains fundamental passion of Dr. Sniezek.

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