

**AFRICAN AMERICAN READ-IN
AT PENN STATE ALTOONA
FEATURED AUTHOR**

DR. RONALD L. MALLETT

PHYSICIST, MEMOIRIST, AND PENN STATE ALTOONA ALUMNUS

AUTHOR OF

***TIME TRAVELER:
A SCIENTIST'S PERSONAL MISSION TO MAKE TIME TRAVEL
A REALITY***

**READING AND
BOOK-SIGNING
MONDAY, FEB. 9,
7:30 PM**

SLEP STUDENT CENTER

**FREE AND OPEN
TO THE PUBLIC**

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**Ronald L. Mallett, Ph.D. to Speak at Penn State Altoona
As the 2009 African American Read-In
Featured Author**

February 9, 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Ronald L. Mallett began his undergraduate studies at Penn State Altoona and earned three degrees from the Eberly College of Science: a bachelor's in 1969, a master's in 1970, and doctorate in 1973. He is currently a professor of physics at the University of Connecticut with primary research interests in general relativity and gravitation, black holes, relativistic astrophysics, and quantum cosmology. He is regarded as an authority on time travel, a subject of personal fascination that began when he was a youth.

Dr. Mallett is the author of *Time Traveler, A Scientist's Personal Mission to Make Time Travel a Reality*. Dr. Mallett describes his book as a personal memoir with science mixed in, and says there are two basic messages he would like his readers to take from it: "The first is that science is a very human activity. The attempt to understand the inner workings of the universe engages the same emotions that are the source of artistic endeavors and religious feelings. The second message is that Einstein has showed us that time travel really is possible." Film rights to the book have been acquired by director Spike Lee, who will co-write the script and direct.

Dr. Mallett will read from his memoir and talk about his work as a time travel researcher, his early love for reading and the power of books to fuel the imagination, and his perspective on becoming the subject of a film on Monday, February 9, at 7:30 p.m. in the Slep Student Center on the Penn State Altoona campus. A book signing will immediately follow the presentation. This event is free and open to the public.