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**6 p.m., Online**



**Oct. 7, 2020**

**Not-So Creepy Critters: Exploring Reptiles and Amphibians**

*John Vanek, Ph.D., Wildlife Biologist and Postdoctoral Fellow*



**Oct. 14, 2020**

**The Secret Lives of Rare Elements:  
Finding Critical Materials for Green Energy**

*Mark Frank, Ph.D., NIU Geology Professor*



**Oct. 21, 2020**

**Fear of First Contact: How Science and Fiction  
Inform Our Search for Alien Life**

*Daniel Kraus, Author of Bent Heavens, The Shape of Water  
Patrick S. Tomlinson, Author of Gate Crashers, In the Black  
Clarence Chang, Physicist, Argonne National Laboratory*



**Oct. 28, 2020**

**The Science Behind Haunted Houses**

*Paul Kassel, Dean of the NIU College of Visual and Performing Arts  
William J. (Jim) Langley, Jr., Scene and Lighting Designer and Retired  
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