

JSP Explores Black Holes

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There is no more appropriate figure than Stephen Hawking to be honored by the Spring 2018 edition of the *Journal of Space Philosophy*.

Hawking, who died in March at 76, is the scientist perhaps most commonly associated with theories swirling around black holes. And black holes happen to be an area where science and space philosophy meet.

Being and nothingness: matter, energy, and the void. One discipline explores the mysteries of the cosmos through mathematical precision; the other through words. Can either explain the universe alone?

The online *Journal of Space Philosophy*, produced by Kepler Space Institute, dedicates its spring issue to Hawking, who famously proposed that quantum theory allows for both energy and information to escape from a black hole. Thankfully, some small tidbits of information are around for the Journal to impart some of it here on this planet.

Among other articles in the Spring 2018 edition of the JSP are “The Science of Laws: Essential Foundations of Space Governance,” by David Schrunk; and “Maturing Humanity Through the Sciences of Law, Policy, and Space,” by Dr. Krone.

Leo Thorsness, who was an American prisoner of war at the time of Apollo 11, recounts “How PoWs in the Hanoi Hilton Learned of the Moon Landing,” Madhu Thangavelu takes a look at the rapidly enveloping “Space Renaissance” so vital to humanity, and Richelle Gribble explores the importance of “The Arts for Humans in Space.”

Krone, his wife Salena, and his daughter Kat provide a “Report of the Third Annual Recursive Distinctioning Conference – September 2017,” and finally, we get a look at “Howard Bloom’s Mental Clock.”

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