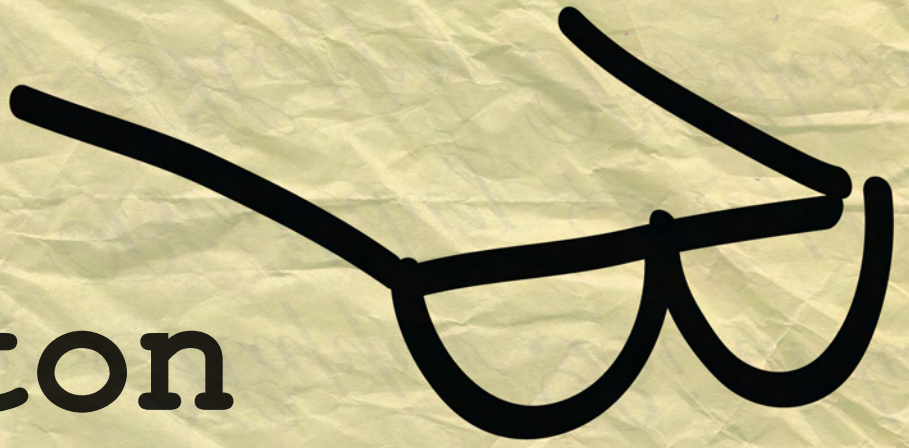# nerd nite edmonton

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Exo-lent Planets!

- Abigail Stevens

Travelling to another world has long been a dream of humankind, and recently astronomers have added hundreds of so-called 'exoplanets' to the list of possible destinations. We also see representations of these exoplanets in sci-fi and fantasy, but how realistic are they? There are a variety of types of exoplanets, and some of them are even Earth-like. To gether we'll dive into the scientific literature to explore how exoplanets are formed, how scientists discover them, and if we could ever move to one.

Political Bias: The Red Pill

- Rodrigo de la Jara

If you disagree with a story, is it biased? If a story is balanced, is it unbiased? What if a story comes from a partisan-is it automatically biased? At this point you might (understandably) be confused about what bias really is. It's time to take the Red Pill. We'll explore, from a scientific perspective, what bias really is, and how to detect it. We'll also identify how to determine what experts or sources of information are trustworthy and why. Finally, we'll look at how your decisions as a consumer of information can have life-or-death consequences.

Sexagogy

- Lauren Albrecht

What is sexagogy? The perfect combination of education! and titillation! In this presentation I will reconceptualize sexuality education for adults (yes, adults!) outside of the 'all too familiar' risk prevention model. I will challenge old-school notions of 'sex ed' (think: segregated classes, anatomy charts, and secret question boxes) by sharing my journey and my research on one of the fun, sexy and pleasure-focused spaces of sexuality education – the home sex toy party. So bring your three-ring binder, your list of naughty words, and an open mind – who knows, you might learn a thing or two!

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