Instant Genius: How Derek Amato Transformed From Aficionado to Musical Savant in a Day
Discussion Leader: Enoch Yeung
Engineering and Applied Science
Saturday, February 22, 2014
Learn the fascinating story of Derek Amato, a man whose life was transformed in an instant by an accident—an accident that endows him with prodigious musical talent. In this program, we’ll come to learn how his experience challenges scientific perception of how the human brain acquires, encodes and unleashes this talent.

Space Race Supermen: The Heroes of Early Human Spaceflight
Discussion Leader: Kathryn Stack
Geological and Planetary Sciences
Saturday, April 26, 2014
This program will discuss the early phases of the Space Race, in particular Project Mercury, the United States’ first human spaceflight program. The Mercury Seven introduces us to the first astronauts, along with the successes and failures of the early space program.

Believing Isn’t Always Seeing: How Hidden Brain Biases Influence your Behavior
Discussion Leader: Nicolette Sullivan
Humanities and Social Sciences
Saturday, May 10, 2014
Do we see the world as it really is? Each second, we are flooded by colors, sounds and feelings. Our brains are designed to filter out junk, but that filter may leave us blindsided by our brains. The Discovery Channel’s Head Games: Seeing is Believing shows why our grasp on the world is not as sound as we may think.