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## **FAU Harbor Branch to Host Lecture on Oceanomics and Sensorbots**

**FORT PIERCE, Fla. (April 26, 2013)** – FAU Harbor Branch will host Deirdre Meldrum, Ph.D., for a special lecture titled “Oceanomics and Sensorbots” on Wednesday, May 1 at 4 p.m. in the Johnson Education Center, 5600 U.S. 1 North, in Fort Pierce.

The presentation, part of the HBOI Ocean Science Lecture Series, will highlight a promising new chapter in the exploration of the oceans. Meldrum will discuss her work on Sensorbots, which are spherical devices equipped with biogeochemical sensors that can be deployed by the hundreds, travel in formation and communicate together for exploration and discovery.

Meldrum is a senior scientist and serves as the director of the Center for Biosignatures Discovery Automation at the Biodesign Institute at Arizona State University.

The event is free and open to the public. For more information, call 772-242-2400 or visit [www.fau.edu/hboi/OceanLectureSeries.php](http://www.fau.edu/hboi/OceanLectureSeries.php).

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### **About Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute:**

*Founded in 1971, Harbor Branch Oceanographic Institute at Florida Atlantic University is a research community of marine scientists, engineers, educators and other professionals focused on Ocean Science for a Better World. The institute drives innovation in ocean engineering, at-sea operations, drug discovery and biotechnology from the oceans, coastal ecology and conservation, marine mammal research and conservation, aquaculture, ocean observing systems and marine education. For more information, visit [www.hboi.fau.edu](http://www.hboi.fau.edu).*

### **About Florida Atlantic University:**

*Florida Atlantic University, established in 1961, officially opened its doors in 1964 as the fifth public university in Florida. Today, the University, with an annual economic impact of \$6.3 billion, serves more than 30,000 undergraduate and graduate students at sites throughout its six-county service region in southeast Florida. FAU’s world-class teaching and research faculty serves students through 10 colleges: the Dorothy F. Schmidt College of Arts and Letters, the College of Business, the College for Design and Social Inquiry, the College of Education, the College of Engineering and Computer Science, the Graduate College, the Harriet L. Wilkes Honors College, the Charles E. Schmidt College of Medicine, the Christine E. Lynn College of Nursing and the Charles E. Schmidt College of Science. FAU is ranked as a High Research Activity institution by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. The University is placing special focus on the rapid development of three signature themes – marine and coastal issues, biotechnology and contemporary societal challenges – which provide opportunities for faculty and students to build upon FAU’s existing strengths in research and scholarship. For more information, visit [www.fau.edu](http://www.fau.edu).*