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Enrichment Speaker
Cruise ships – Retirement Communities
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M.A. Communication – University of Texas at Austin - Graduated Summa Cum Laude
B.A. History – Sul Ross State University, Alpine, Texas
Texas Teacher's Lifetime Certificate - Earth-Space Sciences, History
Tour of the Universe Slide Presentations – Founder, researcher, presenter of science, history, nature, and travel slide presentations

Goal: Expanding public awareness and appreciation of science, history, and the vibrant human presence in the Cosmos.

Recent cruise ship speaker experience:

Celebrity Apex – August 1 – 15, 2026
Southampton, England – Portugal – Spain – Total Solar Eclipse – Southampton, England
3 speaker presentations in The Theater – Bridge narration during total solar eclipse August 12

Celebrity Silhouette – July 4, 2026 – July 25, 2026 (3 B2B cruises)
Reykjavik, Iceland – circumnavigate Iceland ports three times – Reykjavik, Iceland
9 speaker presentations on Iceland Viking history, geology, glaciology

Crown Princess - August 21, 2025 – September 17, 2025
New York City – Miami – Cartagena, Columbia - Panama Canal transit – Easter Island - Tahiti, French Polynesia
12 speaker presentations

Azamar Pursuit – May 18, 2025 – June 1, 2025
Kobe, Japan – Taipei - Hong Kong – Vietnam - Singapore
6 speaker presentations

Coral Princess – June 25, 2024 – July 13, 2024
Dover, England – Iceland – New England - New York City
12 speaker presentations

Regal Princess – February – March 2024 – B2B (back-to-back cruises)
Galveston, Texas – Western Caribbean – Galveston, Texas
8 speaker presentations

Celebrity Eclipse – December 7, 2023 – December 23, 2023
Los Angeles, California – Valparaiso, Chile
8 speaker presentations

Sapphire Princess – October 15, 2023 – October 30, 2023
Long Beach, California – Hawaiian Islands – Long Beach, California
9 speaker presentations

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Royal Caribbean Explorer of the Sea – Trans-Atlantic April 22, 2023 – May 8, 2023

Miami, Florida – Civitavecchia (Rome), Italy

8 speaker presentations

Cruise gigs arranged by direct cruise line contact or through the following agents:

Cruise Ship Speakers Association

Sixth Star Entertainment

Compass Speakers and Entertainment

Starboard Speakers

Retirement Communities – Enrichment Speaker experience

Brookdale Senior Living (Austin, Texas and nationwide)

Westminster Senior Living (Austin, Texas)

Longhorn Village Senior Living (Austin, Texas)

Maravilla at the Domain (Austin, Texas)

Multiple facilities nationwide live and remote via Zoom during Covid

Biographical background

Michael G. Albrecht earned a B.A. in History, with a Geology minor, at Sul Ross State University in the Big Bend region of West Texas. He holds a M.A. in Communication from the University of Texas at Austin. As a student at UT, Mr. Albrecht conducted astronomical research, matching stellar data sources with objects captured on photographic glass plates generated at McDonald Observatory by UT Austin astronomy faculty. He assisted with spectroscopic analysis of sunlight during the May 21, 1993, solar eclipse. With years of night sky field astronomy and frequent review of current research, Mr. Albrecht possesses an in-depth knowledge and keen understanding of modern science and its underpinnings in recent and ancient history. Mr. Albrecht was founder and host of the Austin Access local television series ***The Astronomy Network***, which probed the Milky Way, stellar evolution, and the origins of life. During the great total solar eclipse of April 8, 2024, Mr. Albrecht guided a large viewing party on a Texas ranch to observe the celestial event. Over the last decade, Mr. Albrecht has created the ***Tour of the Universe*** slide presentation series, which offers well-researched, lively intellectual enrichment on a wide variety of science and historical topics to cruise ship audiences, senior retirement communities, and public parks systems around the nation and globe. Most recently, Mr. Albrecht provided August 2026 solar eclipse talks and bridge narration on the Celebrity Apex from Southampton to Portugal and Spain.

Mr. Albrecht is a member of the Austin Astronomical Society and lives in the Texas Hill Country, where he conducts science and history slide shows, star parties, and information-rich night sky observations for the public.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION FROM SUPERVISORS, MANAGERS, AND GUESTS

August 1 – 15, 2026

Celebrity Apex Cruise Ship – Total Solar Eclipse Mediterranean Cruise

Cholo Guy – Ship Activities Manager

“Dear Michael – On behalf of our Cruise Director Aaron Hawkins, the Hotel Department, the Navigation Team, and the entire Celebrity Apex crew, thank you for delivering such an incredible *Beyond the Podium* presentation series. We feel truly fortunate to have had you with us on this Eclipse Cruise. Your eclipse talk was an unforgettable experience, not only for our guests but also for our crew. It has been a pleasure having you onboard, and I sincerely hope our paths cross again in the future.”

August 21 - September 14, 2025

Crown Princess Cruise Ship

New York City - Cartagena, Columbia - Panama Canal - Papeete, Tahiti

Fabian Rodriquez - Entertainment Operations Administrator

Comment: “Esteemed Michael - We sincerely thank you for your outstanding performances during your recent time aboard. It has been a pleasure having you as part of the team, and we look forward to welcoming you back to the Crown Princess in the future.”

August 21 - September 14, 2025

Crown Princess Cruise Ship

NYC - Panama Canal - Papeete, Tahiti

“Hi Mike - We wanted to drop you a note of thanks for your interesting lectures. You are a talent, you make your subjects so interesting, to the point where your audience is spellbound.

You are a ripper, bloke.

Smiles, Robbie and Vivienne Edwards

Onboard guests”

May 18 - June 1, 2025

Azamara Pursuit Cruise Ship

Osaka, Japan - Hong Kong - Vietnam - Singapore

Eric De Gray - Cruise Director

Verbal thanks and appreciation from Mr. De Gray and Assistant Cruise Director Lee Hetherington at conclusion of contract.

June 25 - July 13, 2024

Coral Princess Cruise Ship

Dover, England - Edinburgh, Scotland - Iceland - Boston - NYC, New York

Ferrnando with Three Rs - Cruise Director

Verbal thanks and appreciation on completion of contract.

NOTES OF APPRECIATION FROM SUPERVISORS, MANAGERS, AND GUESTS (continued)

December 2023

Celebrity Eclipse Cruise Ship

Los Angeles - Lima, Peru - Valparaiso, Chile

Charlotte - Activity Manager

"Mr. Albrecht - I want to say thank you. I have reached out to Max in the office and told him how wonderful you are, not just as a speaker to our guests, but also on the technical side of things, how patient and understanding you have been with the team. You have been wonderful to work with, even the tech staff commented, and I want to say thank you for all you have done. Thank you!"

December 2023

Celebrity Eclipse Cruise Ship

Los Angeles - Lima, Peru - Valparaiso, Chile

Mary Ann Dziugis - Passenger

"Hello Mike! - Below is feedback I turned in today on the Celebrity Eclipse "We'd like to hear from you" form: Michael's Albrecht's 10:00 AM presentations are excellent and most enjoyable. They add value to the cruise! This afternoon Charlotte (of Celebrity) called thanking me for my feedback saying she will include it in her report. I also expressed my wish for him to be speaking on the upcoming cruises. She explained while they have already booked speakers for those trips, he will be part of Celebrity's future voyages. Well done!"

October 2023

Sapphire Princess Cruise Ship

Los Angeles - Hawaii roundtrip

Lee Falberg - Passenger

"Mike - I want to let you know that I really enjoyed your presentations aboard the Princess Sapphire to Hawaii. Your depth of knowledge is amazing on so many topics and your material is great on the screen. Thanks for your presentations and blessings."

March-April 2023

Royal Caribbean Explorer of the Seas Cruise Ship

Miami - Azores - Spanish Coast - Rome, Italy

Alina Kovalchuk - Cruise Programs Administrator (CPA)

"Dear Michael - On behalf of our Cruise Director Elvis, and all the officers, staff, and crew of the Explorer of the Seas, I would like to thank you for your wonderful work this voyage. We appreciate your service for our guests and enhancing our activities program, and we sincerely thank you for being so accommodating. It was a pleasure to have you here onboard. We hope you have had a pleasant voyage onboard the Explorer of the Seas and hope to see you cruising with us again in the nearest future. Have a safe journey home. Kind regards."

NOTES OF APPRECIATION FROM RETIREMENT COMMUNITY MANAGERS

September 2026

Longhorn Village Retirement Community – Austin, Texas

Danielle Loving - Resident Experience Ambassador Director

"Dear Michael - Thank you again for coming the other day. Our residents truly enjoy your presentations! Thank you again for a wonderful presentation. We look forward to having you back for another great program and will be reaching out to schedule a future date."

April 2022

National Association of Activity Professionals (NAAP) - Eau Claire, Wisconsin

Vanessa Emma - Operations Director

"Michael provided a wonderful presentation from his "Tour of the Universe" series for the National Association of Activity Professionals (NAAP). Webinar attendees from over 50 facilities across the country thoroughly enjoyed the content, images, and Michael's passion and personality. We recommend utilizing Michael for an engaging and educational activity program within your community."

December 2021

Montecito Senior Living - Santa Fe, New Mexico

Jackie Goerig - Life Enrichment Director

"Our community had so many positive things to say about your lecture; they were really impressed with the photos and geological info you shared. I really appreciate the way you engage community members with thoughtful observation and questions. We look forward to having you lecture again soon."

March 2021

Luther Crest Senior Community - Allentown, Pennsylvania

Brandon Giuttari - Activities Coordinator

"Each month Michael provides us two shows that our residents enjoy very much. He is very knowledgeable in whatever the topic is. During this time of COVID, Michael has been a blessing for us, keeping our minds active. We look forward to more shows."

January 2021

Township of Schaumburg Retirement Community - Hoffman Estates, Illinois

Caryn Remer - Program Coordinator

"We love these presentations! Michael is extremely knowledgeable and experienced in quite a scope of subjects. He has so much interesting information for whatever topic he covers. We got a glimpse of what it is like to be in a Cessna over the Big Bend National Park which was an amazing adventure. He gave us an interesting historic presentation on the Druids, Celts and Romans. Also, Michael has presented on the Grand Canyon, Costa Rica and our participants have loved each and every one. We look forward to participating in more presentations with Michael soon!"

August 2020

Brookdale Westlake Hills Retirement Community - Austin, Texas

Samantha Lazenby - Resident Programs Coordinator

"We love our presentation days with Michael! He is so informative and entertaining. We enjoy the personal perspective he puts on his shows and look forward to seeing where he takes us each month."

