

# A DC Science Café Event...

## Beauty (coral) and the Beast (ocean warming)



Corals are some of nature's most amazing underwater creatures. These tiny organisms unite to form massive reef structures that are home to a vast array of marine life, support and protect coastal communities, drive medical advances, and astound us with their beauty. Corals are facing mounting pressures from a variety of stressors, including climate change. Warming ocean temperatures are causing mass coral bleaching events across the globe and scientists fear that 2015 may be a particularly bad year for coral health. Join a discussion with Mark Eakin, coordinator of NOAA's Coral Reef Watch about corals, their amazing diversity and biology, the threats they face, and how scientists are trying to help.

**Tuesday, February 17, 2015**

**6:30 - 8:30 pm**

**Busboys and Poets, 5<sup>th</sup> and K St.**

**NW, Washington, DC**

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