

The background features a dark blue gradient with a subtle starfield. On the left side, there are several overlapping circular elements. A prominent one is a large circle with a scale around its perimeter, ranging from 140 to 260 in increments of 10. Other circles are smaller and some have dashed lines or arrows, suggesting a technical or scientific theme.

ECLIPSES: HOW TO SPEAK MEDIA

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WHAT THEY SAID!

...A FEW MORE THOUGHTS

- Newsroom turnover is worse than ever
- Seek the geeks
- Trust public media!
- Good news is good news for us

WHAT STORY ARE YOU TELLING?

- Utility
- ...or Inspiration?



ARE YOU EXPERIENCED?



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Newsroom meeting list Chat Files 1 more +

Gino Fanelli Yesterday 10:55 AM

Will be waiting

■ Scott cheers because it got dark for a minute (will make it your problem)

Tuesday, Apr 9, 2024 • 1:00 – 2:00 PM

🔔 10 minutes before

📅 Events
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“I’M JUST NOT THAT IN TO NATURAL PHENOMENA”



THE STORY COLLIDER 
TRUE, PERSONAL STORIES ABOUT SCIENCE



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...but this is what I want to remember



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Marion, Kentucky (photo: Ari Fybush)



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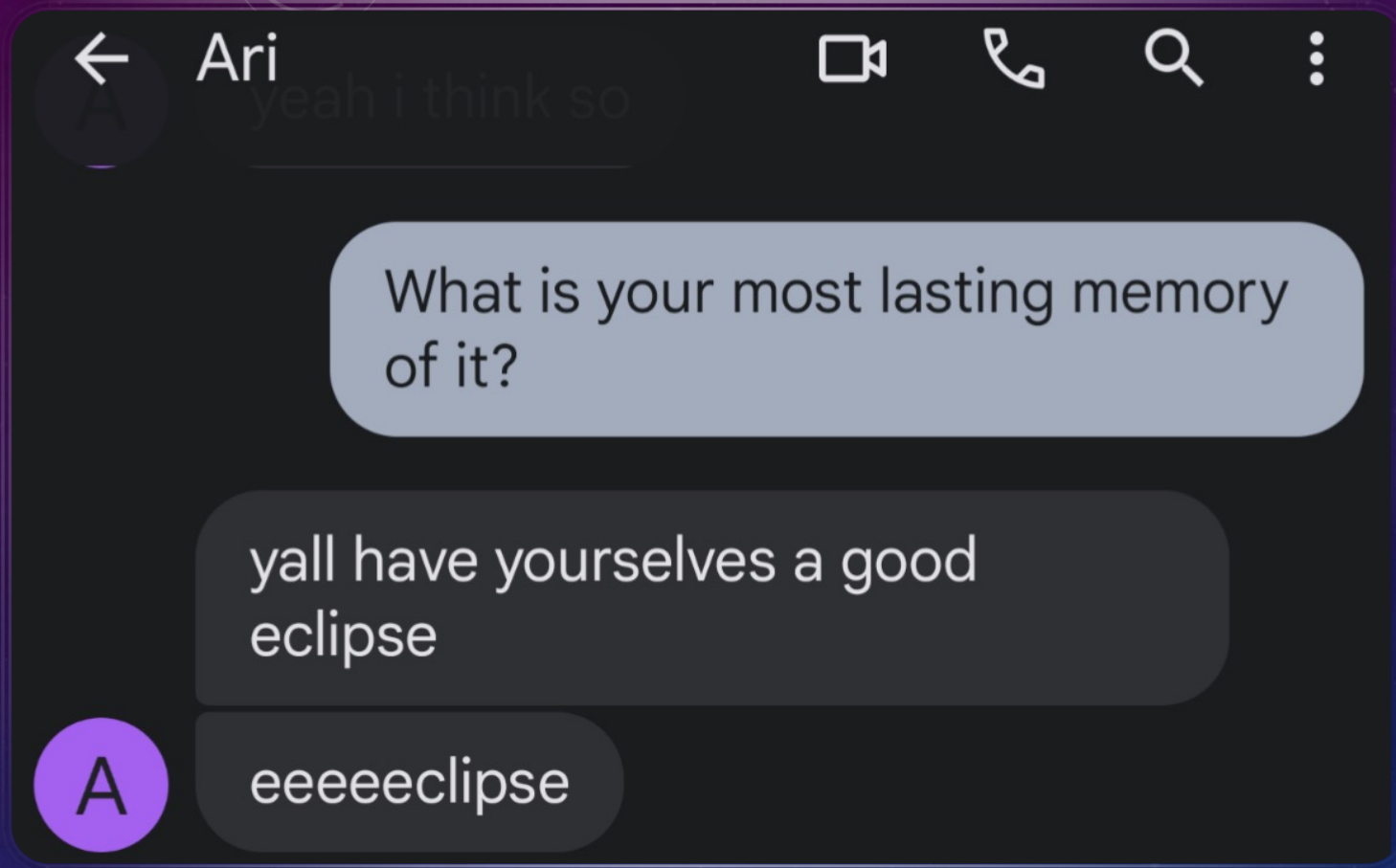


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YOUR CHALLENGE

- Do all your “utility” communication
- But also think “inspiration”
- Before: win over the skeptics
- During: help find unique stories
- After: capture the memories

BEYOND TRADITIONAL MEDIA

- Find your local connectors and storytellers – Twitter, IG, TikTok
- Think beyond the visual
- Think beyond the day of/day after
- Think about permanent storytelling – murals, plaques for “Generation Eclipse”
- Use your eclipse veterans!

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*don't put eclipse glasses on your dog, they won't stay!

TALK TO ME!!



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