

## Newsletter 17-18

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### DPS ELECTIONS 2017: CANDIDATE SLATE

The DPS Nominating Subcommittee has identified the following candidates for the 2017 DPS elections for Vice Chair and Committee :

Vice-Chair (1 to be elected):

- o Reggie Hudson, Goddard Space Flight Center
- o Linda Spilker, Jet Propulsion Laboratory/Caltech

Committee (2 to be elected):

- o Michele Bannister, Queen's University Belfast, UK
- o David Morrison, NASA Ames
- o Migo Mueller, University of Groningen, The Netherlands
- o Padma Yanamandra-Fisher, Space Science Institute

Additional candidates, supported by a petition of at least 20 DPS members, may be nominated by May 24th. Please send any nominations to the DPS Secretary, Anne Verbiscer, at [dpssec@aaas.org](mailto:dpssec@aaas.org) [1].

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SMALL BODIES ASSESSMENT GROUP (SBAG) 17 MEETING:  
ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR EARLY CAREER TRAVEL SUPPORT

As a reminder, the next SBAG meeting will be June 12-14 at NASA Goddard Spaceflight Center in Greenbelt, MD. Note that we will be starting at 1 pm on June 12 and ending at noon on June 14.

We are very excited for early-career scientists and engineers to participate in SBAG meetings. We have two opportunities at the upcoming SBAG meeting in June specifically aimed to people early in their career:

We are now accepting applications for early-career travel support to attend the upcoming SBAG meeting. Please pass the information on to any students, post-docs or early career scientists/engineers that may be interested in attending the meeting.

Early career travel support: We are planning to offer limited U.S. travel support for early career scientists to participate in the SBAG 17 meeting, to be held at the NASA Goddard Space Flight Center in Greenbelt, MD on June 12-14, 2017.

Interested undergraduate students, graduate students, postdocs, and other early career scientists (within 3 years of PhD/MS/BS) should submit a letter and a CV to SBAG Early Career Secretary Angela Stickle ([angela.stickle@jhuapl.edu](mailto:angela.stickle@jhuapl.edu) [2]) by COB

(5 pm Eastern time) May 5, 2017. Included in the letter, which must not exceed 2 pages, should be a demonstration of financial need and an explanation of how the applicant's work relates to the purposes of the SBAG. The letter and CV should be combined into a single PDF document for submission by e-mail attachment.

Recipients of travel support will be expected to give a short presentation (~10-15 minutes) of their SBAG-relevant work at the SBAG 17 meeting.

Lightning Talks: We are providing time on the agenda for early-career scientists and engineers present at the meeting to introduce themselves and their research to the community. The talks will be 3 minutes each. If you are interested in giving a lightning talk, please contact the early-career secretary Angela Stickle ([Angela.Stickle@jhuapl.edu](mailto:Angela.Stickle@jhuapl.edu)) [3]. Please encourage students and postdocs that you know to participate!

Thanks

Angela Stickle

SBAG Early-career Secretary

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### SUMMER SCHOOL IN SOFTWARE SYSTEMS FOR ASTRONOMY

Registration is now open for the 4th offering of Software Systems for Astronomy. The course covers software design and implementation of telescope and instrument control systems, observation planning tools, and software for analyzing and archiving astronomical data. SSfA-4 will be offered as a two week intensive course this summer, 24-Jul to 04-Aug, 2017, on the Big Island of Hawaii.

To register, visit the following web page and follow the instructions (UHH

students skip steps 1-4):

[http://astro.uhh.hawaii.edu/Summer/Summer-2017/summer2017.php#Special\\_Summer\\_Note](http://astro.uhh.hawaii.edu/Summer/Summer-2017/summer2017.php#Special_Summer_Note) [4]

The course number is ASTR394. For more information visit:

<http://astro.uhh.hawaii.edu/Summer/Summer-2017/summer2017.php> [5]

or send email to [aconrad@hawaii.edu](mailto:aconrad@hawaii.edu) [6]

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#### ROADMAPS TO OCEAN WORLDS (ROW) TOWNHALL AT ABSCICON

The Roadmaps to Ocean Worlds (ROW) team was chartered by OPAG to identify science objectives for Ocean Worlds and to design a roadmap (or roadmaps) to explore these worlds to address the identified science objectives.

We will be holding a ROW townhall at AbSciCon (Monday, April 24, 12:15-1:15PM)

to share our progress and allow for astrobiology community input.

We hope to see you there!

Amanda Hendrix ([arh@psi.edu](mailto:arh@psi.edu) [7])

Terry Hurford ([terry.a.hurford@nasa.gov](mailto:terry.a.hurford@nasa.gov) [8])

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#### JOBS, POSITIONS, OPPORTUNITIES

##### A) POSTDOCTORAL POSITION IN PLANET FORMATION AT SWRI BOULDER

There is an open postdoctoral research position open at Southwest

Research Institute's office in Boulder Colorado to work with Hal Levison and Kevin Walsh on a variety of topics related to Planet Formation. More details and application information can be found at:

[https://resapp.swri.org/ResApp/Job\\_Search\\_Results.aspx?DETAIL=15-01225](https://resapp.swri.org/ResApp/Job_Search_Results.aspx?DETAIL=15-01225) [9]

and

[https://resapp.swri.org/ResApp/Job\\_Search\\_Results.aspx?DETAIL=15-01226](https://resapp.swri.org/ResApp/Job_Search_Results.aspx?DETAIL=15-01226) [10]

Contact:

Kevin Walsh: [kwalsh@boulder.swri.edu](mailto:kwalsh@boulder.swri.edu) [11]

#### B) PH.D. OPPORTUNITY IN MARTIAN GEOCHEMISTRY

Wesleyan University has funding for a student to complete a Ph.D. in the Department of Chemistry with a Concentration in Planetary Science. The program of study will be tailored to include a relevant geoscience curriculum. The proposed project is to create a series of Mars analogue brines and precipitate them under terrestrial and martian conditions in a Mars chamber. Visible - near-infrared spectra of the precipitates will then be compared to similar data collected in Mars orbit. The research will be under the tutelage of Prof. Gilmore in the Dept. of Earth and Environmental Sciences. The opening is available for Fall of 2017. Please apply to the Chemistry Department at:

<http://www.wesleyan.edu/grad/> [12]

Applications will be reviewed as they are received. More information about Planetary Sciences at Wesleyan may be found at:

<http://www.wesleyan.edu/planetary/> [13]

Please direct all inquiries to:

Prof. Martha Gilmore  
[mgilmore@wesleyan.edu](mailto:mgilmore@wesleyan.edu) [14]

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