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## MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR: 2020 DPS ELECTION RESULTS

It is my pleasure to announce the results of the 2020 DPS elections. The turnout this year was outstanding as over 45% of the membership voted in this election, topping last year's record turnout of 41%. Thank you to the DPS membership for your strong participation.

Congratulations to Diana Blaney, who is the incoming Vice-Chair, to Jessie Christiansen and Kelsi Singer, incoming Committee members, and to Maya Yanez, the first Student Representative to the DPS Committee. These elected members will begin their terms of service after the Members meeting at the 52nd Annual DPS meeting in October.

The Division for Planetary Sciences relies on volunteers for its leadership positions and we thank all members who were willing to run for these elected positions. A special thanks to our Nominating Subcommittee, Carrie Nugent, Matthew Knight, and Desireé Cotto-Figueroa, for assembling the 2020 slate of candidates, Secretary Anne Verbiscer, for running the elections and to the AAS for their technical support.

Amanda Hendrix

DPS Chair

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## DPS 2020 MEETING UPDATES

Meeting Website: <https://aas.org/meetings/dps52> [1]

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\* New this year! \* Plenary sessions will be comprised of panel discussions on a variety of exciting planetary science topics! Meeting attendees can watch pre-recorded plenary talks ahead of time and then participate in live Zoom panel discussions (with Q&A) among invited plenary speakers. Meeting attendees can submit questions via Slack channels before or during the Zoom session.

Moderated parallel sessions will consist of topical Zoom Q&A sessions. Meeting attendees can watch pre-recorded talks, and view iPosters, ahead of time. Questions for presenters can be uploaded via Slack channels and/or during the live Zoom sessions.

Ongoing asynchronous (non-live) topical Slack discussions among presenters and

attendees will occur throughout the week.

All talks (invited and contributed) will be prerecorded and available for viewing by registrants Oct 19. iPosters will also be available for viewing beginning Oct 19.

Meeting registrants may upload questions, ahead of the meeting, via Slack channels. Stay tuned for instructions regarding the Slack channels.

When you submit your abstract, you will have a choice of presentation type: iPoster or pre-recorded talk. Wondering whether you should do an iPoster or a pre-recorded talk? You can learn more about these presentation types at <https://aas.org/meetings/dps52/abstracts> [2] under "Presentation Guidelines and Tips."

There is a (1) one abstract limit for submission of Research Contributions. Additional abstracts may be submitted for the following types of submissions. We encourage you to submit to one of these categories, in addition to any research you will be presenting:

- History
- Education and Community Engagement
- Workforce
- Decadal Whitepapers

Abstracts are limited to 2250 characters (not counting spaces).

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**NEW DPS DONATION FUND: SUPPORT UNDERREPRESENTED MINORITY COMMUNITIES IN PLANETARY SCIENCE**

The DPS has created a new fund to support underrepresented minority communities in planetary science. Funds from this account will be used to build partnerships between the DPS and national organizations, such as the National Society of Black Physicists (NSBP), and to enhance participation of underrepresented minority scientists at the annual DPS meeting. The DPS Committee will work with our new partners to determine how the money will be distributed. The fund has been seeded by an initial contribution of \$10,000 from DPS funds, and donations are most welcome.

Donate here:

<https://dps.aas.org/Inclusivity/support-underrepresented-minority-communities-planetary-science> [3]

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#### DPS EDUCATION AND OUTREACH GRANTS – FINAL DEADLINE EXTENDED UNTIL AUGUST 15TH

The DPS Committee is offering small grants (average amounts of \$200 to \$500) to support DPS members to engage in local and virtual education and public engagement activities. These grants are intended to support DPS member efforts to engage other members, students, teachers, and the public and can be used for materials, consumables, equipment but not for salary or travel to DPS meetings. Proposals are being accepted for programs that will occur by June 1, 2021. We encourage creative solutions for engagement efforts that also conform to social-distancing requirements. If you have a question about what is an acceptable cost, please contact the DPS Education and Outreach Officer, Sanlyn Buxner, [buxner@psi.edu](mailto:buxner@psi.edu) [4]. Proposals should be emailed to [buxner@psi.edu](mailto:buxner@psi.edu) [4] and you will receive an email confirmation.

Applications will be accepted until August 15, 2020. All proposals will be reviewed by members of the DPS education committee and the executive committee. Complete directions, including a scoring rubric, can be found at

<https://dps.aas.org/education/education-outreach-grants/application> [5]

Please address any questions to [buxner@psi.edu](mailto:buxner@psi.edu) [4].

Sanlyn Buxner (Education and Public Outreach Officer) and  
Brian Jackson (Deputy Education and Public Outreach Officer)

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#### DPS 2020 PRIZES

DPS Prize awardees will be announced in ~mid-August. Information about the prizes can be found at <https://dps.aas.org/prizes> [6]

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#### VENUS CONFERENCE GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Subject: Venus Science Today, A mini-Zoom conference 31 August - 3 September 2020

We would like to invite you to consider attending and/or contributing a talk to Venus Science Today, a mini-Zoom conference. Venus Science Today will showcase talks about Venus research published in the past 12 months, or work in progress. The conference will take place over four days, but only two hours per day to allow simultaneous participation from Europe, the USA and East Asia.

Conference detail can be found here:  
<https://www.giss.nasa.gov/meetings/venus2020/> [7]

If you wish to contribute a talk you can register here:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe\\_sLS5O55px7DijbBJk6lhnS4VCmz8UjgEzHsyB0R6FPk5Aw/viwwform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSe_sLS5O55px7DijbBJk6lhnS4VCmz8UjgEzHsyB0R6FPk5Aw/viwwform?usp=sf_link) [8]

This virtual conference is co-hosted remotely by the NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies and the Akatsuki Science Team.

We look forward to seeing you soon.  
Sincerely  
SOC Members  
Michael Way, Kandi Jessup, Cedric Gillmann, & Takehiko Satoh

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## NASA POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP – APPLICATION DEADLINE NOVEMBER 1, 2020

The NASA Postdoctoral Program offers US and international scientists the opportunity to advance their research while contributing to NASA's scientific goals. The NPP supports fundamental science; explores the undiscovered; promotes intellectual growth; and encourages scientific connections.

Selected by a competitive peer-review process, NPP Fellows complete one- to three-year Fellowship appointments that advance NASA's missions in earth science, heliophysics, planetary science, astrophysics, space bioscience, aeronautics and engineering, human exploration and space operations, and astrobiology.

Current NPP research opportunities in planetary science can be viewed here:

[NPP Planetary Sciences Research Opportunities](#) [9].

Applicants must have a Ph.D. or equivalent degree in hand before beginning the fellowship, but may apply while completing the degree requirements. U.S. citizens, Lawful Permanent Residents, and foreign nationals eligible for J-1 status as a Research Scholar may apply.

Stipends start at \$60,000 per year, with supplements for high cost-of-living areas and for certain academic specialties. Financial assistance is available for relocation and health insurance, and \$10,000 per year is provided for professional travel.

Applications are accepted three times each year: March 1, July 1, and November 1.



For further information and to apply, visit: <https://npp.usra.edu/> [10]

Questions: [npphelp@usra.edu](mailto:npphelp@usra.edu) [11]

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Send submissions to:

Anne Verbiscer, DPS Secretary ([dpssec@aas.org](mailto:dpssec@aas.org) [12])

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