

## Newsletter 20-41

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#DPS2020 BLOCK SCHEDULE AND REGISTRATION

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

Abstract authors will be notified about presentation details next week.

Don't forget to [register](#) [2] for #DPS2020! Registration will be open throughout the meeting until 30 October, and the deadline for presenters to register is 5 October. For the best meeting experience, we recommend registering before 19 October to watch prerecorded talks prior to the live topical discussions, which begin on 26 October.

In addition to an exciting science program that includes live discussions of pre-recorded talks and iPosters, along with ongoing asynchronous topical discussions on Slack, DPS attendees can look forward to these events during DPS week:

- Decadal Survey townhall
- NASA-NSF townhall
- Career center
- Planetary science art fair
- Student & early career reception
- Daily Science Chats: informal discussions of topics from that day's sessions. Interactions between early career and more senior scientists will be encouraged.
- Women in Planetary Science discussion hour
- Open mic night
- Social hours and games

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#### DPS 2020 DEPENDENT CARE GRANTS

The DPS Susan Niebur Professional Development Fund provides financial assistance to qualifying members of the DPS in order to facilitate their meeting participation by offsetting dependent care costs (such as childcare, elder care, spousal care, etc) at the meeting location, or at home, during the DPS conference week. This includes dependent care expenses needed to allow attendance and participation in the 2020 virtual DPS meeting.

The DPS Professional Development Subcommittee will accept applications for dependent care subsidies to assist an eligible DPS member to participate in the 2020 DPS Meeting.

The initial submission deadline is Monday, September 14, 2020. The review of submissions will begin Tuesday September 15; however, further requests will be accepted and reviewed, funding and eligibility permitting.

Please access the grant application form at <https://dps.aas.org/development#grants> [3] .

Mark Gurwell, DPS Professional Development Subcommittee member

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### NEXT EXOPAG SIG3 TUTORIAL

The next ExoPAG SIG3 Exoplanet-Solar System Synergy Tutorial Talk will be given by

Prof. Nancy Chanover, who will provide an introduction to the Planetary Data System Atmospheres Node for those who might be considering using the PDS for exoplanet science.

These tutorial talks are aimed at introducing field newcomers to important topics or methods in planetary and exoplanetary science. They typically include a 30 minute tutorial from an expert to introduce the topic, followed by a 30 minute group discussion of a recent paper in which the topic/method features. The details for Nancy's talk are listed below:

Date/Time: Sept 10th at 11am PDT / 2pm EDT

#### Zoom

Link: <https://washington.zoom.us/j/95177555751?pwd=UGZ0bnMyZVVNbmtcmZmZm1adWJkZz09> [4]

Speaker: [Nancy Chanover](#) [5], Professor of Astronomy, New Mexico State University

Title: How to Leverage NASA's Planetary Data System Atmospheres Node for Exoplanet Science

Abstract: The NASA Planetary Data System Atmospheres Node is charged with archiving atmospheric data from NASA's solar system missions, as well as ground-based observations, laboratory experiments and analog field measurements conducted in support of NASA's missions. In this presentation I will provide a brief overview of the PDS Atmospheres Node data archive and discuss its relevance to the exoplanet atmospheric science community. I will also briefly discuss nomenclature issues that might be confusing to first-time users and point to PDS-based resources to help interpret them. Finally, I will discuss a paper (Elrod et al. 2018) that illustrates the use of data archived at the PDS Atmospheres Node for understanding the role that solar activity plays in driving atmospheric escape on Mars.

Paper for Discussion: Elrod et al. (2018), GRL, <https://doi.org/10.1029/2018GL077729> [6]

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WHITE PAPERS ON DEIA TOPICS IN RESPONSE TO THE REQUEST FOR  
COMMUNITY INPUT INTO THE 2023-2032 PLANETARY SCIENCE AND  
ASTROBIOLOGY DECADAL SURVEY

Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Accessibility (DEIA) efforts within the Planetary Science community have become a focus point of several NASA Assessment/Analysis Groups (AGs). The EDI Working Group (WG) was formed by the AGs and its steering committee consists of members of each AG steering committee and several affinity groups. The WG has helped gather community input in the form of a series of Professional White Papers (WPs) in preparation for the Planetary Science and Astrobiology Decadal Survey (Planetary2023). These WPs will be submitted by their individual authors in support of the Planetary2023's Statement of Task Part 9: The state of the profession including issues of diversity, inclusion, equity, and accessibility, the creation of safe workspaces, and recommended policies and practices to improve the state of the profession. Where possible, provide specific, actionable and practical recommendations to the agencies and community to address these areas.

Link to the Table of DEIA WPs for Planetary2023:  
<https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1t5hpGpVIWokwaymDITyMaYAVWJ4viFTsXDjVwTOb9gQ/edit?usp=sharing> [7]

We request that the planetary science community read and consider each of these important WPs. The WPs each have links for individual co-signatures. Again, the intention of this table is to amplify the priority of each of these WPs, as the topic of State of the Profession is a high priority for the entire planetary science community.

Note that the State of the Profession deadline is September 15th, 2020, so individual endorsements and co-signatures before that time are encouraged.

If you are the author of a DEIA-related white paper not on our spreadsheet and you'd like to be included, please contact both of the WG Co-Chairs, Moses Milazzo ([moses@otherorb.net](mailto:moses@otherorb.net) [8]) and Christina Richey ([christina.r.richey@jpl.nasa.gov](mailto:christina.r.richey@jpl.nasa.gov) [9]) as soon as possible.

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**JOBS, POSITIONS, OPPORTUNITIES**

**A) ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OPENING - MIT/EAPS**

The Department of Earth, Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences (EAPS) at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) Cambridge, Massachusetts invites applications for a tenure-track faculty position in the broad area of Planetary Science.

We seek an outstanding scientist with interest in and potential for innovation and leadership in planetary science that complements and/or expands the Department's expertise. EAPS is an academic community of approximately 40 faculty, 100 research staff (including postdocs), and 180 students, who together form leading research programs on all aspects of Earth, planetary, geo-biological, and ocean, atmospheric, and climate sciences, some of which reside within the MIT WHOI Joint Program.

EAPS is committed to academic excellence and to fostering a diverse, equitable, and inclusive environment. We seek candidates who have both the potential and strong commitment for innovation and leadership in teaching and mentoring undergraduate and graduate students, and share the [Principles of our Community](#) [10].

A complete application includes a cover letter, curriculum vitae, a 1- to 2- page statement on research and one on teaching and mentoring, and three letters of recommendation.

Recognizing that educational experiences of all students are enhanced when the diversity of their backgrounds is acknowledged and valued, we ask candidates to articulate (in the teaching and mentoring statement, and, as appropriate, in the cover letter or research statement) their views on inclusivity and equity as they pertain to teaching, mentorship, research, and service.

Applicants must hold a Ph.D. in planetary science, astronomy/astrophysics, or other

related field by the start of employment. Our intent is to hire at the assistant professor level, but more senior appointments may also be considered. Applications are being accepted at Academic Jobs Online: <https://academicjobsonline.org/ajo/jobs/16642> [11]  
To receive full consideration, complete applications must be received by November 1, 2020.

Search Contact: Ms. Karen Fosher, HR Administrator, EAPS, 54-924  
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Send submissions to:  
Anne Verbiscer, DPS Secretary ([dpssec@aaas.org](mailto:dpssec@aaas.org)) [13]

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