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MESSAGE FROM THE DPS CHAIR AND THE PCCS:

Supporting the Planetary Science Community Through Tough Times

With the tragic events occurring in Afghanistan and Haiti, the ongoing surges in COVID cases spurred on by the Delta variant, massive wildfires in the Western United States, and the destructive aftermath of Hurricane Ida, the DPS leadership would like to recognize the stress that these events have placed on our colleagues and our communities. Many of us are concerned about how family and friends are doing, and are struggling within our own homes and workplaces. Eighteen months into this current pandemic, we would like to remind folks that it is important to remain vigilant regarding the well-being of those around us and with whom we work. Mental health is, as always, an important, yet often underappreciated, aspect of everyone's health. We encourage everyone to educate themselves about the mental health resources available to them and those around them. Learning to lean towards kindness and to act with grace for yourself and others may be some of the most important lessons we as a community take away from these tough times. If there is anything we in the DPS leadership can do to help you and any of our colleagues out, please get in touch.
STUDENT AND EARLY CAREER RECEPTION

Date: Sunday, Oct. 03
Time: 6:30 pm Eastern, 5:30 Central, 4:30 Mountain, 3:30 Pacific
Duration: 30 minutes

What: Join us for a pre-conference networking and socializing where we will have the opportunity to meet people from our disciplines (and others!). We will have a general discussion of professional development topics and encourage students and early career scientists to take this opportunity to connect with others prior to the start of the conference! A huge thanks to our generous sponsor Southwest Research Institute for supporting this event. Sign up is required so that we can send you information/updates about the event. Please see more details and sign up [here](https://forms.gle/JVWRRPPJfmckFuwMA). The deadline to sign up is right before the event (Sunday October 03 at 5:30 pm Eastern). The gather.town link for the event will be sent to all those who sign up and will also be posted on the detailed schedule for the DPS meeting (not the block schedule). Please do not post the gather.town link in a public place. For any questions, please contact Maya Yanez at mdyanez@usc.edu.

STUDENT TOWNHALL

Date: Sunday, Oct. 03
Time: 6:00 pm Eastern, 5:00 Central, 4:00 Mountain, 3:00 Pacific
Duration: 30 minutes

What: Join the DPS Student Representative and other DPS students to discuss how DPS can best serve you!

Do you have questions about DPS and the DPS committee? Do you want to know who the student rep is and what they do? Would you like to request more from DPS or better understand the resources available? Come ask your questions and meet other students in DPS!

Sign up is required so that we can send you information/updates about the event. Please see more details and sign up [here](https://forms.gle/vnnPX5ANTVe6AsN1A). The deadline to sign up is right before...
the event (Sunday October 03 at 5:00 pm Eastern). The Zoom link for the event will be sent to all those who sign up and will also be posted on the detailed schedule for the DPS meeting (not the block schedule). Please do not post the event Zoom link in a public place. For any questions, please contact Maya Yanez at mdyanez@usc.edu [4].

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WOMEN IN PLANETARY SCIENCE DISCUSSION HOUR

Date: Monday, Oct. 04

Time: 5:00 pm Eastern, 4:00 Central, 3:00 Mountain, 2:00 Pacific

Duration: 1.5 hours (one hour event, ½ hour open networking time)

What: Join us for the annual Women in Planetary Science event, titled: 'Lean in...into discomfort: the continual work of equity and justice'. This year, the theme for this discussion-focused event will be our continued commitment to equity and justice in STEM. A huge thanks to our generous sponsor AURA for supporting this event.

Sign up is not required but it would be helpful for planning purposes and so that we can send you information/updates about the event. Please see more details and sign up [https://bit.ly/DPS_WiPS_2021](https://bit.ly/DPS_WiPS_2021) [5]. The Zoom link for the event will be sent to all those who sign up and will also be posted on the detailed schedule for the DPS meeting (not the block schedule). Please do not post the event Zoom link in a public place.

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FIRST TIME DPS ATTENDEES AND EARLY CAREER PRESENTATION REVIEW SESSIONS

We are looking for DPS members to volunteer to give feedback to DPS first time attendees and early career scientists. Sessions will be the week of September 6th for talks and in September and early October for iPosters. Sign up [https://tinyurl.com/kr7dcjk9](https://tinyurl.com/kr7dcjk9) [6]. We will send out Zoom info the day before the session you choose.

Are you feeling nervous about your upcoming DPS presentation? The DPS Education Committee is hosting events to help early career scientists or those who would like some friendly feedback before they upload their pre-recorded talk (due September 9) or present their iPoster. Sign up for a session [https://tinyurl.com/2phv4xda](https://tinyurl.com/2phv4xda) [7] to do a dry run, practice your timing, and feel more...
comfortable. Please contact Sanlyn Buxner, buxner@psi.edu [8], with questions.

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NASA's WEBB SPACE TELESCOPE COMMUNITY EVENTS LOOKING FOR EXPERTS

Share your science expertise with the public! NASA's Webb Space Telescope Community Events initiative is looking for scientists and engineers to assist with nationwide NASA-sponsored community events around launch and release of the first images. If you are interested in helping out, please consider signing up! https://forms.gle/ppfYxMuC9RuDTeeo7 [9]

Participation as an expert could include being interviewed, giving a presentation, facilitating a demonstration or activity. By entering your information into the form, you agree to be contacted by programs that are looking for scientist/engineer volunteers with your interests. You are not obligated to accept any requests. For questions, please reach out to Chris Britt (cbritt@stsci.edu [10]).

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UPLOAD YOUR TALKS AND REGISTER THIS THURSDAY AND OTHER UPCOMING DEADLINES

06 Sep -- Deadline to apply for 2022 DPS Press Officer and Webmaster Positions [11]
09 Sep -- Registration Deadline for Presenters [12]
09 Sep -- Deadline for DPS Dependent Care Grants Applications [13]
09 Sep -- Deadline to upload your DPS presentation & summary slide [14]
17 Sep -- Deadline for Underrepresented Minority Communities Travel Grant [15]

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I am community sourcing a list of people who are actively in search of MS/PhD students in planetary science for Fall 2022. If you are such a person, please fill out the following google form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSerZCWHJS7_u_K4F6gH8LZKBiyrgjCI87TA2jowyXXkWZ_o3A/viewform?usp=send_form [16]

Prospective graduate students, please find the resulting list at:

https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/12yRS2c9-eW4DGlcb3cPgZU759gl1QZjnDk-pltlh3k4/htmlview [17]

Questions- Please email Sarah Horst (Sarah.horst@jhu.edu [18])

2022A NASA IRTF CALL FOR PROPOSALS

The due date for the 2022A semester (February 1, 2022 to July 31, 2022) is Friday, October 1, 2021. See our online submission form http://irtfweb.ifa.hawaii.edu/observing/applicationForms.php [19], which is available for proposal submission from 12:00AM on September 07, 2021 until 5:00PM on October 01, 2021 HST.

Available instruments include: (1) SpeX, (2) MORIS, (3) iSHELL, (4) MIRSI/MOC.. Information on available facility and visitor instruments and performance can be found at: http://irtfweb.ifa.hawaii.edu/instruments [20]. Exposure time calculators for SpeX and iSHELL are available on the respective instrument webpages. New DAPR instructions [21] for the application form are required starting 2022A. Please see http://irtfweb.ifa.hawaii.edu/observing/callForProposals.php [22] for the full text.

DPS OPEN MIC NIGHT THURSDAY OCT 7

We will be holding the 2021 DPS virtual open mic night on Thursday 10/7 running from 9pm to midnight EST. Any DPS attendee is welcome to sign up. We typically have musical acts, poetry, spoken word, etc, so don't be shy. You can either email Joe Spitale (jnspitale@psi.edu [23]) ahead of time to reserve a slot,
or you can sign up during the show for a five-minute walk-on slot, subject to availability. To reserve a slot, send me the following information by 9/30:

Name of act
Names of participants
Description of act (e.g., Music w/ singing; opera; aerial acrobatics)
Contact email address
Requested duration

Please note that we won't be able to let you know how much time we can actually give you until after the sign-ups close, but we'll do our best to get everyone in. Also note the following ground rules:

1. At least one participant must be performing live.
2. At least one live participant must be a DPS attendee.

See you there!

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**JOBS, POSITIONS, AND OPPORTUNITIES**

Job seekers and employers are encouraged to browse DPS's job listings [24] and advertise open positions [25]. Recent openings and opportunities are listed below and more are at the link above.

A. Graduate-level position in Cometary Radiative Transfer Modeling, NASA GSFC

Opening for a junior researcher working on radiative transfer and spectral analysis of comets in the Astrochemistry Theory and Observation Group at NASA Goddard Space Flight Center (https://science.gsfc.nasa.gov/691/theory/index.html [26]).
Salary: $41K for initial period of 1 year, with an additional 1 year extension (subject to performance). Employment will be through Catholic University of America, with a physical office at NASA GSFC. The position includes the usual University benefits package for full-time employees.

Please apply by sending your resume, transcript and cover letter (including a summary of your qualifications and a statement of career goals), and arrange for a letter of reference to be sent to cordiner@cua.edu [27]. Application period will remain open until September 30th (or until filled).

Send submissions to:

Maria Womack, DPS Secretary (dpssec@aas.org [28])

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