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Lunar and Planetary Science Conference

Lori S. Glaze, Ph.D. NASA Planetary Science Division Director March 11, 2024



PSD Personnel Updates



Michael Meyer (Retired)



Jeff Grossman (Retired)



Tom Statler, Lead Scientist for Solar System Small Bodies



Aaron Burton, Program Scientist



Nick Lang, Program Scientist



Katie Robinson, Program Scientist



Celebrating Success



OSIRIS-REX: To Bennu – and Back!



OREVER/US



Psyche Launched!

Mars flyby: March–May 2026 Psyche Orbit Insertion: August 2029 Orbital mission: ~26 months



Perseverance & Ingenuity

Perseverance's Location Latest Drive: Sol 1066 | Total Distance 15.47 miles / 24.89 km



Location as of February 20, 2024

Here to Observe (H2O) Program



Ohio & Puerto Rico Space Grant Consortia Robert Romero (Ohio Aerospace Institute) Prof. Gerardo Morell (U. of Puerto Rico) Dr. Rachel Klima (Europa Clipper Mission Liaison)



Kingsborough Community College Prof. Steven Jaret (KBCC) Dr. Alexandra Pontefract (Dragonfly Mission Liaison)



New Mexico State University Prof. Nancy Chanover (NMSU) Dr. Erika Kohler (DAVINCI Mission Liaison)



Univ. of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Prof. Miah Adel (UAPB) Dr. Katherine Kretke (Lucy Mission Liaison)



New Mexico Institute of Mining & Technology Prof. Raúl Morales-Juberías (NMT) John Van Eepoel (LRO Mission Liaison)



Virginia State University Prof. Dawit Haile (VSU) Dr. Ashwin Vasavada (Curiosity Mission Liaison)

Community Announcements

CNSA Chang'e-5 Lunar Samples Update

- CNSA opened applications for access to Chang'e-5 lunar samples to international scientists in late 2023
- November 2023, Administrator Nelson certified to Congress NASA's intent to allow NASA-funded researchers to apply to CNSA for access to these samples
 - A limited exemption under the Wolf Amendment
- NSPIRES notification released on November 29, amplified by LEAG and ExMAG
- CNSA received nearly a dozen applications from US proposers
 - NASA civil servant applications will not be considered this round because of lack of time to get an appropriate international loan agreement in place
 - In February NASA requested a status update from all proposers so NASA could provide guidance on next steps
 - Guidance will be given on how NASA funding may be used to support research efforts on Chang'e 5 samples
- A second opportunity for international proposers is expected in summer of 2024
 - NASA intends to certify negotiations with CNSA to allow NASA and NASA-funded researchers to apply to CNSA in this second round of applications

NASA Events at LPSC

Tuesday, 11:00 am Citizen Science in the Era of Big Data Open Science Data Management Plans & Community Resources Tuesday, 11:30 am NASA HQ R&A Townhall (Plenary) Tuesday, 1:00 pm NASA PSD Meet and Greet Tuesday, 5:30 pm Ask Your Program Officers Anything (for early-career researchers) Wednesday, 11:30 am NASA HQ Technology Development Plan (Plenary) Wednesday, 1:00 pm Planetary Data Ecosystem Update Thursday, 11:30 am Early-Career Award Proposal Workshop Thursday, 11:30 am Future Science: NASA's Early Career Award Winners (Plenary) Thursday, 1:00 pm





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MARS SAMPLE RETURN



Jeff Gramling, Program Director



Donya Douglas-Bradshaw, Deputy Program Director



Rich Ryan, Deputy Program Director – Business



Chris Carson, Program Executive



Michaela Munoz Fernandez, Program Executive



George Tahu, Program Executive



Megan Ansdel, Program Scientist



Megan Gorham, Systems Engineer



Leo Gomez, Executive Officer



Lindsay Hays, Lead Scientist



Steve Thibault, Chief Engineer



FY 2024 Budget: NASA & SMD

NASA's budget for FY2024 was included in the minibus bill passed by Congress last week

(\$M)	FY23 Enacted	FY24 PBR	FY24 Minibus Bill	Delta from PBR	Delta from FY23
Science	7,795.0	8,260.8	7,334.2	-926.6	-460.8
Earth	2,195.0	2,472.8	2,195.0	-277.8	0.0
Planetary	3,200.0	3,383.2	2,716.7	-666.5	-483.3
Astrophysics	1,510.0	1,557.4	1,530.0	-27.4	20.0
Heliophysics	805.0	750.9	805.0	54.1	0.0
Biological & Physical Sciences	85.0	96.5	87.5	-9.0	2.5

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Planetary Science Budget Priorities

Explore/Innovate/Partner/Inspire

Successfully complete confirmed high-priority missions including **Europa Clipper, NEO** Surveyor

Support **international partnerships**: JUICE, MEGANE/MMX, Rosalind Franklin Mission, EnVision

Ensure Decadal-recommended science investigations are included in Artemis campaign; support stable cadence of future CLPS deliveries to the lunar surface

Support Planetary Science **research** community to ensure continued scientific discovery from NASA mission data



Artist conception of the NEO Surveyor spacecraft. Image credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech



This view of Mars was captured by NASA's Odyssey orbiter using its THEMIS camera. It combines three channels of infrared data that highlight water-ice clouds and dust in the atmosphere. Image credit: NASA/JPL-Caltech/ASU

Planetary Science Highlights

- Mars Sample Return paused in FY24 while architecture studies are completed; FY25 budget request is TBD (see later slide)
- Supports launches of Europa Clipper (Oct 2024) and NEO Surveyor (2028)
- Supports **Dragonfly** mission for 2028 LRD in anticipation of confirmation decision in 2024
- Three missions to study Venus: DAVINCI, VERITAS (both to launch in 2031–32 timeframe) and contributions to ESA EnVision
- Mars Exploration Program supports ongoing operation of 5 missions at Mars, including Perseverance and MSL, and new investments in technology to enable future Mars missions
- Robust Lunar Discovery and Exploration Program which includes:
 - Two CLPS awards per year in most years
 - Annual **PRISM** calls for instruments
 - Artemis Science instruments, including handheld instruments for astronauts and the lunar terrain rover
 - Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter operations
 - Support for VIPER and Lunar Trailblazer for planned launches in FY 2025



An RPS MMRTG. This unit is currently installed and operating on the Curiosity Rover. Image Credit: NASA/DOE

Planetary Science Highlights

- The next New Frontiers, Discovery, and SIMPLEx AOs expected to be released no earlier than 2026
- New **Planetary Technology** strategy and project, to provide integrated technology development for future planetary science missions
- Pre-formulation studies of the Decadal-Survey-recommended Uranus Orbiter and Probe mission will begin in the current budget horizon
- Investments in Open Source Science to enhance transparency, inclusivity, accessibility, and reproducibility in publicly funded scientific research.
 - This project also supports SMD's transition to cloud computing services
- Radioisotope Power Systems program investments in technology, to enable successful trips to distant solar system destinations with harsh environments; includes development of the Dragonfly MMRTG
- Planetary Data System data archives, which now span more than 50 years of NASA-funded research, and will expand to include ground-based observations of Near-Earth objects



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- Given that the Mars Sample Return mission is a major part of NASA's Planetary Science budget, the Budget enables NASA's internal assessment of mission architecture options to be completed to address increases in mission cost estimates before providing final details for the \$2.7 billion Planetary Science budget
- NASA expects to provide an FY25 budget amendment for MSR this spring



Future Mission AOs

- Next New Frontiers (NF) AO final release will be no earlier than 2026
 - NASEM Committee on Astrobiology and Planetary Sciences (CAPS) have been tasked with assessing the target list for the next NF AO (considering the lists for NF5 and NF6)
- Unlikely to be solicitations for Discovery or SIMPLEx in the next two years

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A Decadal Strategy for Planetary Science & Astrobiology 2023–2032

The Moon's Moment in the Sun





First CLPS Landings February and beyond

Firefly Blue Ghost Mission 1



otal Solar Eclipse April 8



Lunar Trailblazer Launching with IM-2

Europa Clipper

Launching Fall 2024



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NASA Astrobiology Program Update

David Grinspoon Senior Scientist for Astrobiology Strategy Lindsay Hays Program Scientist for Astrobiology

NASA Town Hall LPSC March 11, 2024

New AB program leadership

Senior Scientist for Astrobiology Strategy (David Grinspoon):

"Up and out" Expand the astrobiology program within NASA and beyond

Program Scientist for Astrobiology (Lindsay Hays)

"Down and in" Manage existing Astrobiology research and coordination programs

Deputy Program Scientist for Astrobiology (Becky McCauley Rench)







Astrobiology Research Programs

- C.5 Exobiology (PO: Lindsay Hays)
 - Aim is to understand the origin, evolution, distribution, and future of life in the Universe. Research is centered on the origin and early evolution of life, the potential of life to adapt to different environments, and the implications for life elsewhere.
- C.14 Planetary Science and Technology Through Analog Research (PSTAR) (PO: Becky McCauley Rench)
 - This program solicits proposals for investigations focused on exploring the relevant environments on Earth in order to develop a sound technical and scientific basis to conduct astrobiological research on other Solar System bodies.
- C.20 Interdisciplinary Consortia for Astrobiology Research (ICAR) (PO: Lindsay Hays)
 - Proposals that describe a multi-million dollar, five-year project with an interdisciplinary approach to a single, compelling question in astrobiology. For projects larger than the scope of the individual research programs, but within the scope of the Research Coordination Networks.
- F.4 Habitable Worlds (HW) (PO: Becky McCauley Rench)
 - Aim is to use knowledge of the history of the Earth and the life upon it as a guide for determining the processes and conditions that create and maintain habitable environments and to search for ancient and contemporary habitable environments and explore the possibility of extant life beyond the Earth.

Research Coordination Networks

From Early Cells to Multicellularity *lifercn.org*



To understand how life and the Earth coevolved, focused on key innovations in the transition from early cells to multicellularity.

> The Network for Ocean Worlds oceanworlds.space

To advance comparative studies to characterize Earth and other ocean worlds across their interiors, oceans, and cryospheres; to investigate their habitability; to search for biosignatures; and to understand life—in relevant ocean world analogues and beyond.



To investigate the diversity of exoplanets and to learn how their history, geology, and climate interact to create the conditions for life, dedicated to the study of planetary habitability.



The Nexus for Exoplanet System Science nexss.info

> The Network for Life Detection



To advance life detection strategy and capability and catalyze interdisciplinary collaborations for research and technology objectives.

Prebiotic Chemistry and Early Earth Environments prebioticchem.org

Investigate the delivery, synthesis, and fate of small molecules under the conditions of the Early Earth, and the subsequent formation of proto-biological molecules and pathways that lead to systems harboring the potential for life.

Expand the astrobiology program within NASA and beyond.

- Increased cross-divisional & cross-directorate activity in Astrobiology at NASA. (Remedy "siloing")
- Interagency programs. (NSF, USGS, NIH...)
- Revitalized international connections & collaborations.
- Public/private partnerships.
- Role in missions.
- Post discovery planning: communication strategy, science strategy.

Year 1 Goal: Increased cross-divisional & cross-directorate activity in Astrobiology at NASA.

We are in the process of planning several interdisciplinary community activities designed to explore and catalyze new interdivisional collaborations and the potential for possible new interdivisional programs.

Earth Science:

EPSCoR on Ocean Worlds

Ocean Drilling Workshop (joint with NSF). April 2-4, Washington DC

Astrophysics: Possible Ideas Lab: Exoplanet biosignatures (late 2024)

Supporting HWO working group on exoplanet biosignatures.

Joint communication efforts with Astrophysics on potential biosignature discoveries.

Biological and Physical Sciences:

Exploring Workshop on Metagenomics in Astrobiology, Space Biology and Planetary Protection.

Astrobiology Strategy 2025

We are starting to plan an activity to formulate a new Astrobiology Strategy

A decade since the previous one.

Much has happened:

-New Decadal Survey.

-Concrete evidence of habitable early environments on Mars.

-Dragonfly selection.

-Exoplanets (discovery that Trappist-1 has multiple planets in potentially HZ). -Tremendous progress in understanding biology and environmental evolution of early Earth.

Include post-discovery science strategy?

Worth looking more than 10 years ahead?

20 years from now: Hopefully, samples back from many targets, HWO will be operating, perhaps we'll be planning a fleet of next generation telescopes, perhaps we'll have found multiple biosignatures (or not). What laboratory & analytical techniques might we have access to? What will our science look like?





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Lunar Discovery and Exploration Program Update



Lunar Discovery and Exploration Program (LDEP) Update

Competitive Solicitations:

- Artemis III Deployed Instruments call (A3DI)
 - selections spring 2024
- <u>PRISM-SALSA</u> (Stand Alone Site Agnostic) instruments call
 - Draft call for community comment spring 2024
- Planning: A4DI call (Artemis IV: FY28 Launch)
- Planning: LTV instruments call
- Planning: A4 Hand-Held Instruments call

Lunar Discovery and Exploration Program (LDEP) Update

March 11, 2024



*Not to scale

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March 11, 2024





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Exploration Systems Development Mission Directorate Updates

Dr. Jacob Bleacher

Chief Exploration Scientist Exploration Systems Development Mission Directorate

> Lunar & Planetary Science Conference March 11, 2024

Artemis: A Foundation for Deep Space Exploration







Orion Spacecraft



Human Landing System









Space Communications and Navigation



Surface Mobility







Artemis II

ARTEMIS FIRSTS:

- Crewed integrated flight test of the Space Launch System (SLS) rocket, Orion spacecraft, and Exploration Ground Systems (EGS) at KSC
- Active Orion Launch Abort System (LAS)
- Demonstration of Orion life support systems
- Proximity operations demonstrations
- Human data collection in transit to and from the Moon, in lunar orbit, and through reentry and splashdown
- Conducting new science and technology demonstrations in orbit

NEW ELEMENTS:

- Orion life support systems
- Launch Complex 39B emergency egress system for crew and new liquid hydrogen system

COMMON ELEMENTS:

- SLS rocket Block 1 configuration
- Orion crew spacecraft
- Mobile Launcher 1

ENSURING CREW SAFETY IS OUR TOP PRIORITY!

Artemis II Progress





The crew stand on the crew access arm of the mobile launcher at Launch Pad 39B as part of an integrated ground systems test

Integration of Crew and Service Modules for the Artemis II Orion Spacecraft

Artemis II Service Module

Artemis III



ARTEMIS FIRSTS:

- Human landing in South Pole region and return
- Orion to human landing system direct mission including crew docking activity
- Use of Near Rectilinear Halo Orbit (NRHO)
- Four astronauts to lunar orbit
- Two astronauts to lunar surface to collect scientific samples and data
- Conducting new science and technology demonstrations

NEW ELEMENTS:

- Orion full up rendezvous, proximity operations, and docking systems
- Starship human landing system
- Advanced spacesuits and tools to explore the surface and collect samples

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Artemis III Progress



Artemis III booster segments



in Bremen cleanroom

Starship second integrated flight test

European Service Module-3 integration Starship Human Landing System docking system

Crew Module-3 integration

Architecture Strategy



A blueprint for future human exploration, architecting from the right.



Requested feedback on these objectives in summer 2022 from the following key stakeholders:



NASA workforce: our greatest asset



International partners: our key current and future, anticipated collaborators

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Architecture Segments





Human Lunar Return

Initial capabilities, systems, and operations necessary to reestablish human presence and initial utilization on and around the Moon.



Foundational Exploration

Expansion of lunar capabilities, systems, and operations supporting complex orbital and surface missions to conduct utilization and Mars forward precursor missions. Sustained Lunar Evolution

Enabling capabilities, systems, and operations to support regional and global utilization, economic opportunity, and a steady cadence of human presence on and around the Moon.



Initial capabilities, systems, and operations necessary to establish human presence and initial utilization on Mars and continued exploration.

Moon to Mars Architecture, White Papers and More



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Artemis Science

Sarah Noble

Artemis Lunar Science Lead Science Mission Directorate

ARTEMIS

Update on the "Implementation Plan for a NASA Integrated Lunar Science Strategy in the Artemis Era"



Draft released for public comment on November 14th

- Received 21 individual responses through the Google Form (plus 1 additional individual response through email), plus a compiled group response from GSFC and a compiled response from LEAG
- We appreciate the feedback and are working on edits with a final version expected to be released later this Spring

Artemis II – September 2025

- Artemis 2 lunar science objective definition underway for mission integration (includes inputs from the community gathered during December 2023 Orbital Observations LSSW)
- Science Evaluation Room in development and will be ready for Artemis 2
- Artemis 2 Science Officers (Flight Control Team representatives for lunar and geological sciences) have started training
- Early science training completed for Artemis II crew and more mission-specific training anticipated in the next year
- Artemis 2 as a pathfinder for Artemis 3+: SER development, lunar science integration into Artemis missions and operation, understanding orbital observations in Artemis



1st Artemis III Science Team meeting

The Artemis Internal Science Team (AIST) and the Artemis Geology Team (A3GT) held their first formal joint training activity at JSC Feb 26-Mar 1



Get Involved in Artemis!

Upcoming Artemis-related calls:

- Lunar Mapping Program proposals due 6/12
- Analog Activities Program proposals due 12/6
- Artemis 3 Participating Scientist Program
- Artemis 4 Deployed Instruments
- Artemis Handheld Instruments
- Lunar Terrain Vehicle Instruments
- Opportunities to provide input:
- LSSWs
- LEAG and ExMAG
 - Joint SAT on samples
- Upcoming NAS study

These two calls are open to "senior" graduate students

Lunar Surface Science Workshops (LSSWs)

Last year:

- Candidate Artemis III Landing Sites (Apr)
- Updates from HQ (May)
- Geologic Maps for Artemis Strategic Decisions (Aug)
- Artemis Orbital Observation Science (Dec)

This year:

- Science Enabled by the Artemis Base Camp April 3rd
- Updates from HQ May 23rd
- Plume-Surface Interactions July 9th-10th
- BPS Decadal Discussion TBD Summer

Through the Eyes of NASA