Wonder what K-12 Outreach does in the summer? This summer (May-July) we released 16 Superheroes of Science “Science from the Experts” Episodes, posted 34 educational related videos on our Youtube channel, collaborated on 7 grants and facilitated teacher professional developments that had a total attendance of 319 teachers attending live Webex presentations. Social media impact included a reach of 57,247 from social media posts. Additionally, there were 1,123 downloads of audio podcasts and 4,244 views on the SoS YouTube channel. We are lining up more interviews, planning in person AP Friday’s and working on other virtual and in person outreach events for the fall.

Superheroes of Science is always looking for interesting science to share. If you would like to share an aspect of the science you are researching, contact Steven to set up an interview. Please consider subscribing, liking, and sharing videos for the channel.

Outreach has a number of programs to help you with your broader impacts and engagement activities.

The Purdue University Superheroes of Science Podcast is on most podcast players as well as YouTube! Social sites: Facebook EAPS Outreach Facebook Superheroes of Science Twitter EAPS departmental outreach web page

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS AND OPPORTUNITIES

CALL FOR ABSTRACTS & REGISTRATION OPEN-
USRA/LUNAR & PLANETARY INSTITUTE

Venera-D: Venus Cloud Habitability System Workshop
November 29–December 3, 2021
Virtual

The Venera-D: Venus Cloud Habitability System Workshop will be delivered as a virtual meeting.

Call for Abstracts
Abstract submission deadline -- September 30, 2021, 5:00 p.m. U.S. Central Daylight Time (GMT -5)
If you plan to submit an abstract, please respond to the following survey. The purpose of this survey is to help structure the workshop program. The survey deadline is August 30, 2021.

Registration
No registration fees are being collected for this meeting, but registration is required for communication and planning purposes.
Registration deadline -- November 23, 2021. Registered participants will receive an e-mail from Houston Meeting Info prior to the meeting with virtual connection information.

DECADAL SURVEY ON BIOLOGICAL & PHYSICAL SCIENCES RESEARCH IN SPACE 2023–2032

The Decadal Survey on Biological and Physical Sciences Research in Space 2023–2032 is now accepting white papers. White papers can either be “topical” and focus on a single research area, scientific investigation, or experiment, or be for “research campaigns” that address broad or large-scale goals and can span multiple topics or research disciplines. Of particular interest is “transformative research” for ideas, discoveries, or tools that radically change our understanding of an important existing scientific or engineering concept or that lead to the creation of a new paradigm or field of science or engineering.

The National Academies of Science, Engineering and Medicine (NASEM) has released this call for white papers and the white papers will contribute to the development of their report for the next Decadal Survey on Life and Physical Sciences Research in Space 2023-2032. These white papers serve as the input from the scientific community into the decadal survey. The report will be used by the Science Mission Directorate of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) to provide the framework for the vision, priorities, and strategic plan and budget for NASA’s research efforts in the area of biological and physical sciences in reduced gravity environments.

The call for 2- to 5-page white papers have the following due dates:

• “Topical” white papers should be received by October 31, 2021.
• “Research Campaign” white papers should be received by December 23, 2021.

Information about past microgravity materials science research conducted aboard the International Space Station (ISS) may be found at A Researcher’s Guide to Microgravity Materials Research.

The most recent decadal survey was entitled “Recapturing a Future for Space Exploration: Life and Physical Sciences Research for a New Era,” which was subsequently followed by “A Midterm Assessment of Implementation of the Decadal Survey on Life and Physical Sciences Research at NASA.”

WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT
2021 Community Workshop on Astromaterials Data Management in the Era of Sample Return Missions
November 8–November 9, 2021
Virtual/Tucson, Arizona

The workshop will provide an opportunity to present and discuss all the current projects and initiatives for astromaterials sample tracking and data management. The workshop is opened to all members of the scientific community. It will bring together researchers, scientists, and software engineers working on systems to track samples between curation and sample scientists, and the management, visualization and archiving of datasets resulting from the analysis of planetary materials. Those include both mission-returned samples and astromaterials (meteorites, micrometeorites, and interplanetary dust particles). The organizers invite contributions spanning all these related topics, including data management for past (e.g., Apollo), current (e.g., Hayabusa2, OSIRIS-REx, ANGSA and Chang’e 5), and future (e.g., Mars Sample Return, MMX) sample-return missions.

Important: To be added to the mailing list to receive pertinent information about this workshop and to indicate your interest in participating, please submit an Indication of Interest by August 31, 2021, 5:00 p.m. PDT.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY - SWANA
SWANA, a solid waste disposal organization has statewide scholarships available to college students. Applicants must be student members of the organization but membership is free. For more information.

EAPS GRAD STUDENT RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES
If you are interested in an EAPS grad research opportunity, click here for more information.

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MS AND PHD EAPS STUDENTS
BROADEN YOUR GRAD EXPERIENCE

For those MS and PhD students in EAPS that would like to broaden their graduate experiences while at Purdue, EAPS is affiliated with the Computational Interdisciplinary Graduate Programs (CIGP) at Purdue. While working toward a graduate degree in EAPS, graduate students can also have a concentration (specialization) in the area of Computational Science and Engineering (CSE). For more information, click here. A short video about the CIGP/CSE program can be found here.  
Fall Application Deadline: October 1  
Spring Application Deadline: March 1

UNIVERSITY NEWS

COURSE CATALOG NOW AVAILABLE
The 2021-22 Purdue Course Catalog is now available online.

2021-22 INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMS
CURRICULUM GRANTS
These grants are meant to encourage the development of online courses or projects with international partners that intentionally plan for intercultural learning outcomes. Learn more.

COVID VACCINES
Purdue is offering COVID vaccines. Have you been fully vaccinated? Purdue requests that you submit documentation to Protect Purdue Health Center.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE-
CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

NEW POSITION FOR OPERATIONS MANAGER OF THE DATA MINE
The Data Mine is hiring an Operations Manager. Here are the internal Purdue links and the external links, in case you have colleagues who might be interested in this role.

http://www.eaps.purdue.edu/