



# SPACE SCIENCE WEEK

Committee on Astronomy and Astrophysics  
March 24 – March 26, 2026 (All times Eastern)  
Hybrid Meeting  
In Person at the National Academy of Sciences Building  
2101 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC  
Online via Zoom and Livestream

## TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026 – AUDITORIUM

### PLENARY SESSION

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<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>Welcome</b>	<p><b>Dr. T. Arul Mozhi</b> Senior Program Director, Aeronautics, Space, and Astronomy Center for Advancing Science and Technology</p> <p><b>Dr. Nelson Pedreiro</b> Vice Chair, Space Studies Board</p>
<b>10:10 AM</b>	<b>Furthering Humanity’s Exploration of Space</b> (15 min presentation/5 min Q&A)	<b>U.S. Representative Gabe Evans (R-CO)*</b> Co-chair, Advancing Humanity in Space Congressional Caucus
<b>10:30 AM</b>	<b>Address from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration</b> (15 min presentation/5 min Q&A)	<b>Mr. Amit Kshatriya</b> Associate Administrator, NASA
<b>10:50 AM</b>	<b>Address from Office of Science and Technology Policy</b> (15 min presentation/10 min Q&A)	<b>Dr. Charles Powell</b> Assistant Director, Space and Spectrum Policy, OSTP
<b>11:15 AM</b>	<b>Update from NASA Science Mission Directorate</b> (30 min presentation/15 min Q&A)	<b>Dr. Nicola Fox</b> Associate Administrator, NASA SMD
<b>12:00 PM</b>	Break (90 minutes)	
<b>1:30 PM</b>	<b>Update from the U.S. Department of Energy</b> (20 min presentation/10 min Q&A)	<b>Dr. Regina Rameika</b> Associate Director, High Energy Physics, DOE
<b>2:00 PM</b>	<b>Update from the National Science Foundation Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences</b> (20 min presentation/10 min Q&A)	<b>Dr. Tie Luo</b> Directorate Head, MPS, NSF

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- 2:30 PM**      **Update from the U.S. Department of Commerce**      **Mr. Tim Walsh**  
(20 min presentation/10 min Q&A)      Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Systems  
National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Services  
NOAA
- 3:00 PM**      **Update from the U.S. Department of State**      **Ms. Valda Vikmanis-Keller**  
(20 min presentation/10 min Q&A)      Director, Office of Space Affairs
- 3:30 PM**      Break (30 minutes)

**International Partners Presentations**

- 4:00 PM**      **European Space Agency—Science Highlights**      **Dr. Carole Mundell**  
(20 min presentation/10 min Q&A)      Director of Science, ESA
- 4:30 PM**      **National Space Science Center, Chinese Academy  
of Sciences—Science Highlights**      **Prof. Chi Wang\***  
(20 min presentation/10 min Q&A)      Director General, NSSC
- 5:00 PM**      **Indian Space Research Organization—Science Highlights**      **Mr. N. Lakshmi Narasimhan**  
(20 min presentation/10 min Q&A)      Counsellor, Space / ITLO  
Embassy of India
- 5:30 PM**      **Japanese Aerospace Exploration Agency—  
Science Highlights**      **Dr. Tsuda Yuichi\***  
(20 min presentation/10 min Q&A)      Former Project Manager, Hayabusa2, JAXA
- 6:00 PM**      Plenary Session Adjourns

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026 – ROOM 125**

**OPEN SESSION**

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- 9:15 AM**      **NSF Astronomy Facilities Update**      **Dr. Luca Rizzi**  
(20-minute presentation and 15-minute discussion)      Section Head, Astronomy Facilities, NSF  
**Dr. Marion Dierickx**  
Program Director, Office of Research Infrastructure, NSF
- 9:50 AM**      **NSF Astronomy Section Update**      **Dr. Hans Krimm**  
(20-minute presentation and 25-minute discussion)      Acting Astronomy Section Head, NSF
- 10:35 AM**      Break (15 minutes)

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**10:50 AM**      **DOE Cosmic Frontier Update**  
*(20-minute presentation and 15-minute discussion)*      **Dr. Kathy Turner**  
Cosmic Frontier Program Manager  
Office of High Energy Physics, DOE

**11:25 AM**      **DOE Cosmic Frontier AI Initiatives**  
*(20-minute presentation and 15-minute discussion)*      **Dr. Bryan Field**  
Cosmic Frontier Program Manager  
Office of High Energy Physics, DOE

*12:00 PM*      *Working Lunch for Members, Speakers, and Invited Guests in the Great Hall (50 minutes)*

**Joint Session with the Committee on Radio Frequencies:**  
**Dark and Quiet Skies for Astronomy**

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**1:00 PM**      **Introduction to CORF and the CAA**      **Dr. Karen Masters and Dr. David Long**  
Co-Chairs, CORF  
**Dr. Rachel Osten and Dr. John O'Meara**  
Co-Chairs, CAA

**1:10 PM**      **Dark and Quiet Skies: Updates from**      **Dr. Sarah Marie Bruno\* & Dr. Josh Reding\***  
**the American Astronomical Society**      Vice Chairs, Electromagnetic Interference Subcommittee  
**Committee for the Protection of Astronomy and the Space Environment**  
*(20-minute presentation and 25-minute discussion)*

**1:55 PM**      **National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO)**      **Dr. Chris De Pree\***  
**Spectrum Management Update**      Assistant Director for Spectrum Management, NRAO  
*(20-minute presentation and 25-minute Q&A)*

**2:40 PM**      **The Future of Lunar Spectrum Allocations:**      **Dr. Darcy Barron\***  
**Update from ITU-R Working Party 7D**      Assistant Professor, University of New Mexico  
*(20-minute presentation and 25-minute Q&A)*

**End of Joint Session**

*3:25 PM*      *Break (15 minutes)*

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**3:40 PM**      **Standardized Space Telescopes for**  
**the Future of Scientific Discovery**      **Dr. Aaron Tohuvavohu**  
Director, Cosmic Frontier Labs

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*(25-minute presentation and 20-minute Q&A)*

**Dr. Jason Rhodes\***  
Senior Research Scientist, 7X Directorate Scientist, Jet Propulsion Lab., Caltech

4:25 PM Meeting Adjourns to Closed Session

**Space Science Week 2026 Keynote Public Lecture**



**AN INSTRUMENT  
NATURE CAN PLAY**

**Data, Sound, and the Work  
of Imagination in Science**

**Jewel**  
**Prof. Greg Niemeyer**  
**Dr. Chelle Gentemann**

**7:00 PM ET**  
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Scientific breakthroughs rarely start with answers. They start when we imagine things we can't yet see. In this keynote, join singer Jewel as she shares her latest work and how her collaboration with open data from NASA, NOAA, USGS, and NSF, made possible through a shared commitment to open science, comes together to show how creativity helps people connect more deeply to their environment by making science more visible, tangible, and participatory.

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**7:00 PM**      **Keynote Public Lecture** in the Kavli Auditorium

**THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2026 – ROOM 125**

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**9:15 AM**      **NASA Astrophysics Update**      **Dr. Shawn Domagal-Goldman**  
*(20-minute presentation and 25-minute discussion)*      Astrophysics Division Director, NASA-SMD

**10:00 AM**      **Swift Reboost: Planning & Progress**      **Dr. Jamie Kennea\***  
*(20-minute presentation and 15-minute discussion)*      Research Professor, Penn State University

**10:35 AM**      *Break (15 minutes)*

**10:50 AM**      **Panel: Great Observatory Mission and Technology Maturation Program (GOMAP)**  
Panel Description: What are the challenges for developing flagship missions?  
What opportunities were identified in Astro2020 for addressing these challenges?  
What is the progress and planning on these opportunities since Astro2020?  
*(10-minute remarks and 45-minute discussion)*  
**Panelists:**      **Dr. Shawn Domagal-Goldman**, Astrophysics Division Director, NASA  
                         **Dr. Breann Sitarski**, Deputy Principal Architect, HWO Technology Maturation Project Office  
                         **Dr. Evgenya Shkolnik**, Co-Chair, HWO Community Science and Instrument Team  
                         **Mr. Jim Oschmann**, Astro2020 Steering Committee

**12:15 PM**      *Working Lunch for Members, Speakers, and Invited Guests in the Great Hall (80 minutes)*

**1:35 PM**      **Astronomy and Astrophysics in the FY2026 Appropriations Bill**      **Dr. John O'Meara**  
*(10-minute presentation and 5-minute discussion)*      Co-Chair, CAA

**1:50 PM**      **Panel: STEM Education and Outreach Through Space Science**  
Panel Description: What are examples of current, impactful education and outreach projects?  
Are there opportunities for coordinated efforts across agencies and institutions?  
What are some of the most effective tools for engaging the public and disseminating educational materials?  
*(10-minute presentations each and 30-minute discussion)*  
**Panelists:**      **Dr. Kelly Korreck**, Program Manager for Eclipse Science, NASA  
                         **Dr. Ping Ge**, Director, Office of Workforce Development for Teachers and Scientists, DOE  
                         **Dr. Amanda Bauer\***, Head of Science and Education, Yerkes Observatory  
                         **Ms. Flora Lichtman\***, Host of Science Friday

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**3:00 PM**      **Report from the AAS Graduate Admissions Task Force**      **Dr. Emily Levesque**  
*(15-minute presentation)*      Chair, AAS Working Group on Graduate Admissions  
Professor, University of Washington

**3:15 PM**      **State of the Academic Workforce in Astronomy**      **Dr. Anne Marie Porter**  
*(15-minute presentation)*      Asst. Director for Social Science Research, American Institute of Physics

**3:30 PM**      **Discussion: State of Graduate Admissions**      **Dr. Emily Levesque**  
**and the Academic Workforce in Astronomy**      **Dr. Anne Marie Porter**  
*(30-minute discussion)*

*4:00 PM*      *Break to Closed Session*

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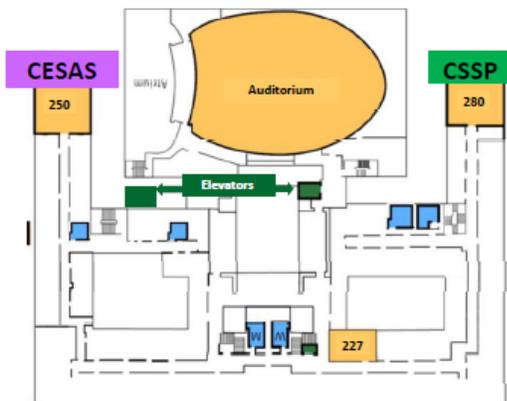
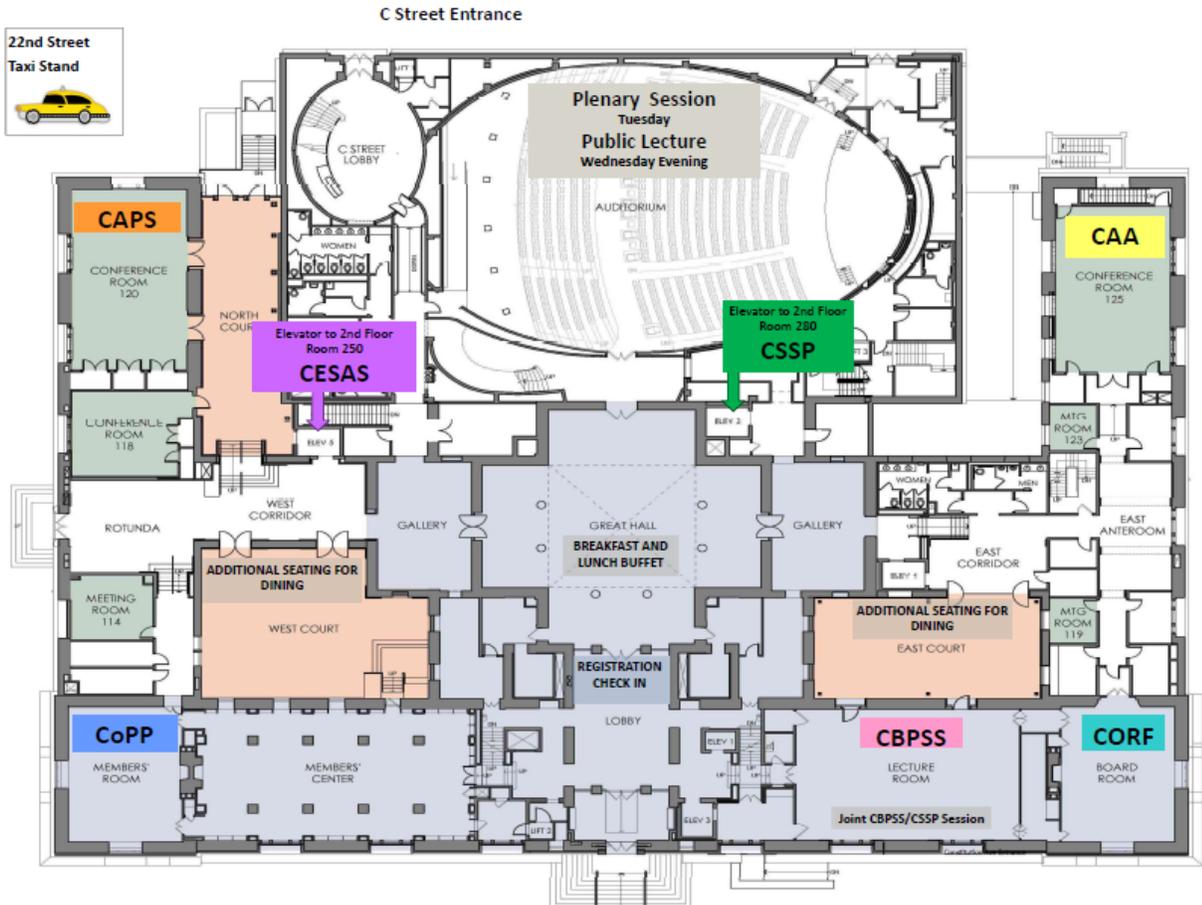
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**5:15 PM**      **Concluding Remarks from the Meeting**      **Dr. Rachel Osten and Dr. John O'Meara**  
Co-Chairs, CAA

**5:45 PM**      Meeting Adjourns

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CAA	Room 125
CAPS	Room 120
CBPSS	Lecture Room
CESAS	Room 250
CoPP	Members' Room
CSSP	Room 280
CORF	Board Room