

## SPACE SCIENCE WEEK

Committee on Radio Frequencies

March 23 – March 25, 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

### MONDAY, MARCH 23, 2026 – BOARD ROOM

#### OPEN SESSION

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| 9:15 AM  | <b>Welcome and Meeting Objectives</b>   | <b>Dr. Karen Masters and Dr. David Long</b><br>Co-Chairs, CORF  |
| 9:20 AM  | <b>L-band Active and Passive Mission Updates and Interference Protection</b><br><i>(25-minute presentation and 15-minute discussion)</i>    | <b>Dr. Rajat Bindlish</b><br>Physical Research Scientist,<br>NASA Goddard Space Flight Center           |
| 10:00 AM | <b>Federal Communications Commission (FCC) Update</b><br><i>(25-minute presentation and 15-minute discussion)</i>                           | <b>Mr. Michael Ha</b><br>Chief, Policy and Rules Division<br>Office of Engineering and Technology, FCC  |
| 10:40 AM | <i>Break (20 minutes)</i>   |   |
| 11:00 AM | <b>National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) Update</b><br><i>(25-minute presentation and 15-minute discussion)</i> | <b>Mr. Charles Cooper</b><br>Assoc. Administrator,<br>Office of Spectrum Management, NTIA               |
| 11:40 AM | <b>Overview of SpectrumX: An NSF Spectrum Innovation Center</b><br><i>(25-minute presentation and 15-minute discussion)</i>                 | <b>Dr. Scott Palo</b><br>Professor, University of Colorado Boulder<br>Associate Director, NSF SpectrumX |

12:20 PM *Working Lunch for Members, Speakers, and Invited Guests in the Great Hall (60 minutes)*

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**1:20 PM**      **NSF Spectrum Management Update**      **Dr. Ashley VanderLey and Dr. Jonathan Williams**  
*(40-minute presentation and 20-minute discussion)*      Electromagnetic Spectrum Management  
Coordinators, NSF

**2:20 PM**      **FCC Developments**      **Mr. Paul Feldman**  
*(40-minute presentation and 10-minute discussion)*      CORF Legal Consultant

3:10 PM      Meeting Adjourns to Closed Session; Break (20 minutes)

**TUESDAY, MARCH 24, 2026 – AUDITORIUM**

**PLENARY SESSION**

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**10:00 AM**      **Welcome**      **Dr. T. Arul Mozhi**  
Senior Program Director, Aeronautics, Space, and Astronomy  
Center for Advancing Science and Technology  
**Dr. Nelson Pedreiro**  
Vice Chair, Space Studies Board

**10:10 AM**      **Furthering Humanity’s Exploration of Space**      **U.S. Representative Gabe Evans (R-CO)\***  
*(15 min presentation/5 min Q&A)*      Co-chair, Advancing Humanity in Space  
Congressional Caucus

**10:30 AM**      **Address from the National Aeronautics and**      **Mr. Amit Kshatriya**  
**Space Administration**      Associate Administrator, NASA  
*(15 min presentation/5 min Q&A)*

**10:50 AM**      **Address from Office of Science and Technology Policy**      **Dr. Charles Powell**  
*(15 min presentation/10 min Q&A)*      Assistant Director, Space and  
Spectrum Policy, OSTP

**11:15 AM**      **Update from NASA Science Mission Directorate**      **Dr. Nicola Fox**  
*(30 min presentation/15 min Q&A)*      Associate Administrator, NASA SMD

12:00 PM      Break (90 minutes)

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- 1:30 PM**      **Update from the U.S. Department of Energy**      **Dr. Regina Rameika**  
(20 min presentation/10 min Q&A)      Associate Director, High Energy Physics, DOE
- 2:00 PM**      **Update from the National Science Foundation**      **Dr. Tie Luo**  
**Directorate for Mathematical and Physical Sciences**      Directorate Head, MPS, NSF  
(20 min presentation/10 min Q&A)
- 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)

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**International Partners Presentations**

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- 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

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**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25, 2026**

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- 9:05 AM**      **Welcome back**      Dr. Karen Masters and Dr. David Long  
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- 9:10 AM**      **European Scientists on Spectrum for Earth Observation (ESSEO) Update**  
*(25-minute presentation and 15-minute discussion)*      **Dr. Stephen English\***  
Acting Director of Research, ECMWF  
Chair, ESSEO
- 9:50 AM**      **NOAA National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service, Update**  
*(25-minute presentation and 15-minute discussion)*      **Dr. Jordan Gerth**  
Chief, Architecture Planning and System Innovation Branch  
NOAA, NESDIS
- 10:30 AM**      *Break (20 minutes)*
- 10:50 AM**      **American Meteorological Society Committee on Radio Frequency Allocations Update**  
*(25-minute presentation and 15-minute discussion)*      **Mx. Renée Leduc**  
Founder and Principal, Narayan Strategy
- 11:30 AM**      **IEEE Frequency Allocations in Remote Sensing (FARS) Technical Committee Update**  
*(25-minute presentation and 15-minute discussion)*      **Mr. Beau Backus**  
Principal Professional Staff and  
Senior Electromagnetic Spectrum Manager,  
Johns Hopkins U. Applied Physics Lab  
Chair, FARS Technical Committee
- 12:10 PM**      *Working Lunch for Members, Speakers, and Invited Guests in the Great Hall (40 minutes)*

**Joint Session with the Committee on Astronomy and Astrophysics:**  
**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 the American Astronomical Society**  
**Committee for the Protection of Astronomy and the Space Environment**  
*(20-minute presentation and 25-minute discussion)*      **Dr. Sarah Marie Bruno\* & Dr. Josh Reding\***  
Vice Chairs, Electromagnetic Interference Subcommittee
- 1:55 PM**      **National Radio Astronomy Observatory (NRAO) Spectrum Management Update**      **Dr. Chris De Pree\***  
Assistant Director for Spectrum Management, NRAO

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

**2:40 PM**      **The Future of Lunar Spectrum Allocations:  
Update from ITU-R Working Party 7D**  
*(20-minute presentation and 25-minute Q&A)*

**Dr. Darcy Barron\***  
Assistant Professor, University of New Mexico

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**End of Joint Session**

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3:25 PM      *Break (20 minutes)*

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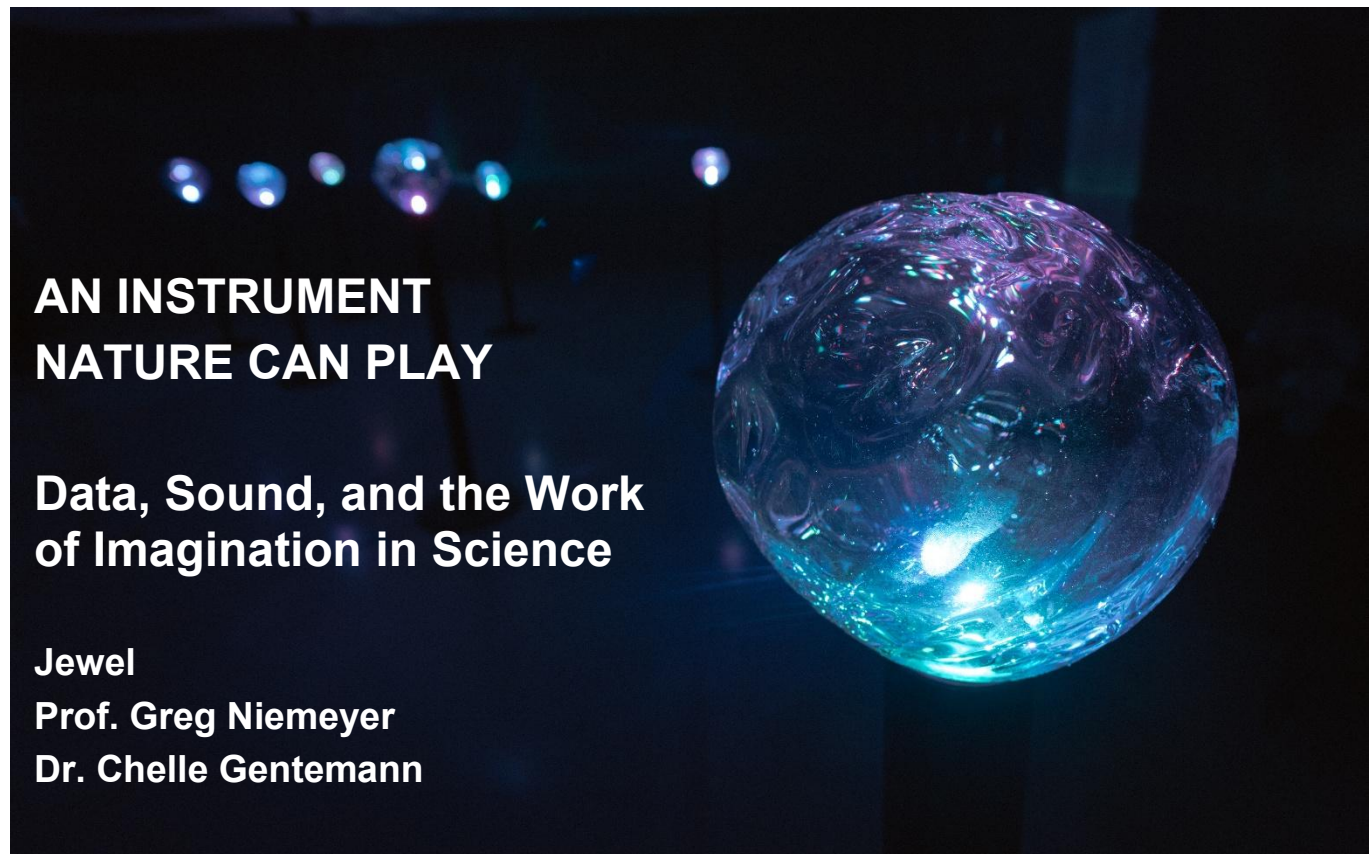
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**3:45 PM**      **Concluding Remarks**

**Dr. Karen Masters and Dr. David Long**  
Co-Chairs, CORF

4:15 PM      Meeting Adjourns to Closed Session; Break (15 minutes)



## 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.

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