



# space odyssey

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## space odyssey news

### **FREE DAY HELP NEEDED FOR JULY 26**

We could really use help this coming Sunday afternoon for the Free Day. If you are so inclined, please stop by! Thanks much in advance!

### **PLUTO PLUTO PLUTO**

We're working on a new Pluto image for the Orbits table software. I'll keep you apprised.

### **SOS POWERPOINT IS BACK**

Thanks to Kim Evans and Matt Brownell, the SOS Powerpoint is back in action. Enjoy!

### **GALAXY STAGE ISSUES**

We are still having issues with the laptop connecting with the monitors on the Galaxy Stage

for Weather Central and Superchill. Tech is working on the problem, but please check the whiteboard in SO for updates and run through your cues before performing these shows.

### **SOS AND "MISSING DATASETS" MESSAGE**

If you get a message on the iPad stating: "Missing Dataset" or words to that effect, please call Tech at 8230 and let them know so they can fix the problem. NOAA is aware of this issue and is looking into a permanent fix.

### **MISCONCEPTIONS VIDEO**

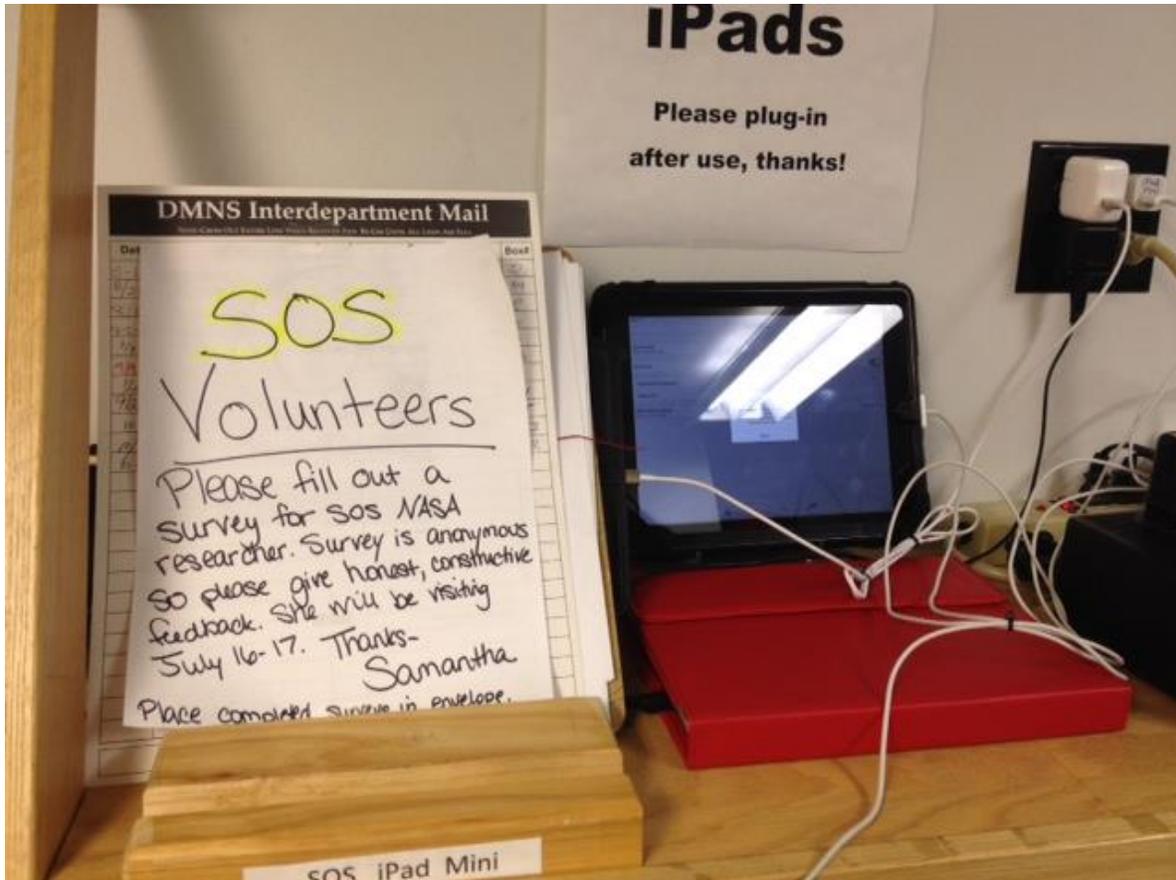
Thanks much to Ka Chun Yu for presenting his talk about astronomical misconceptions this past Monday and to everyone who attended. Kim Evans is working on editing a video of Ka Chun's talk and we'll post it on the Portal soon and we'll let you know.

### **EXPERIMENT BAR**

Please put everything away neatly and properly after you are finished facilitating at the Experiment Bar. And please do not leave the solar system model or planet weight bottles out unattended. We are also going to get the GPR sandbox fixed as some of the trim is coming loose. Thanks all!

### **NASA WANTS YOUR FEEDBACK ABOUT SOS PROGRAMS**

Stephanie Schollaert-Uz from UMD and NASA visited us this week to learn more about how we use our SOS and engage in some conversations with our volunteers and staff around our SOS. As part of her trip, she wants feedback from you all about your experience using the Climate Bits datasets on the SOS. If you aren't familiar with Climate Bits, you can see a playlist by the same name on the playlist page. If you'd like to provide feedback to her, fill out one of the survey forms in the SO Storage room and place it in the big envelope provided. Thanks to everyone who came out to see her presentation today too! See the pic below to learn where the surveys are located.



## COOL STUFF ON THE WEB

[2001-esque view from ISS](#)

[Very cool Venus/Moon pic](#)

## SCFD COMMUNITY FREE DAY CALENDAR

The Museum is offering 12 Community Free Days in 2015, made possible by the Scientific & Cultural Facilities District. As part of the Museum's agreement to receive funds from SCFD, which account for a significant portion of the Museum's operating budget, the Museum offers "community free days" throughout the year to allow those who can't afford admission the privilege to visit DMNS. Below are the dates for the 2015 free days. To learn more about SCFD, [click here](#).

- Sunday, July 26
- Monday, August 17
- Sunday, September 27
- Monday, October 19
- Monday, November 9

# trainings and meetings

## **SOS USER GROUP MEETING**

**August 3, 2015**

**4:30 PM**

**Meet in SO Briefing Room**

The purpose of the SOS User Group is for SOS enthusiasts to meet and learn from each other about how to better facilitate the SOS as well as to gain new knowledge about the SOS system and the related content.

# space science lectures & events

## **SUMMER SCI-FI FILM SERIES**

[Click here to learn more and buy tickets.](#)

### **60 MINUTES IN SPACE**

**Wednesday July 29**

**7 PM**

**Gates Planetarium**

**FREE**

Go "behind the stories" in space science using the best images and animation available to help understand new developments. Seating is limited to first come, first served. Please use the Evening entrance on the west side of the Museum.

### **What Is Relativity? Einstein's Ideas and Why They Matter**

**Thursday August 27**

**7 PM**

**Ricketson Auditorium**

**\$8 Member/\$10 Non-member**

As best-selling author and astrophysicist Jeffrey Bennett points out on the very first page of *What Is Relativity?*, the truth is that black holes don't suck. Bennett begins his accessible and entertaining introduction to Einstein's theories by taking you on an imaginary journey to a black hole and describing the amazing phenomena that you would really experience on that trip. For Einstein and our understanding of the modern world, it's all relative! Get an in-depth look at how the theory of relativity shapes much of our contemporary relationship to the universe. A book sale and signing will follow the program. [Click here to learn more and to register.](#)

## **RESERVATION INFO**

Volunteers have the opportunity to attend most After Hours programs priced at the \$8 member/ \$10 nonmember rate for free on a space-available basis! Volunteers always receive the member rate for all other Adult Programs. As of May 12, please call Guest

Services at 303.370.6000 to make a reservation.  
Guest Services is open daily, 9:00 - 5:00 p.m.  
Admission to 60 Minutes in Space is free and is on a first come, first seated basis.

On the evening of the program, please enter through the same entrance as our guests and pick up your ticket from the will-call cashier. Thank you for your ongoing support and enthusiasm for Adult Programs!

## **museum news and events**

### **ARCHAEOLOGY OF THE UNDOCUMENTED**

**Thursday, September 3**

**7 PM**

**\$8 Member/\$10 Non-member**

The U.S.-Mexico border is in the news and the subject of great, and at times heated, debate. What is largely lost in the headlines is a vital long-term, nuanced understanding of the modern immigrant experience. Jason De León is assistant professor of anthropology at the University of Michigan and director of the Undocumented Migration Project. For the past five years, De León has used path-breaking forensic, archaeological, and ethnographic research to examine the trek north through harsh desert, putting a human face on the real life and death struggles of migrants. Hear tragic and exhilarating stories as narrated by De León's compelling research from one of the most significant, dangerous, and clandestine places in the world. This is the inaugural talk for the George McJunkin Lecture, recognizing the African American cowboy who discovered bison bones in Folsom, New Mexico, that eventually made archaeological history.

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## **volunteer enrichment committee**

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<http://volunteers.dmns.org/events/>

**Or see the bulletin board in the Volunteer Lounge for more info.**

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