

Across the Cosmos May 2026: Learning Science through Participation

Since the Planetary Science Institute recently interviewed me about my life and current research activities (see their [newsletter](#)¹ and [blog](#)²), I thought I'd take a brief opportunity to let you know how I might be able to help those of you interested in bringing science into programs of your faith communities. I have spent a significant portion of my career communicating science to diverse audiences through assorted venues. Some of this has included helping people, particularly seminarians, faith communities, interfaith organizations, and youth and family groups, engage with science through participation in actual research (not just my own). I believe that "science and religion are two of the most powerful forces shaping our world today, and building relationships between scientists and diverse faith communities is essential to addressing the increasing number of ethical questions that impact all of humanity."³

One of the most powerful ways to build relationships with others is to invite them into your community. Is there a particular area of science that fascinates you? Perhaps one you'd like to explore with youth or adult educational programs? I'm happy to connect with folks who want some help getting started using online platforms for participatory research, such as [Zooniverse](#)⁴ or [World Mappers](#)⁵. Zooniverse hosts projects in many areas of science and the humanities, while World Mappers is currently focused on the Moon and Mars. If you want to talk about a more traditional type of presentation on the Cosmos, that's fine, too. Just contact me via my email address provided below if you'd like to explore some options!

Until next month,

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¹ <https://us10.campaign-archive.com/?u=f3326717f0f4b2535dfc89d72&id=5c0d423939>

² <https://www.psi.edu/blog/yellowballs-an-important-missing-link-in-star-formation/>

³ <https://us10.campaign-archive.com/?u=f3326717f0f4b2535dfc89d72&id=5c0d423939>

⁴ <https://www.zooniverse.org/>

⁵ <https://mappers.psi.edu/>