

EST	DARES Community Webinar #2   Wednesday, March 4th, 2026					
12:00 pm	Welcome & Orientation	DARES TF2 Co-Leads Robin Wordsworth (Harvard University) & Kathy Mandt (NASA GSFC)				
12:10 pm	<p align="center"><b>Plenary Panel:</b> Emerging Life Detection Opportunities</p> <p align="center"><b>Panelists:</b> Sara Seager (University of Toronto), Kate Craft (JHU/APL), Daniel Glavin (NASA GSFC), Alfonso Davila (NASA ARC)</p> <p align="center"><b>Moderators:</b> Karl Stapelfeldt (FA3 Lead, JPL/Caltech) &amp; Morgan Cable (FA6 Lead, PSI/University of Victoria)</p>					
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Focus Area Breakouts, Session 1						
	<b>Focus Area 1</b> Protometabolism and Synthesis/Function of Macromolecules in Planetary Environments	<b>Focus Area 4</b> Comparative Planetology to Understand Habitability	<b>Focus Area 6</b> Astrobiology-Focused Mission Approaches and Tech. Dev.	<b>Focus Area 9</b> Astrobiology in Society		
1:10 pm	<b>Topic:</b> Water, Thermodynamic Cycling, and the Complex Molecules  <b>Speaker:</b> Moran Frenkel-Pinter (Hebrew University of Jerusalem)	<b>Panel:</b> Comparative Habitability of Rocky Worlds (Exoplanets, early Earth, Venus, Mars)  <b>Panelists:</b> Laura Schaefer (Stanford University), Ty Robinson (Arizona State University), Michael Way (NASA GSFC), Lisa Kaltenegger (Cornell University)	<b>Panel:</b> Updates from the Ocean Worlds Working Group (OWWG) and the Search for Life Science Analysis Group (SFL-SAG)  <b>Panelists:</b> Cynthia Phillips (JPL/Caltech), Mike Bland (USGS), Brandi Carrier (JPL/Caltech)	<b>Topic:</b> Integration of Social Science and Humanities in Space Sciences: History and Philosophy  <b>Speaker:</b> Peter Vickers (Durham University, UK)		
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Focus Area Breakouts, Session 2								
	Focus Area 2 Abiotic Organic Production and Chemical Evolution within Planetary Environments		Focus Area 3 Co-Evolution of Biospheres, Worlds, and Planetary Systems & Focus Area 5 Detecting Signs of Living Environments and Living Worlds		Focus Area 7 Investment in Astrobiology Physical and Digital Architecture		Focus Area 8 Workforce and Early Career Support	
2:10 pm	<b>Topic:</b> Strategies to Better Characterize the Abiotic Baseline in Ocean Worlds  <b>Speaker:</b> Everett Schock (Arizona State University)		<b>Joint Panel:</b> Co-Evolution of Biosignatures and Worlds  <b>Panelists:</b> Bob Hazen (Carnegie Institution of Washington), Eva Steüken (University of St. Andrews, UK), Jasmina Wiemann (Johns Hopkins University), Rajdeep Dasgupta (Rice University), Tim Lyons (UC Riverside)		<b>Panel:</b> Digital Data, Repositories, and Metadata  <b>Panelists:</b> Laura Rodriguez (LPI), Natasha Batalha (NASA ARC), Shannon Leslie (University of Colorado Boulder), Tom Bristow (NASA ARC)		<b>Panel:</b> Early Career Support  <b>Panelists:</b> Elizabeth Spiers (University of Texas Austin), Katherine Dzurilla (RPI), Alta Howells (University of Colorado Boulder), Megan Li (UCLA)	
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Focus Area Breakouts, Session 3								
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3:10 pm	<b>Open Office Hour</b> <i>(Bring Any Relevant Topic)</i>	<b>Open Office Hour</b> <i>(Bring Any Relevant Topic)</i>	<b>Open Office Hour</b> <i>(Bring Any Relevant Topic)</i>	<b>Open Office Hour</b> <i>(Bring Any Relevant Topic)</i>	<b>Open Office Hour</b> <i>(Bring Any Relevant Topic)</i>	<b>Open Office Hour</b> <i>(Bring Any Relevant Topic)</i>	<b>Open Office Hour</b> <i>(Bring Any Relevant Topic)</i>	<b>Open Office Hour</b> <i>(Bring Any Relevant Topic)</i>
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3:50 pm	Closing Remarks	DARES TF2 Co-Leads Robin Wordsworth (Harvard University) & Kathy Mandt (NASA GSFC)
4:00 pm	END OF WEBINAR #2	