

"Science@NASA" Public Lecture Presented by Dr. John Grunsfeld

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Dr. John Grunsfeld is the Associate Administrator for the Science Mission Directorate at NASA. He previously served as NASA's Chief Scientist and Deputy Director of the Space Telescope Science Institute managing the science program for the Hubble Space Telescope (HST) and the James Webb Space Telescope. Grunsfeld's background includes research in high energy astrophysics, cosmic ray physics and in the emerging field of exoplanet studies with specific interest in future astronomical instrumentation. He is a veteran of five space shuttle flights, visiting the HST three times during these missions. Dr. Grunsfeld logged more than 58 days in space on his shuttle missions, including 58 hours and 30 minutes of spacewalk time. Grunsfeld graduated from MIT in 1980 with a bachelor's degree in physics. He subsequently earned a master's degree and a doctorate in physics from the University of Chicago using a cosmic ray experiment on space shuttle Challenger for his doctoral thesis.