

The Lunar and Planetary Institute Presents

# COSMIC EXPLORATIONS: A SPEAKER SERIES

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## *THE SEARCH FOR LIFE*

The question “What is life?” has long been pondered by scientists and science fiction writers, theologians and mystics, and professional and armchair philosophers – but no widely agreed-upon view has emerged. Although we may lack the ability to say what life is, we can say something about what it does, and what some of its core attributes must therefore be. What do we know about life on Earth? How much different could alien life be? How is the search for life beyond Earth taking shape? Dr. Tori Hoehler of the NASA Ames Research Center answers these questions as he concludes this year’s speaker series – The Search for Meaning, for Planets, for Life.

This FREE presentation at 7:30 p.m. is intended for inquisitive adults and will be followed by a light reception and an opportunity to meet Dr. Hoehler.

Groups should plan to carpool; parking at the LPI is limited.

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