

Presentation: "Our Place in the Universe - Astronomy Activities for the Classroom and Beyond"
Learn more about your place in space and time, and help students (and others) gain their own cosmic perspective. I will share simple and effective activities, models and graphic aids for making complex astronomical concepts understandable.

My Background:

I've been a science teacher and aerospace educator for 43 years. My experience includes two years in public schools, two years in parochial schools, two years as an Aerospace Education Specialist in NASA's Aerospace Education Services Program ("Spacemobile"), and thirty-seven years at Palm Beach Day School/Academy, Palm Beach, FL., where I currently teach junior high science, including astronomy and aerospace curriculum, and serve as science department chair. I also served, for ten years, as a Regional Resource Person for the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum and as a resource agent in "SPICA" (the Support Program for Instructional Competency in Astronomy) for the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics. I have spent one month each of several summers as an Astronomy VIP (volunteer in the park): 2006 and 2007 at Bryce Canyon National Park, 2009 and 2011 through 2013 at Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park. In 2009, I received the Astronomical League's "Master Level" Certificate for Astronomy Outreach. I have begun my fifteenth year as a "Solar System Ambassador" for NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory.

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