

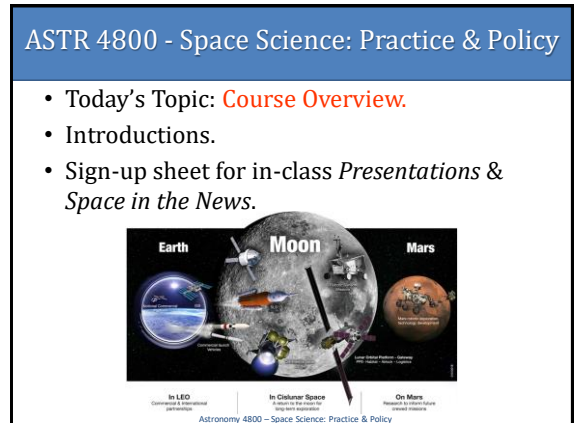
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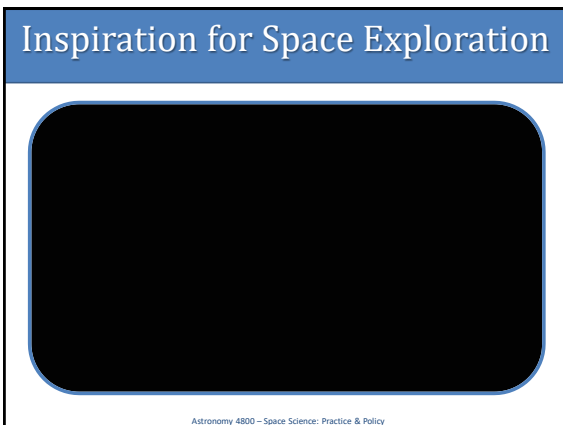
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Course Overview

- From Walter Isaacson's *Einstein*: "A popular feel for scientific endeavors should, if possible, be restored given the needs of the 21st century... An appreciation for the methods of science is a useful asset for a responsible citizenry... An appreciation for the glories of science is a joyful trait for a good society. It helps us remain in touch with that childlike capacity for wonder."



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Course Overview (continued)

- Syllabus on class webpage at: <http://lunar.colorado.edu/~jaburns/astr4800>. Bookmark this page!! Updates are added after each class (including these notes).
- **No laptops or cell phones during class, unless exempted.**
- Homework for Wednesday:
 - Chapter 1 in *Beyond Sputnik*.
 - *Space in the News* article on: **Increased solar activity creates new challenges for smallsats**. You received an E-mail with a link to an article to review before class. <https://spacenews.com/increased-solar-activity-creates-new-challenges-for-smallsats/>

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Topics for Astronomy 4800

- Why do we explore space?
- The history of the U.S. and Russian space programs – Sputnik to the ISS.
- Why does the U.S. invest in research? Classic & new policy papers such as the *Science: The Endless Frontier*, the *Artemis Accords*.
- Next steps in exploration: the Moon, Mars, Orion/SLS, Artemis Science Strategy.
- NASA's budget and Congressional authorization/appropriation.
- **Science at NASA:**
 - Decadal Survey in Heliophysics; space radiation.
 - Decadal Survey in Planetary Science; Perseverance, Juno, New Horizons, Dragonfly
 - Astrophysics Decadal Survey; JWST, Roman, TESS; lunar radio telescopes.
- Interstellar Travel.
- Perspectives from Industry, NASA HQ, and NASA Centers.

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