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Texas A&M returns to SXSW as it welcomes NASA innovators, technology leaders and preeminent legal minds to explore the university's 70-plus years of space research through conversations and virtual exhibits.



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Space research started at Texas A&M before NASA was created. [Here are some of our stories.](#)



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SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, MARCH 18 • 9 P.M.

WHO ON EARTH SHOULD GOVERN SPACE?

Who will make the rules once out of the Earth's orbit? Can any commercial space company attempt to colonize Mars? A university president, the former director of space flight policy at SpaceX and an expert on the ownership of artifacts discovered in space confer with an editor and Pulitzer Prize finalist.

JOHN JUNKINS

*Interim President, Distinguished Professor of Engineering
Texas A&M University*

CARYN SCHENEWERK

*Vice President, Regulatory and Government Affairs
Relativity Space*

MICHELLE HANLON

*Associate Director, Center for Air and Space Law
University of Mississippi School of Law*

BETH DALEY

*Editor
The Conversation*

FRIDAY, MARCH 19 • 3 P.M.

PUSHING OUR BODIES AND MINDS TO THE LIMITS

If the future of humankind relies on space, many believe that the mental challenges can be overcome, but what about our Earth-friendly bodies in such weightlessness? A former astronaut, a sport psychologist discuss the possibilities of long-term human presence in space.

RYAN PITTSINGER

*Director, Counseling and Sport
Psychology Services
Texas A&M University*

BONNIE DUNBAR

*Former NASA Astronaut
Director, Aerospace Human Systems
Laboratory
Texas A&M University*

JAMIE STOCKWELL

*Deputy National Editor
The New York Times*

FRIDAY, MARCH 19 • 6 P.M.

LUNAR VILLAGE: THE FUTURE OF SPACE EXPLORATION

Four leading technologists and construction experts discuss with authority the feasibility of building a life-sustaining environment on other planets, along with creating zero-gravity live-work quarters. This is where space architecture, construction, robots and engineering intersect.

ROB MUELLER

*Senior Technologist
Kennedy Space Center
Co-Founder
Swamp Works*

PAT SUERMANN

*Department Head, Construction Science
Texas A&M University College of Architecture*

PETER J. CARRATO

*Senior Advisor
Bechtel*

NICOLE SHUMAKER

*Research Specialist
Texas A&M University*