

The Keck Institute for Space Studies presents an open lecture:

The Interstellar Age

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4:30 PM Refreshments 5:00 PM Lecture

Lees-Kubota Lecture Hall
Guggenheim Building
California Institute of Technology

Just over 40 years ago NASA launched a pair of robotic space missions on an audacious voyage: explore what was then almost the entire known outer solar system, and turn what were then mere points of light into full-fledged worlds in their own right. The resulting missions of Voyagers 1 and 2 have lived up to that audacity, and have rewritten the textbooks about our solar system.

In this presentation, planetary scientist, author, and Planetary Society President Jim Bell takes us on both a personal and scientific journey looking over Voyager's shoulders as we all discovered the wonders of Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and their panoply of rings and moons. And we'll also learn that their missions are not over -- they both continue to explore and transmit data on the space environment beyond the planets and between the stars. Through the Voyagers, and their discoveries, we have all entered the interstellar age...