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with

**Chairman Lamar Smith and  
Ranking Member Eddie Bernice Johnson**  
of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on  
Science, Space, and Technology

cordially invites you to attend

# **The State of the Universe**

A lunch briefing on the astronomical sciences

12:00 – 1:00 PM on January 9, 2014  
2325 Rayburn House Office Building

**RSVP by January 7<sup>th</sup> at  
[aas.org/content/rsvp-state-universe](http://aas.org/content/rsvp-state-universe)**

With the 223rd meeting of the American Astronomical Society taking place just down the road in National Harbor, we bring you *The State of the Universe*, a briefing on recent and upcoming advances in the astronomical sciences along with first-hand perspectives on the power of astronomy as a gateway science. Through inspirational imagery and elegant descriptions of our universe, the astronomical sciences draw millions of students to the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) fields, preparing them for a wide range of careers in many sectors of the economy that support our nation's prosperity.

*Lunch will be served at this widely attended public event.*

## **Featuring:**

**C. Megan Urry**  
*President-Elect, AAS  
Professor, Yale University*

**David J. Helfand**  
*President, AAS  
Professor, Columbia and Quest  
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**Ari Buchalter**  
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**Margaret (Peggy) Piper**  
*Mentor Educator, NASA/IPAC  
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