

Space Policy Institute

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Fall 2017 Newsletter

Recent Events

September 18: The Space Policy Institute celebrated its 30th anniversary with a reception in the City View Room of the Elliott School. In 1987, the George Washington University established the Space Policy Institute (SPI) in recognition of the need for an independent and informed source of space policy expertise. Over the past three decades, the Institute has developed into a global leader in graduate education, research, and professional public outreach, making a difference in shaping current and future space activities.

September 19: Co-hosted with the Institute for African Studies, Adigun Ade Abiodun, founder of the African Space Foundation spoke about Nigeria's goals in space through his new book *Nigeria's Space Journey*.

October 5: The National Space Council held its first meeting at the Steven F. Udvar-Hazy Center of the National Air and Space Museum, in front of Space Shuttle Discovery. SPI's very own Dr. Scott Pace serves as the Executive Secretary of the Council. A delegation of students from SPI attended the event.

November 6: SPI hosted Colonel Jack Fischer, an astronaut who returned to Earth on September 2nd from his first mission where he logged 136 days in space and conducted 2 space walks. He spoke about living and working aboard the International

Space Station, and held a Q&A moderated by Dr. Henry Hertzfeld.



Colonel Jack Fischer at his talk on Nov 6

Faculty and Staff News

Professor Emeritus John Logsdon kept busy during the year, primarily with two book projects. One, *A Few Small Steps: Documents Tracing the History of the U.S. Human Spaceflight Program*, is a one-volume summary of the "best of" documents published in the series Dr. Logsdon edited from 1995-2009, *Exploring the Unknown*, plus more recent documents from the post-Apollo period. The book will be published by Penguin Classics in late 2018. The other, *Ronald Reagan and the Space Frontier*, will be a detailed account of space policy and program decisions during the eight years of the Reagan presidency. It will be published by Palgrave Macmillan, most likely in early 2019. Dr. Logsdon continued his service as a member of the Board of Directors of The Planetary Society and chair of the Board's policy committee. SPI hosted the Board's

May 2017 meeting. Dr. Logsdon also continued as a faculty member of International Space University, lecturing at ISU's Space Studies Program, held in 2017 in Cork, Ireland. Dr. Logsdon spoke to a student-oriented seminar at Stanford University, to a meeting on space risk organized by Special Aerospace Services in Denver, Colorado, at meeting sponsored by Atlantic magazine and Politico, and at a symposium on "A New Space Age" organized by the Economist in Seattle, Washington.

Student News

Chris Beauregard authored "*Evaluating and Communicated Acceptable Levels of Risk in Space Tourism*" in IAASS, and "*The Case for Domestic Rocket Engine Procurement*" in the October edition of the Journal of Science Policy and Governance. He was also appointed the SGx Lead for SGAC.

Cody Knipfer authored "*It's Time to Reevaluate Export Controls on Commercial Spacecraft*" in Fair Observer, "*Why Should We Go? Reevaluating the Rationales for Human Spaceflight in the 21st Century*" and "*International Cooperation and Competition in Space: How - and Why - Should the US Proceed*" in the Space Review, and "*The US and China Need to Start Cooperating in Space*" in RealClearScience. He was also appointed as the Strategic Communications Lead for SGAC.

Visiting Scholar

Dr. Cho Hong-Je
Research Institute for National Security
Affairs, Korea National Defense University
(December 2017 - June 2018)
Research Topic: *Military Competition and Arms Control in Space in Asia*

Message from the Director

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