

Space Policy Symposium @ Purdue

Agenda | October 30-31, 2024

Purdue Memorial Union | North Ballroom

Event Site: [Purdue Policy Research Institute](#)

OCTOBER 30, 2024

DAY ONE

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Registration + Continental Breakfast

9:00 AM – 9:25 AM Welcome and Opening Remarks

Stacey Connaughton, Director, The Purdue Policy Research Institute

Dan DeLaurentis, Vice President, Discovery Park District Centers and Institutes

Karen Plaut, Executive Vice President for Research, Purdue University

9:25 AM – 9:45 AM OPENING KEYNOTE: Charting the Future of Space: Ensuring Security, Stability, and Prosperity through Innovation and Policy

[Travis Langster](#), Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International & Industry Engagement, *US Department of Defense*

9:45 AM – 10:00 AM KEYNOTE: Strategic Messaging on Capabilities
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10:00 AM – 11:30 AM PANEL: Strategic Messaging on Capabilities

Moderator

[Nicole Pilkus](#), Principal Deputy Director, *Office of Policy & Strategy, National Reconnaissance Office*

Panelists

[Rob Chambers](#), Future Concepts Director, *Human and Scientific Space Exploration, Lockheed Martin*

[Dan Dumbacher](#), CEO, *American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics*

[Bruce McClintock](#), Lead and Senior Policy Researcher, *RAND Space Enterprise Initiative*

Deputy Col Margaret (Maggie) Sullivan, Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense and the Deputy Secretary of Defense, *Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Department of Defense virtual*

11:30 AM – 11:45 AM BREAK

11:45 AM – 12:15 PM Case Competition Students: Intros and Networking

12:15 PM – 1:00 PM LUNCH

1:00 PM – 1:15 PM	KEYNOTE: Engaging with Our Allies Travis Langster , Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for International & Industry Engagement, <i>US Department of Defense</i>	
1:15 PM – 2:30 PM	PANEL: Engaging with Our Allies <i>Moderator</i> Michelle Giuda , CEO, <i>Krach Institute for Tech Diplomacy at Purdue</i> <i>Panelists</i> Deanna Ryals , Director of International Affairs <i>US Space Force: Space Systems Command</i> Scotty Van Sant , President, <i>VS Consulting</i> International Engagement Lead, <i>US Strategic Command</i> Air Cdre Darren Whiteley , Deputy Director of Strategy, Plans, and Policy, <i>USSPACECOM</i> Darrin Stewart , Director, <i>Office of Space Partnerships, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Policy, Department of Defense</i>	
2:30 PM – 2:45 PM	BREAK	
2:45 PM – 3:00 PM	KEYNOTE: Government + Industry Relationship Dan Goldin , NASA Administrator (Apr. 1, 1992–Nov. 17, 2001)	
3:00 PM – 4:30 PM	PANEL: Government + Industry Relationship <i>Moderator</i> Mark Lewis , CEO, <i>Purdue Applied Research Institute</i> <i>Panelists</i> Joseph Jewell , John Bogdanoff Associate Professor, <i>Department of Aeronautics and Astronautics, Purdue University</i> Kelli Kedis Ogborn , Vice President – Space Commerce & Entrepreneurship <i>Space Foundation virtual</i> Col Richard Kniseley , Senior Materiel Leader, <i>Commercial Space Office (COMSO) Space Systems Command, US Space Force</i>	
4:30 PM – 4:45 PM	Closing Remarks Brigadier General Kristin Panzenhagen , <i>US Space Force: Space Systems Command</i>	
4:45 PM – 5:45 PM	Reception	EAST and WEST FACULTY LOUNGES
6:00 PM – 7:30 PM	Fireside Chat + Dinner	NORTH BALLROOM
	General David D. Thompson , Vice Chief of Space Operations <i>US Space Force</i> <i>Interviewer</i> Stacey Connaughton , Director, <i>Purdue Policy Research Institute</i>	

OCTOBER 31, 2024

DAY TWO

8:00 AM – 9:00 AM Breakfast (registration)

9:00 AM – 9:15 AM Welcome + Day 1 Recap

9:15 AM – 9:30 AM KEYNOTE: Space Policy and Interagency, Cross-sector Counsel
[Paula Trimble](#), Policy Chief, *Space Development Agency, Department of Defense*

9:45 AM – 10:00 AM Move to sessions

10:00 AM – 12:00 PM Concurrent Workshops

- Government + Industry Relationship
- Strategic Messaging on Capabilities
- Engaging with Our Allies

Attending Congressional staffers[Brent Blevins](#), Staff Director, *House Science, Space and Technology Committee Space and Aeronautics Subcommittee (Jan. 2023-)*[Kelsey McBarron](#), Professional Staff and Counsel, *Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics*[Vishal Amin](#), Senior Professional Staff, *Space & Aeronautics*[Charlie Scales](#), Policy Assistant, *Committee on Science, Space & Technology*

12:00 PM – 12:15 PM BREAK

12:15 PM – 1:15 PM LUNCH

1:15 PM – 2:00 PM Synthesis of ideas, next steps

2:00 PM – 2:10 PM Closing Remarks
[Brigadier General Kristin Panzenhagen](#),
US Space Force: Space Systems Command

STUDENT CASE COMPETITION

2:30 PM – 2:40 PM Case Competition Re-Introduction

2:40 PM – 3:40 PM Student Teams Presentations

3:40 PM – 4:30 PM BREAK

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM Awards + Reception (Winner announced at 4:45)