

STORIES OF SPACE

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The STORIES of Space Project Announces STORY Ambassadors

The STORIES of Space™ Project will explore the power of storytelling, inclusion in space and SD card technology

The STORIES of Space Project team is pleased to welcome three space ambassadors to the team: **Marc Hartzman, Lisa Gethard and Amanda Gutierrez**. These three diverse and impressive STORIES Ambassadors will be inviting people from all demographics to write and submit their story to fly to space through the STORIES of Space Project.

‘Each of the STORIES Ambassadors have a uniquely creative curiosity for space exploration,’ noted Executive Director Beth Mund.

‘We are honored to have Amanda, Lisa and Marc join us as ambassadors, because each of them have been actively sharing their story about space and inspiring others for quite some time. Their stories deserve to be flown in space, and by doing so, invites all storytellers to deliver their stories to space, too,’ Beth shared.

‘The STORIES Ambassadors will work to extend invitations to people everywhere, helping to answer the project’s foundational question, **‘Can a story change the way we explore space?’** Beth explained.

‘The more stories, the more ideas, innovations, and solutions we can apply to our explorations in space.’

Hartzman is the [author](#) of The Big Book of Mars as well as six other books. He’s written articles for Mental Floss, HuffPost, AOL Weird News, AllThatsInteresting.com and his own site, WeirdHistorian.com, and has been featured on CNN, MSNBC, the Travel Channel’s Mysteries at the Museum, and the History Channel’s The UnXplained.

‘As a writer, it’s one thing to put your work out into the world. But sending it to space? What an amazing opportunity for anyone who wants to participate. Even better, every submission becomes research for how data storage can survive away from Earth. Share a story—and you’ll have one to tell after.’

Gethard is a member of the NASA/JPL Solar System Ambassador Program, ISS Space Station Ambassador Program, Astronomical Society of the Pacific, American Association of Variable Star Observers (AAVSO). She shares the message to enable anyone, anywhere, to participate in scientific discovery through variable star astronomy through scientific research, education, and public outreach.

“The *STORIES of Space™ Project* is an excellent concept for a scientific research project implementing technology! There is much history to be preserved from our Apollo to Artemis Generations and this is a perfect way to celebrate the Arts, Humanities and Space. This is an exciting time in NASA History with the 50th Anniversary of Apollo 17, the Artemis1 Splashdown and stories from around the world!

Gutierrez is a junior at Pius X High School in Lincoln, Nebraska. She was selected as the winner (high school division) of the NASA and Future Engineers Artemis Moon Pod Essay Contest. She is a member of the Nebraska Million Girls Moonshot board and serves as a youth speaker for NASA's Office of STEM Engagement. She has been featured on [Space.com](https://www.space.com), NPR's Blue Dot, the Casual Space Podcast, and other local and national media.

“Just one person's imagination can help shape the future of the human race. Together, these *STORIES* can inspire innovation never before dreamed of,”
Amanda added.

You can read more about the *STORIES* Ambassadors and the project at <https://www.storiesofspace.com/media/#team>

About Stories of Space™ (The *STORIES* Project)

Stories of Space™ (The *STORIES* Project) is an open-source project available to a global community of storytellers who wish to connect people to space. Driven by a team of scientists, researchers, communicators, and writers, The Stories of Space Project™ believes that a story can change the way we explore space. Selected Stories of Space submissions will be cataloged on SD cards (secure digital cards or a tiny flash memory card designed for high-capacity memory and various portable devices) scheduled to fly in 2023. The SD cards are part of a payload test project flown by NASA on a MISSE satellite carrier, provided by Aegis Aerospace, a space and technology company that provides turn-key solutions to government and commercial customers in the space and defense industries. MISSE is a highly flexible, commercial facility owned and operated by Aegis Aerospace that is permanently installed on the external ISS truss near the solar arrays. For more information, and to submit a story, visit <https://www.storiesofspace.com/>

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