

A SUMMER ON THE HILL:
THE SPS MATHER POLICY INTERNSHIP

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The road to Capitol Hill

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Connecting
WORLD'S 2012
through science & service

2012 Quadrennial Physics Congress
Hosted by Sigma Pi Sigma, the physics honor society

Orlando
2014 AAPT
The Magic of Physics

$p = \frac{h}{\lambda}$ $e = mc^2$ $f_{\text{net}} = ma$ $W = \int F \cdot dx$

MID-ATLANTIC CUWiP
JANUARY 17-19, 2014



The Mather Policy Internship

"The aim of the program is to promote awareness of policy process among young scientists by directly engaging them in the work that goes on in the federal government—work that is today as exciting as in any time in the past."

-Fred Dylla, Executive Director of AIP



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 Subcommittee on Research & Technology Hearing - Policies to Spur Innovative Medical Breakthroughs from Laboratories to Patients

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 Joint Subcommittee Hearing - Subcommittee on Environment and Subcommittee on Oversight - Status of Reforms to EPA's Integrated Risk Information System

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 Fusion Energy: The World's Most Complex Energy Project

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 Navigating the Clean Water Act: Is Water Wet?

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 Technology for Patient Safety at Veterans Hospitals

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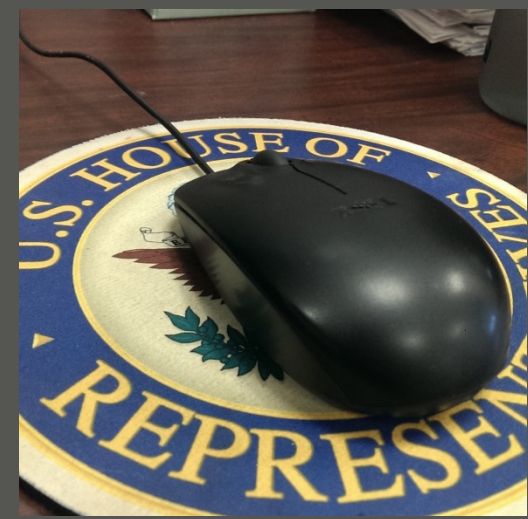
 Pathways to Exploration: A Review of the Future of Human Space Exploration

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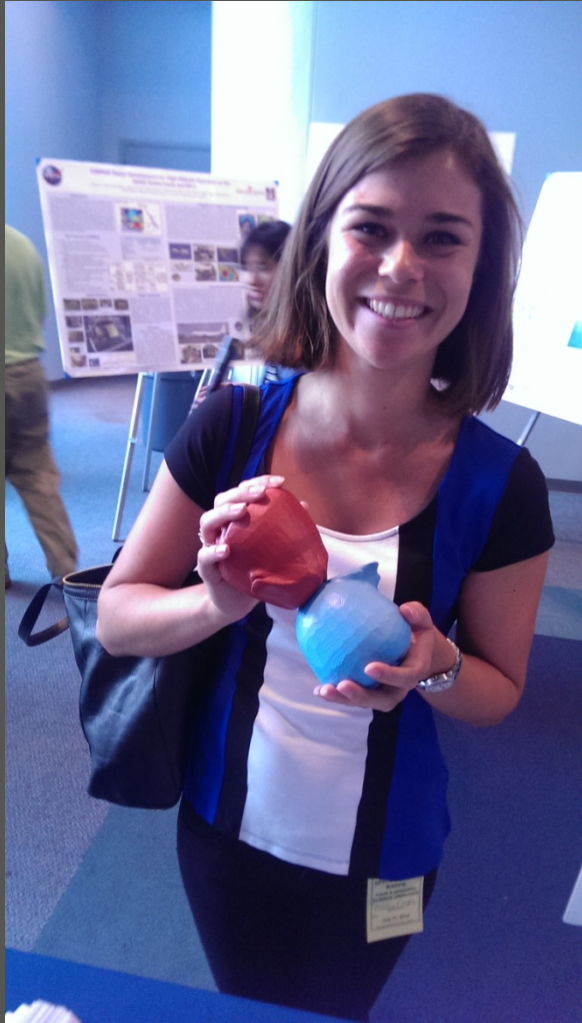
 NASA Security: Assessing the Agency's Efforts to Protect Sensitive Information

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An Ordinary Day



Several Extraordinary Days



Takeaway



“Things do not happen. Things are made to happen.”

-John F. Kennedy

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