

MSA Distinguished Lecturers for 2025-2026

[Elizabeth Rampe](#)

NASA Space Center, Houston, United States

who will offer the Peter Buseck Public Lectures on

The Mars Science Laboratory Mission: 13 Earth-Years Exploring Gale Crater

and

Identifying and interpreting minerals on Mars: Methods, analysis, and geologic history of the Red Planet

[Nicholas J. Tosca](#)

University of Cambridge, United Kingdom

who will offer lectures on

Inside the Precambrian carbonate factory: Decoding the geochemical machinery of Earth's ancient oceans

and

Green smokers and red BIF: Unraveling the geochemistry of Archean subseafloor hydrothermal systems

[Pierre Lanari](#)

University of Lausanne, Switzerland

who will offer the Peter Buseck New Developments in Mineralogy and Petrology Lectures on

High-speed metamorphism: Do mineral growth rates match the experiments?

and

Equilibrium dreams and metastable realities: Lessons from compositional maps

Instructions to request an MSA Distinguished Lecturer

The Mineralogical Society of America is pleased to announce the list of Distinguished Lecturers and their titles for the 2025-2026 academic year. It is designed to run from October 1, 2025 through April 30, 2026. Requests received before August 6, 2025, will be given priority. Late applications are welcome but will be considered on an as-available basis. Having had an MSA Distinguished Lecturer on your campus in the past does not preclude you from applying again this year.

When making your request please, include the following:

1. Name, e-mail address, and phone number of a contact person at your institution for the months of August and September (when Lecturer schedules will be assembled)
2. Start and end dates of your institution's academic semesters for 2025-2026
3. Day of the week you typically have department seminars, if applicable; please note that because of travel and schedule constraints it is often not possible to satisfy requests for tightly constrained dates or specific seminar days. Having some flexibility is helpful for hosting a speaker, so please also provide an alternative lecture day during the week.
4. List of the three speakers in order of your preference.
5. Name of the closest airport to your institution, and the travel time to your institution.

If your institution is interested in requesting the visit of an MSA Distinguished Lecturer for 2025-2026, please contact the Lecture Program Administrator via e-mail at giere@upenn.edu, with a copy to the MSA Executive Director, Dr. Ann Benbow, at ABenbow@minsocam.org.

Thank you and best wishes,

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