

COMMON READ

Speaker & Staff Spotlights

Maurice Broaddus – moderator

An Award-Winning Afrofuturist, editor, and librarian, Maurice Broaddus has had over a hundred short stories published in such places as *Lightspeed Magazine*, *Black Panther: Tales from Wakanda*, *Out There Screaming* (edited by Jordan Peele), *The End of the World As We Know It: New Tales of Stephen King's The Stand*, *Asimov's*, *Weird Tales*, *Magazine of Fantasy & Science Fiction*, and *Apex Magazine*. With over a dozen novels in print, his latest include *Sweep of Stars*, *Breath of Oblivion*, *A City Dreaming*, *Black Panther: T'Challa Declassified*, & *Unfadeable*. Some of his short stories have been collected in *The Voices of Martyrs*.



Dr. Maurice Broaddus

Daniel Kraus – panelist

Daniel Kraus is a *New York Times* bestselling writer of novels, TV, and film. His novel *Angel Down* was the 2026 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction winner, a *New York Times* Top 10 Book of 2025, and a national bestseller. His novel *Whalefall* received a front-cover review in the *New York Times Book Review*, won the Alex Award, was an L.A. Times Book Prize Finalist, and was a Best Book of 2023 from NPR, the *New York Times*, Amazon, *Chicago Tribune*, and more.



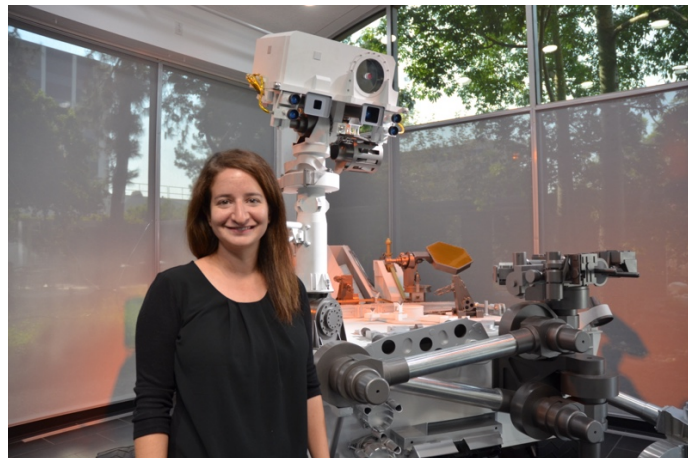
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Dr. Abigail Fraeman – panelist

Dr. Abigail Fraeman is a research scientist at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory studying the evolution of rocky bodies in our solar system. She is currently the deputy project scientist of the Curiosity Mars rover and was the former deputy project scientist of the Opportunity Mars rover. Beyond the Martian surface, Dr. Fraeman is also leading the development of an instrument suite that will map water and ice on the Moon named Lunar Resource Mapper, and she is a participating scientist on the Japanese Space Agency's Mars Moons eXplorer (MMX) mission, scheduled to launch in fall this year. Dr. Fraeman received her PhD in Earth & Planetary Sciences from Washington University in St. Louis. In her spare time, she enjoys backpacking, landscape photography, and travel.



Dr. Abby Fraeman