

Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy
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The Quest for Our Origins

The Search for Other Worlds and Life in the Universe
featuring

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IMSA Pearson Lecture Hall

We are privileged to live in a remarkable time. For the first time in human history, we are beginning to glimpse answers to some of our oldest questions: Are there other worlds out there? Are there other solar systems like ours? Do those systems contain Earthlike planets? Do those planets harbor life? I will provide a guided tour of the golden age of the exploration of extrasolar worlds and the search for extraterrestrial life, focusing on the hunt for analogs to our solar system, and the search for the 'pale blue dot': another world just like our own.