

# 3-D Thursdays!

## "Three-Dimensional" Series for Rural K-12 Educators

● Educator Opportunities

● Networking

● NGSS Connections

## First Thursday of Each Month

## Upcoming: Oct. 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm Central Time

With hosts Rachael Arens, Associate Researcher at NASA/NAU PLANETS & Michael Guarraia, Albert Einstein Distinguished Educator Fellows at NASA

## Special Guests



*Have you ever wanted to grow as an educator professional and have a federal impact in education? Join us for a conversation and workshop to enhance your role as an educator and leader through paid fellowship opportunities at Federal agencies!*

### **Dr. Kama Almasi**

Dr. Kama Almasi is a HS/MS STEM Educator hailing from Oregon. She has experience teaching university-level Ecology and Biology, but in 2008, Kama transitioned to K-12 to better address the needs for diversity and equity in STEM fields (and because she enjoyed working with teenagers!). She has worked in small, rural schools and has taught all high school science classes (including AP and dual credit courses). Her teaching philosophy is that STEM education should be culturally and personally relevant to students and centered around inquiry and project-based learning. Kama is currently serving as an Einstein Fellow with the office of Congressman Jamaal Bowman.

### **Mike Vargas**

Mike Vargas is a physics teacher from Phoenix Arizona. He was the Arizona High School Science Teacher of the Year and an Arizona Teacher of the Year Ambassador for Excellence. Mike has served on several of Arizona's largest education organizations boards, including the Northern Arizona University K12 Center, STEM Teachers PHX, and the Cactus Caucus. Mike was the 2019 Rolls Royce Air Force Association National Aerospace Teacher of the Year and is currently serving as an Einstein Fellow to the United States Air Force K12 STEM National Office.

### **Svea Anderson**

Svea Anderson is an Albert Einstein Fellow at the Department of Homeland Security (the department's first fellow) and is spending the 2021-2022 school year in Washington, DC. She has over twenty years of experience teaching elementary and middle-grade students and brings her passion for fieldwork to her work with learners. She takes them outside and creates opportunities for them to dive into inquiry in the classroom space.



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