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What is life and how should we look for it elsewhere in the universe?

David Grinspoon, PhD, Curator of Astrobiology, Denver Museum of Nature & Science

As we explore the universe we are on the lookout for the signs of life on other planets. But what exactly are we looking for, and how would we recognize it? Since we only have one example of a planet with life, how do we know what we will have in common with alien organisms? How can we search without simply projecting ourselves out into the universe? Astrobiologist and author David Grinspoon will discuss our current efforts to search for life elsewhere, what we have learned from studying exotic life-forms on Earth, and how the quest for alien life sharpens our ideas about the nature of life and the place of Earth and humanity in the universe.

EVERYONE IS WELCOME. The discussion starts at 6:30 in upstairs lounge area. Come before 6 PM to leave yourself time to get something to eat.. We end around 8 PM.

There's no charge. Brooklyn's is generously providing the facility; we buy our own food & drinks. It is first come, first seated, and **seating is limited** so that everyone can take part in the discussion. Parking cheap or free in Pepsi Center lost SW of Brooklyn's. Mention the Café!

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