



## Institute for Space Weather Sciences Colloquium

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### History of the Solar Physics Division

The first 30 years of the history of the Solar Physics Division (SPD) of the American Astronomical Society (AAS) was presented in an article by Jack Thomas written for the AAS Centennial Year (DeVorkin, D., ed., *The American Astronomical Society's First Century*, AIP: AAS, 1999, pp238-251). This talk discusses that first 30 years and continues the history by discussing the ensuing 25 years up to the present. The SPD has continued to grow in membership, has added an early career prize (the Karen Harvey Prize), and has begun a tradition of holding the Triennial Earth-Sun Summit (TESS) meetings with the American Geophysical Union's Space Physics and Aeronomy section. The SPD celebrated its 50th year during the Covid-19 pandemic lockdown in August 2020, sandwiched between the two great North American eclipses of 2017 and 2024, which is coming later this year. As the demographics of the Division skew older, the SPD has recently made strides to become more relevant for students and early career scientists, promising a bright future.



Dr. Dale Gary received his B.S. in Physics from University of Michigan in 1976, and Ph.D. in Astro-Geophysics from University of Colorado, Boulder, in 1982. He served in various research positions at Caltech from 1982-1997, attaining the position of Research Fellow in Astrophysics. He joined the faculty of NJIT in 1997, where he is now Distinguished Professor in the Department of Physics and Director of the Expanded Owens Valley Solar Array, near Big Pine, CA. He is currently serving in the SPD Committee of the AAS and is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science.