



The Astrosociology Research Institute (ARI)

Call for Articles

Astrosociological Insights Newsletter

Spring 2021 Issue

Astrosociology Supporters,

ARI is pleased to announce a call for our next issue of *Astrosociological Insights*, which is the only newsletter dedicated to astrosociological topics and the development of astrosociology as an academic field. ***This issue of our newsletter will focus on*** *“WHY IS ASTROSCIOLOGY IMPORTANT TO YOU AND HOW DOES IT CONTRIBUTE TO SPACE EDUCATION AND RESEARCH?”* Also, an integral question is: why do you support the Astrosociology Research Institute?

This issue focuses on issues related to your interests as they relate to astrosociology, including any thoughts you have about why astrosociology is a necessary field. We will involve those who support astrosociology directly through ARI and those who support it from outside the organization.

These articles are “**thought pieces**” in the sense that no research is required, only logical arguments, though we do welcome it. Your experiences are also welcome.

Deadline: May 15, 2021.

Please send your submitted article to Michael Dodge, Editor, at:

ari-newsletter@astrosociology.org. (cc to jpass@astrosociology.org).

Editorial Guidelines:

- Shorter pieces should be between 500 and 1500 words.
- Longer contributions should not exceed 2500 words. (Exceptions will be considered on an individual basis).
- All submissions must be in MS Word format, and should use numbered endnotes for references or American Psychological Association format.
- For guidelines on English language usage, please consult style manuals such as APA, MLA, or the *Chicago Manual of Style*.

- Please include a recent photo and a brief biographical byline or statement of professional affiliation.
- All editorial decisions are final and any submission not included remains eligible for consideration for the next issue unless otherwise stated or withdrawn for consideration by the author.

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Overview (a starting point): As you know, astrosociology examines *astrosocial phenomena*, defined as the social, cultural, and behavioral patterns related to outer space, which include the efforts of humans as we research, engage in, and are affected by space-related activities. Understanding this *human* dimension of outer space is critical to our long-term success as we strive to develop human spacefaring societies on Earth. As a collective endeavor, astrosociology brings together a broad spectrum of academic disciplines to create individual and collaborative research that furthers this understanding.

As stated, this issue seeks articles on any research topic relevant to the need to develop astrosociology; and furthermore, it encourages authors to emphasize the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration among the physical/natural and biological sciences, the social sciences, the arts, and the humanities as space exploration, settlement, and other related activities play out during the twenty-first century. Specific to this issue, we also encourage authors to explore how space relates to the human condition. Photos are highly encouraged along with the corresponding narratives.

Prompting Questions/Ideas

(these are merely suggestions for your theme)

Importance of Astrosociology and ARI

- Why do you support astrosociology and The Astrosociological Research Institute (ARI)?
 - How does it relate to your work and/or broader interests?
- Why was it important to develop astrosociology, starting in 2004?
 - What has astrosociology's development contributed since then?
- Why is the human dimension of space exploration important?
 - What does astrosociology add to STEM education and research?

- What are some of the reasons why the social and behavioral sciences, and the humanities, have received so little support in the space community?
 - How does astrosociology address this long-standing status quo?
 - Why is more input from social scientists, humanists, and artists vital for future space exploration?
- Why is it important to understand how space exploration impacts on terrestrial societies?
 - In what ways does space impact on terrestrial societies presently?
 - How will space activities impact on terrestrial societies in the future?
- If interested, write about two of astrosociology's major subfields: medical astrosociology and/or exo-astrosociology.
 - What other areas interest you?
 - Examples: space law and policy, planetary defense, economic issues, politics, family life, space settlements and space societies, and students pursuing space issues.
 - Incorporate your interests into the major theme of why you support astrosociology and ARI.
- What steps are necessary for the further development of astrosociology?
- Relate a story about your decision to support ARI and/or astrosociology.

Read back issues of our newsletter on our Virtual Library page at http://www.astrosociology.org/vlibrary.html#VL_Newsletter. It appears in the section called “**Issues of Astrosociological Insights Newsletter.**” Other relevant materials are also available on our Virtual Library page. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

ARI's official Twitter account: @astrosociology (posts by Dr. Jim Pass). Jim Pass' accounts are also available on Instagram and LinkedIn. We are also on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/astrosociology/>.

We thank you for your continuing interest in astrosociology and support of ARI's mission, and for exploring the human dimension of outer space with us!

Sincerely,

Michael Dodge

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