



# Astrobiology

and the origins of life

Conference: **May 24 - 28, 2005**  
Workshop: **May 30 - June 10, 2005**  
Location: **McMaster University**

The newly formed Origins Institute at McMaster University is organizing an interdisciplinary conference and workshop over a three-week period in Spring 2005.

New observations of exosolar planets, the search for life in the solar system, and advances in genomics and biodiversity make astrobiology one of the most exciting and important emergent topics in modern science. Our topic areas can be grouped under two themes: **Planetary Science** and **Evolutionary Biology**. Talks on these two themes will be interwoven during the conference week.

## Organizing Committee

### Co-chairs

**Ralph Pudritz**

Director, Origins Institute

**Paul Higgs**

Department of Physics and Astronomy

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**Brian Golding** and **Jon Stone**

Department of Biology



## Invited Review Speakers

**Graham Budd** (Uppsala U.)

**David Deamer** (U.C. Santa Cruz)

**Jim Lake** (UCLA)

**Doug Lin** (U.C. Santa Cruz)

**Chris McKay** (Nasa Ames)

**Hervé Philippe** (U. Montreal)

**Lynn Rothschild** (NASA)

**Anneila Sargent** (Caltech)

**William Schopf** (UCLA)

**Karl Stetter** (U. Regensburg)

**Eors Szathmary** (Budapest)

**Peter Ward** (U. Washington)

To register for conference and/or workshop, and submit abstracts for contributed talks and posters, please visit and complete by Feb. 1, 2005:  
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