**Message from the Dean**

Dear Mason Community,

As we enter the final week of our Spring 2021 Mason Science Series, I am excited to announce the third and final event in our series. This week, we will be hosting a presentation titled "Seeking the Invisible: Detecting Supermassive Black Holes" by Shobita Satyapal, PhD. This talk will take place on Tuesday, April 27, 2021, from 4-5pm. You can register to attend at [science.gmu.edu/MasonScienceSeries](science.gmu.edu/MasonScienceSeries).

In addition to our series, we have several other exciting events and announcements happening throughout the month of April. Be sure to check out our Earth Month at Mason event, which will feature a variety of activities and programs to celebrate sustainability at Mason.

If you have a question you'd like us to answer in a future newsletter, please write to us at mconnole@gmu.edu.

To stay up-to-date on our events, you can follow our Mason Science on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/MasonScience) and [LinkedIn](https://www.linkedin.com/company/mason-science/).

Sincerely,

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**Mason Science Series**

For more information about our speakers, and to register to attend go [here](science.gmu.edu/MasonScienceSeries).

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**Earth Month at Mason**

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