

Paul Sutter

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Astrophysics expert, specializing in the emptiest regions of the universe

Biography

For those who want to know how the universe works, Paul Sutter is a new, fresh voice in science communication. An astrophysicist, writer, speaker, producer, and on-air host everywhere from podcasts to TV, Paul strives to bring science to new audiences. By breaking down formidable concepts, emphasizing the human and artistic aspects of the scientific process, and making science accessible with his characteristic conversational, humorous approach, Paul is the one and only Agent to the Stars.

An established scientist, Paul has authored over 60 academic papers on topics ranging from the earliest moments of the Big Bang, to the emptiest places in the universe, to novel methods for detecting the first stars. He received his PhD in Physics in 2011 as a Department of Energy Computational Science Graduate Fellow, and prior to his current position he held research fellowships in Paris and Italy. He has given over 100 seminars, colloquia, and conference talks at institutions around the world.

Paul's Ask a Spaceman podcast invites listeners to send questions via social media to answer on the show, and is now one of the top podcasts across all subjects globally. As a contributing editor to Space.com, his articles reach over 100,000 readers and are syndicated to CBS News, Scientific American, MSN, and more. A go-to expert for journalists and producers, Paul regularly appears on radio, TV, and in print, and consults on film and TV productions.

Serving as the public face of science for COSI, he gives talks, shows, and appearances across Columbus, including in his popular Deep Space Q&A live planetarium show.

Paul's company, Active Galaxy Productions, blends science with art in groundbreaking ways. The company's first project, Song of the Stars, was a Kickstarter-funded dance performance themed from astronomy. The film of the live performance will premiere nationwide on PBS member stations in June 2017.

Paul is routinely sought to give presentations about physics, astronomy, space exploration, the intersection of science and art, and the relationship between science and society.

Industry Expertise

Research, Writing and Editing, Education/Learning

Areas of Expertise

Astrophysics, Big Bang Theory, Space Exploration, Intersections of Science and Art

Education

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
Ph.D. Physics

California Polytechnic State University-San Luis Obispo
B.S. Physics

Accomplishments

INFN Fellowship in Theoretical Physics
Osservatorio Astronomico di Trieste and Ohio State University

Postdoctoral Fellow in Next-Generation Cosmic Probes
Institut d'Astrophysique de Paris

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