

Welcome to the Board!

We are pleased to welcome two innovative and energetic leaders to the Maryland Science Center's Board of Trustees: Dr. Suvi Gezari and Dr. Katherine Rostkowski.



Dr. Suvi Gezari

Suvi Gezari is currently a Research Professor in the Department of Physics and Astronomy at the Johns Hopkins University and Chair of the Staff Executive Committee at the university's Space Telescope Science Institute. Her research harnesses the power of time domain observations to study supermassive black holes, and she is a pioneer in observational

studies of tidal disruption events. Dr. Gezari will join the faculty in the Department of Astronomy at the University of Maryland in Fall 2025.

Says Dr. Gezari, "I have many fond memories bringing my young children to the Maryland Science Center to explore the exhibits, attend planetarium shows, and enjoy the Inner Harbor. As an Astronomy Professor, I appreciate the quality of the Space exhibits, as well as the interactive and hands-on exhibits that engage children (and adults) across all areas of science. I am excited to reengage with the Maryland Science Center as a Board Member and help ensure that the programming and activities continue to draw families and schools, and are reflective of the exciting developments in current-day scientific research."



Dr. Katherine Rostkowski

Kathy Rostkowski is Vice President - Global Sustainability at McCormick & Co. She is responsible for leading McCormick's materiality driven, long-term environmental and social sustainability plan and is accountable for continuing to embed environmental and social sustainability practices into the

organization. Dr. Rostkowski will become McCormick's Chief Sustainability Officer effective July 1. She previously held the roles of Senior Director, Global Sustainability and Purpose-Led Performance Program Director, leading the company's cross-functional Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) program. Prior to joining McCormick, Kathy served for over eight years at the United States Agency for International Development.

"The Maryland Science Center had me at 'Let's Science!'," said Dr. Rostkowski. "I have a STEM background and am impressed with all of the thoughtfully designed exhibits that provide children with hands-on access to discover STEM in action. I'm excited to join the Board and look forward to the ways I can contribute to fostering the curiosity that will inspire the next generation of scientists and engineers."