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# PICNIC DAY

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## **The Announcement of the 105<sup>th</sup> Picnic Day Theme and Parade Marshal**

*The selected theme and parade marshal highlight, what are believed to be, the most important aspects of UC Davis and the surrounding community.*

**Davis, CA** – Picnic Day, the annual open house at UC Davis, will have the theme “Adventure Awaits” and feature professor and planetary scientist, Sarah T. Stewart, as its parade marshal. The 105-year-old tradition will be held on Saturday, April 13, 2019.

The theme and parade marshal, chosen by the 15-student Board of Directors for Picnic Day, was announced at a campus reception on Nov. 30.

“The theme captures both that Picnic Day itself is a day of adventure, exploration, and opportunity and that coming to Davis for school is an adventure in its own right,” said Picnic Day Chair Elise Pohlhammer.

Stewart, who will serve as parade marshal, is a professor in the Department of Earth and Planetary Sciences and recently won the MacArthur “Genius” Fellow grant. Worth \$625,000, the grant is intended to enable recipients to pursue original and creative work in their field of choice. In a recent journal article, she offers a revolutionary and innovative theory as to how the Moon was formed from the Earth. Stewart received her doctorate from the California Institute of Technology in 2002 and held a faculty position at Harvard University before joining the College of Letters and Science at UC Davis in 2014.

“Sarah Stewart's passion for discovering the unknown and her recognition via the MacArthur Fellowship parallel going on an adventure,” said Picnic Day Vice Chair Nicole Deacon.

“She's on the cutting edge of some amazing research, and it's something that's so specialized it often goes unrecognized or under the radar,” said Pohlhammer.

Picnic Day is one of the largest student-run events in the nation. This hallmark event has been designed to showcase and celebrate the richness of campus life, the diverse achievements of UC Davis students, staff, and faculty; and to provide a day of education, information, and entertainment for all who attend. The day will feature more than 200 events and welcome an estimated 75,000 plus visitors.

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