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John Delano, associate professor of geochemistry at the University at Albany, will discuss "Exploration of the Outer Solar System and Beyond" during the next Summer Public Science Lecture Series. The lecture will be held on Tuesday, August 14 at 8 p.m. at the University's Whiteface Mountain Field Station located on Memorial Highway in Wilmington, New York. It is free and open to the public.

In his lecture, Delano will discuss the latest results of the National Aeronautics Space Administration's Voyager spacecraft to the outer planets of Neptune and Uranus. He has been involved in research studying the cataclysmic events associated with the origin of these planets nearly 4.5 billion years ago.

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