

## **Pierre School District & SD Discovery Center To Co-Host Workshop Led by Space Science Experts (*\$80 stipend to all participants*)**

The Pierre School District & the SD Discovery Center of will co-host an astronomy teacher workshop led by Dr. Nahide Craig and Dr. Laura Peticolas of the University of California Space Science Laboratory in Berkeley, California. In this two-day workshop on **May 28-29, 2008 at the Georgia Morse Middle School in Pierre, SD**, teachers will engage in NASA and GEMS activities from four teachers' guides: *Exploring Magnetism*, *GEMS Living with a Star*, *GEMS Invisible Universe*, and *GEMS Real Reasons for the Seasons*. They will also present a talk about Space weather and auroras.



Dr. Nahide Craig is a research astronomer with more than 10 years involvement with the Experimental Astrophysics Group at the Space Sciences Laboratory of the University of California, Berkeley.

In sixth grade, a substitute teacher shared the joys of astronomy with Laura Peticolas and her class. With her parents as scientists, it was an easy decision to start studying to be an astronomer. Laura performs science research on the aurora and works to share NASA science with students, teachers, and the public.



To register for the workshop, teachers can visit the SD Discovery Center's website at [www.sd-discovery.com](http://www.sd-discovery.com). The \$25 registration fee for South Dakota teachers will be paid by the SD Space Grant Consortium. **All participating teachers will receive an \$80 stipend.** The workshop is made possible through a science education grant from NASA. Graduate, undergraduate (\$40) and certificate renewal credit (free) are pending. For more information call Kristie Maher, at 605-224-8295.

*Workshop is recommended for 3<sup>rd</sup> -12<sup>th</sup> grade teachers.*