



“The James Webb Space Telescope: NASA’s Latest Great Observatory”

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The James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) is NASA’s next great observatory. Join him as he discusses its history, its current status, and the incredible science that astronomers hope to achieve with this new telescope. He will compare the JWST to its predecessor, the Hubble Space Telescope (HST), and discuss what lies ahead for space-based telescopes.



This HANK Talk will be in-person in the James F. Veninga Theater in the Center for Civic Engagement on the UW-Stevens Point at Wausau campus and streamed live on the [Lecture & Arts YouTube Live](#) channel.

The archived Talk (and the entire series) will be accessible from the UW-Stevens Point at Wausau [Lecture & Arts](#) webpage.

Aaron Steffen is a native of Sheboygan, Wisconsin. He received a B.S. degree in Physics and Mathematics from UW-Eau Claire and his M.S. and Ph.D. in Astronomy from UW-Madison. Before moving into teaching, he worked as a postdoctoral research scientist at both Penn State and NASA's Spitzer Science Center (located on Caltech's campus). He is interested in understanding the multi-wavelength properties and evolution of super-massive black holes in the centers of galaxies.