Where do we come from? Why might we be here?

The course provides the story of Earth’s evolution, from the Big Bang to the arrival of human civilization and its influence on Earth systems today. Topics include an overview of Earth’s progressive evolution as a planet, as well as recent developments in contemporary science of climate change and exoplanets. How might our perspective on our lives change if we were to understand and experience ourselves as part of a planetary process? How might technological civilization fit into a framework of planetary evolution?

Class discussions, experiments and field trips relate our individual experiences to contemporary planetary problems.

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