

CENTER FOR SPACE MEDICINE

## Introduction to Human Space Exploration and Medicine

An Elective Lecture Series Presented by the Center for Space Medicine

## So You Want to Go to Mars?

## **Biomedical Aspects of Early Interplanetary Expeditions**

Speaker:

John B. Charles, Ph.D. Chief Scientist NASA Human Research Program Johnson Space Center

> Tuesday, May 3, 2016 12:10 – 1:00 p.m.

**Kleberg Auditorium** 

## Learning Objectives

Participants will understand:

- Why interplanetary missions occur so infrequently and take so long.
- How actual space missions are different from fictional space missions in the movies.
- Physiological and psychological challenges of interplanetary missions and what is being done to overcome them.