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YOUNGSTOWN, Ohio - An aerospace specialist from the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) will visit the area to share his expertise with high school students and with students and faculty from the Youngstown State University Physics and Astronomy Department.

Dr. Paul B. Kelter, an assistant professor at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater, serves as an expert for the NASA Educational Sciences Division, which contracts out trained specialists in aerospace science to interact with high school, college and university students and faculty through lecture series, teacher in-service programs, and seminars.

Dr. Kelter will be in the Youngstown area from Feb. 25 through March 1. He is scheduled to visit Boardman, Poland, Howland, and Lakeview high schools, as well as YSU. He will also be interviewed on local radio stations, including a spot with Bob Peterson of WYSU-FM (88.5), YSU's fine arts radio station.

His visit will be completely funded by NASA. His lecture topics will range from the space shuttle program to discussions of spectroscopy, the branch of physics that deals with the theory and interpretation of interactions between matter and radiation.

Dr. Kelter, a native of Brooklyn, NY, received his bachelor's degree in chemistry from the City College, City University of New York. His graduate work was done at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where he received a doctorate in analytical chemistry in 1980. He has taught at UN-L as well as at the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, and at Manhattan College, Bronx, NY.

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Dr. Kelter joined the Aerospace Education Services Project in June, 1984. He is currently one of only four project specialists in his field in the U.S.

William Snyder of Columbiana, a chemistry and math teacher at Poland Seminary High School, met Dr. Kelter at a NASA seminar last summer, and initiated the contact leading to Dr. Kelter's visit to the Youngstown area.

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EDITOR'S NOTE: Dr. Kelter is still available for a limited number of lectures at area high schools, as well as for media interviews and area talk shows. For more information, contact Dr. Steven Hanzely, YSU Physics and Astronomy Department, at 742-3618.