

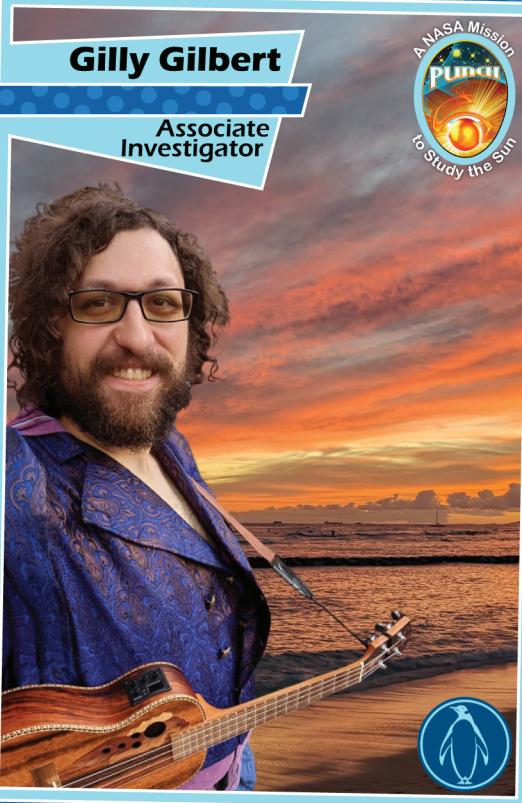
**Craig DeForest**

Principal Investigator



**Sarah Gibson**

Project Scientist



**Gilly Gilbert**

Associate Investigator



**Lika Guhathakurta**

Program Scientist





## Sarah Gibson

she/her

As the **Project Scientist**, I get to provide leadership, inspiration, and coordination for a large community of scientists. PUNCH science helps us solve some of the mysteries of our Sun and its relationship to Earth.

Curious, Contemplative, Playful, Persistent



### FUN SUN FACT

It's a cosmic coincidence that the Moon is the right size and distance from Earth to just cover the Sun during a solar eclipse so the Sun's corona can shine!

### WORDS THAT HELP GUIDE ME

"We shall not cease from exploration / And the end of all our exploring / Will be to arrive where we started / And know the place for the first time"  
-T.S. Elliot

### INSPIRING ANIMAL

**Penguins** strike me as comic. I think it's important to have a sense of comedy to help me cope with challenges at work.



## Craig DeForest

he/him

As **Principal Investigator**, I pull together hundreds of hard-working people from all over the world to ensure mission success.

Extroverted, Curious, Willing to be wrong and move on, Devoted to family



### FUN SUN FACT

The Sun produces 10,000 times less heat per kilogram than a cow. Our star is hot and bright mostly because it is very, very large.

### WORDS THAT HELP GUIDE ME

The most important part of a science career is successful communication with colleagues and with everyone. We owe it to humanity to preserve and share our results, insights, and wonder about the world around us.

### INSPIRING ANIMAL

At work, I identify with **ferrets** for their combination of playfulness, curiosity, flexibility, and stubbornness to accomplish their goals with a sense of joy, even in the face of obstacles.



## Lika Guhathakurta

As **Program Scientist** at

NASA Headquarters, I oversee that PUNCH science goals - established by the PUNCH science team - remain on track. I am like an ambassador for PUNCH, facilitating integration with other NASA missions, relationships with international partners, and public communication for all ages.

Tenacious, Courageous, Visionary, Creative, Kind



### FUN SUN FACT

Because particles from the Sun constantly wash over our world, we live in the outer atmosphere of our star! PUNCH will help make images of this atmosphere.

### WORDS THAT HELP GUIDE ME

I try to limit use of the word "impossible." No matter how big a challenge, it can be resolved with strong intention, dedication, and creative solutions.

### INSPIRING ANIMAL

I need an **eagle's** sharp eye and overall perspective to see how PUNCH science connects with other NASA missions.



## Gilly Gilbert

he/him

As an **Associate Investigator**, I get to be among the first early-career people to look at PUNCH images. I use computers to help predict what the PUNCH cameras will see and to be ready to notice new and unusual things about the Sun!

Kind, Considerate, Enthusiastic, Gumptious, Fastidious



### FUN SUN FACT

Solar wind particles from the Sun are always flowing past Earth at about a million miles per hour!

### WORDS THAT HELP GUIDE ME

Finish the job with care and perseverance, for the last 10% is what sets you apart. Your dedication and pride in your work will take you far in life.

### INSPIRING ANIMAL

Just like a **penguin**, I like to waddle around looking for interesting and shiny rocks (science!) and share them with my community.

