



# The Spitzer Experience – Giovanni Goes Wide and Deep with IRAC

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#### Back in the Day....





First meeting of Spitzer (SIRTF) SWG, July, 1984, at NASA Ames. At the time, the projected launch date for our first flight was January, 1993.





## Not only the Scientists have Evolved





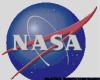


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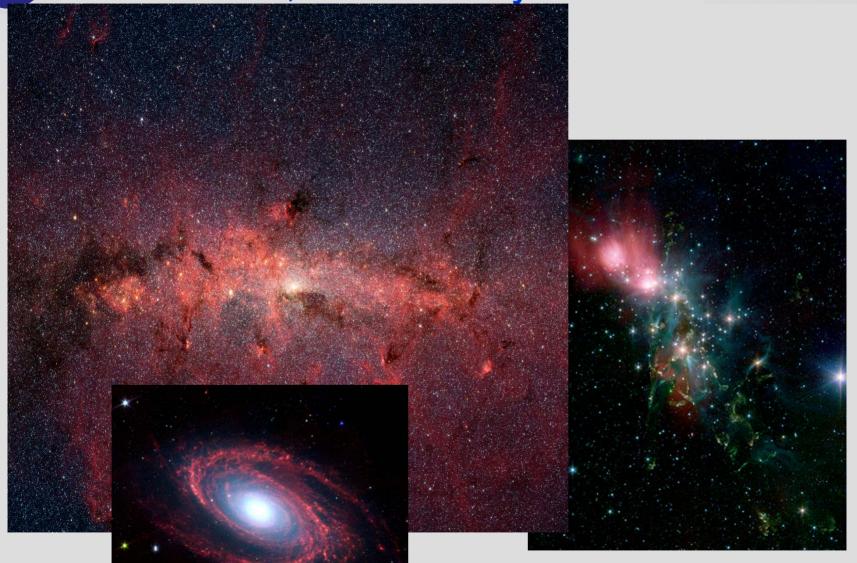
Launch Vehicle

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#### IRAC, IRAC Everywhere



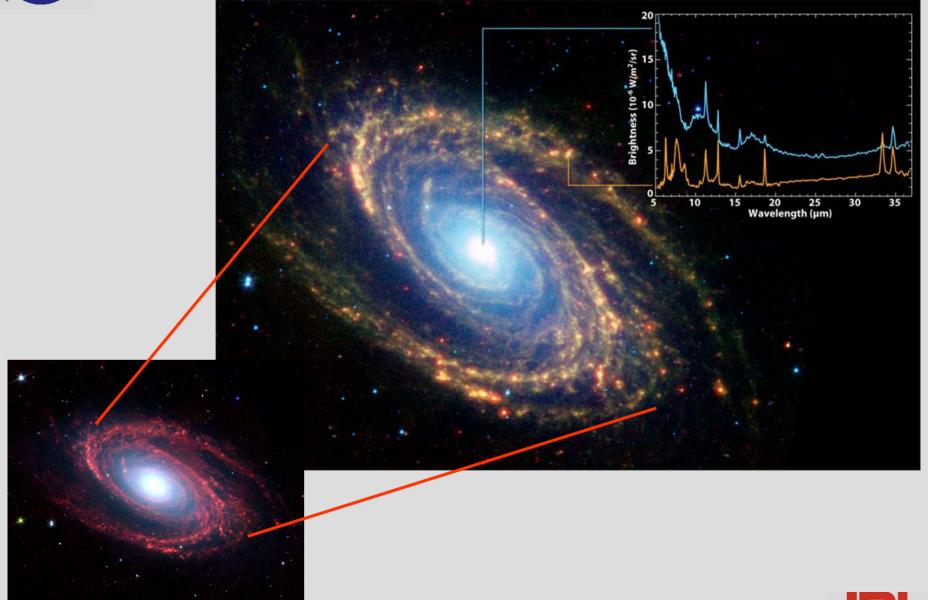






#### M81 Viewed by All Spitzer Instruments









#### Friends in High Places





#### And now....the IRAC Shallow Survey

3.5 degrees

4.5 µm image
8.5 sq degrees
3 x 30 sec/position - ~60 hrs. total
Eisenhardt et al 2004 ApJS 154, 54





### The IRAC Shallow Survey and the Spitzer Deep, Wide-Field Survey: ISS and SDWFS



- Both ISS and SDWFS cover 8.5 sq degree in the NOAO DWFS field in Bootes
- Field selected because of low background, existing vis-NIR imaging, AGEs spectroscopy, etc. X-ray and Spitzer MIPS data also available
- ISS (2004) used 3x30s integrations in all four IRAC bands
- SDWFS (2007-8) re-imaged the field 3x between 8/2007 and 3/2008 –
  doubling [at least] the survey depth and facilitating searches for variability,
  proper motion, etc.

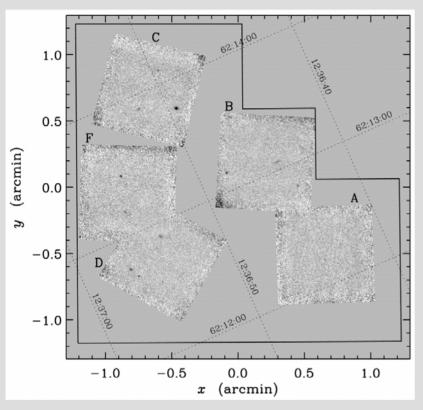
	Sensitivity (5-sigma), uJy				Number of Sources			
Band,um	3.6	4.5	5.8	8	3.6	4.5	5.8	8
ISS	6.4	8.8	51	50	370K	280K	38K	34K
SDWFS	2.9	4.8	24	23	680K	525K	120K	100K



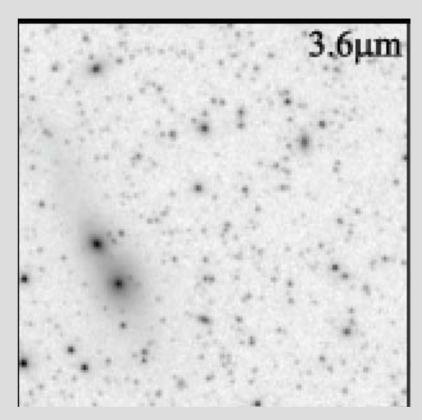


#### A Giant Leap Forward....





Hogg et al. (2000; AJ, 119, 1519)  $3.2\mu m$  >2.5 hr exposure exposure / field – deepest published ground-based image at this wavelength -  $5\sigma$  depth  $2.7x10^{-5}$  Jy



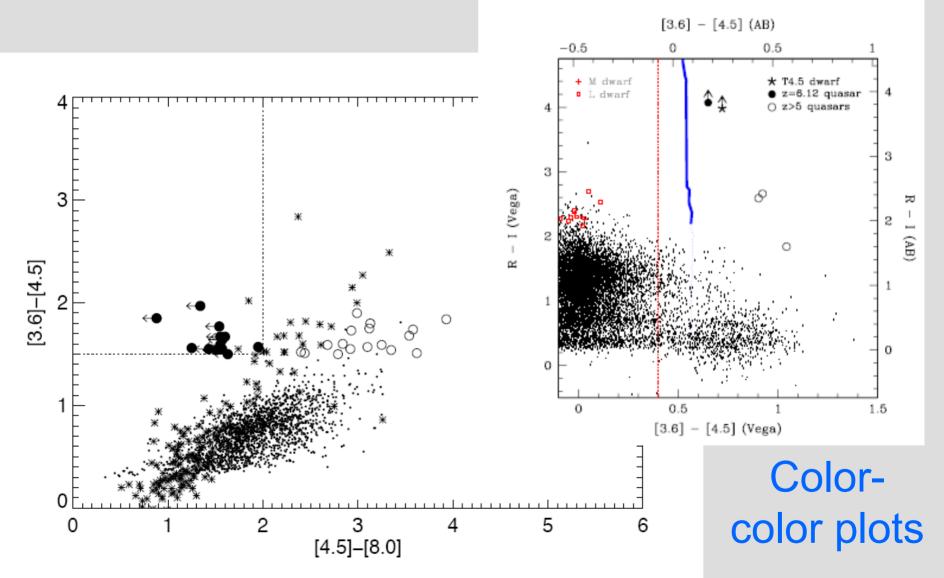
Ashby et al [ApJ, in press]. 5x5 arcmin SDWFS thumbnail. 6 minutes integration –  $5\sigma$  depth  $3x10^{-6}$  Jy





#### Needles in Haystacks (1)





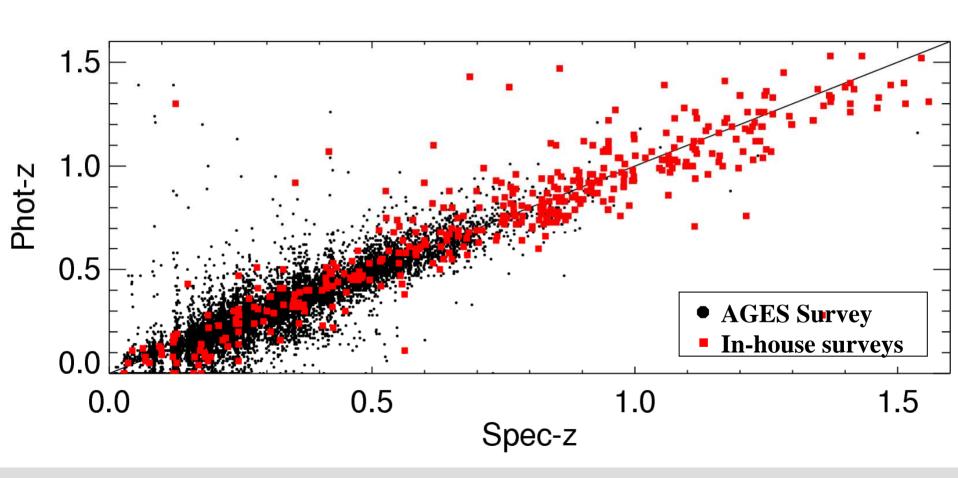




#### Needles in Haystacks (2)



 $(\sigma = 0.101; \sigma/(1+z) = 0.059)$ 



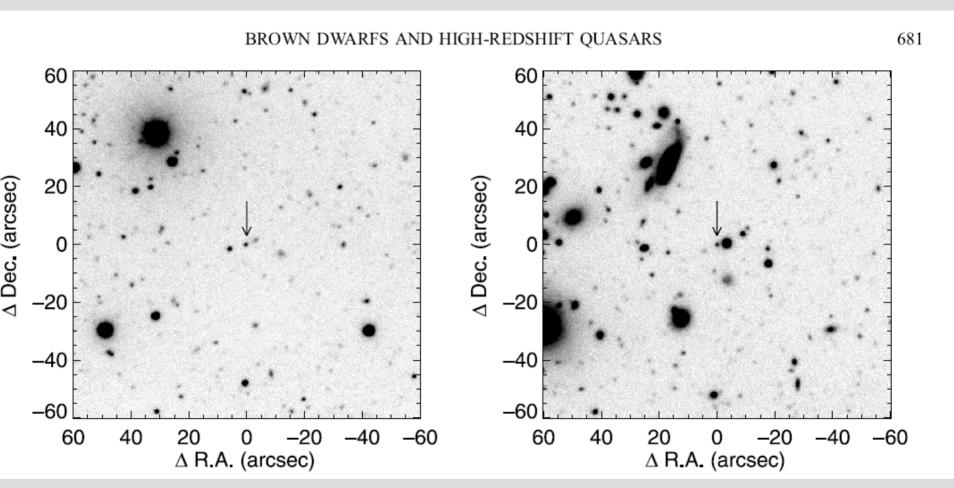
Photometric Redshifts (Brodwin et al)





#### Needles in Haystacks (3)





Spectra – Which Twin has the Toni? (Stern et al)

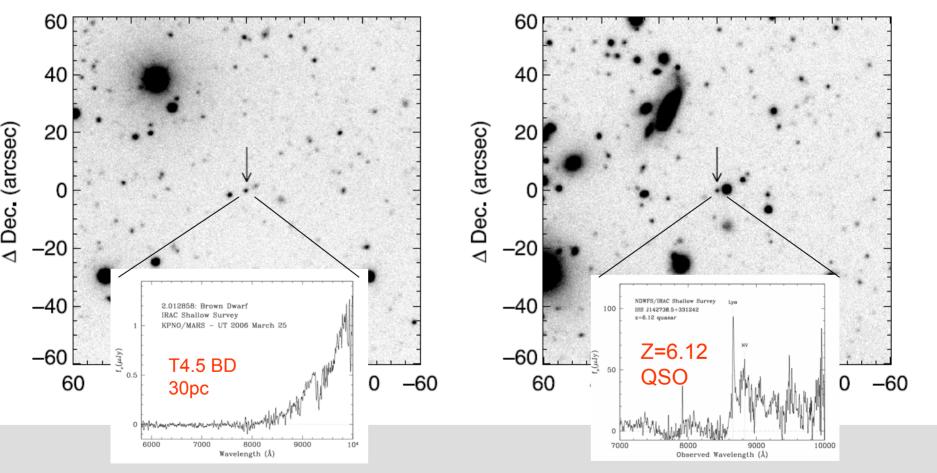


#### Needles in Haystacks (3)





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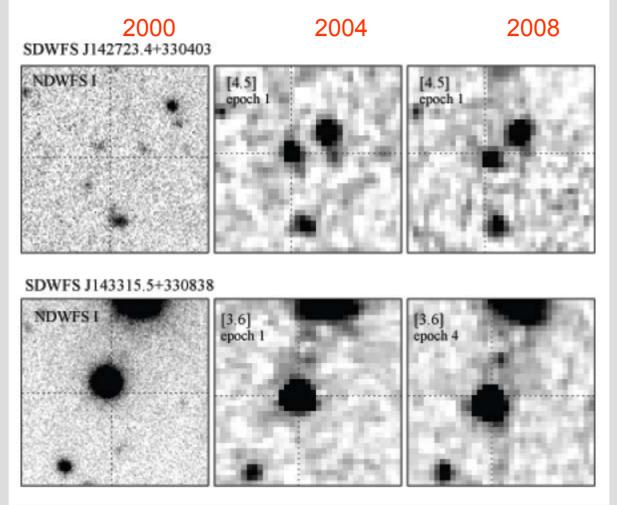


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#### Needles in Haystacks (4)





Proper Motions – Ashby et al (in press). These stars have proper motions of about 0.35 arcsec/yr. The upper is identified as a T7 brown dwarf; the lower as an M5 star.





### ISS Cluster Survey – Eisenhardt et al (ApJ, 2008)



- Summary of main results
  - Identified 335 galaxy cluster and group candidates from 4.5um selected sample
    - 106 have z>1 (12 confirmed spectroscopically)
      - Two have masses > 10^14 solar masses
    - 61 of 73 @ z<0.5 confirmed spectroscopically
    - For clusters with z<1, colors well fit by passive evolution from "spike" of star formation at z~3 or earlir
    - Higher redshift clusters suggest higher redshift of formation
  - Addition of SDWFS data will increase sample size and known members/cluster and push to higher z [most distant now is z=1.413]





### **Searching for Distant Clusters of Galaxies**



Observations shortward of 1um



With Spitzer 4.5um band added

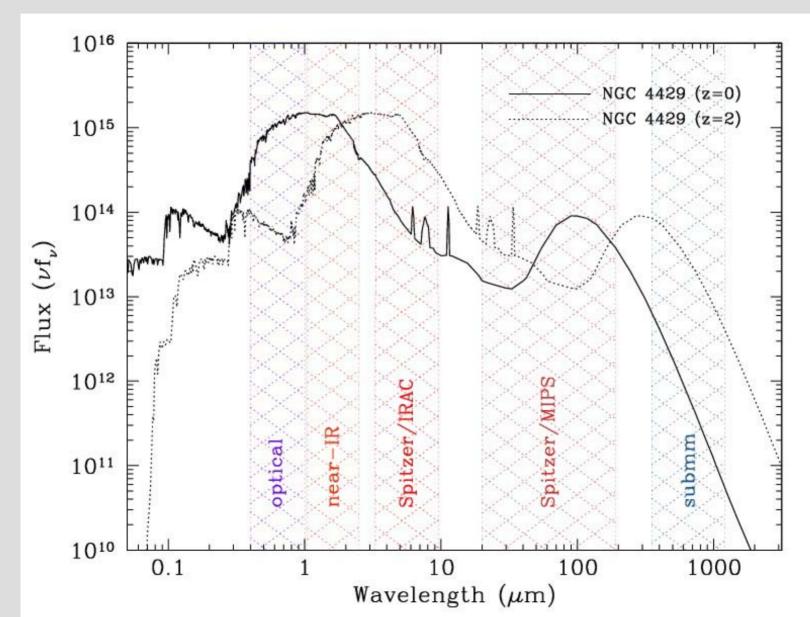








#### The Redshift at Work





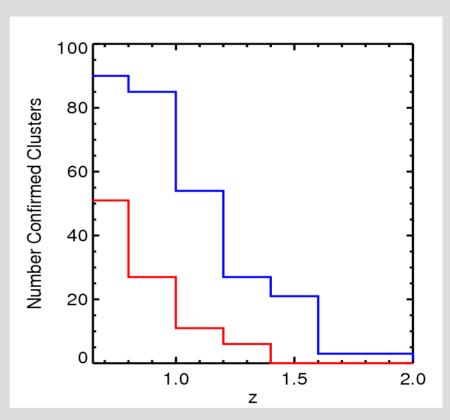


#### ISS Clusters – A Revolution



Clusters discovered in Bootes field greatly increase the number of known high redshift clusters [from red to blue].

Potential Applications Include:



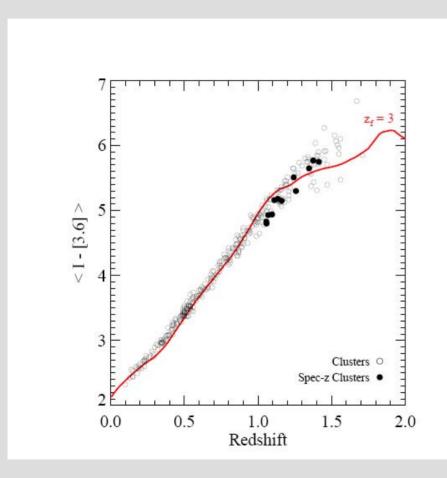
- Comparison of Galaxy Cluster Correlation Function with Predictions of Cosmological Models (Brodwin et al)
- Studies of Evolution of Cluster Galaxies
- Identification of z>1 Supernovae in Dust-Poor Galaxies

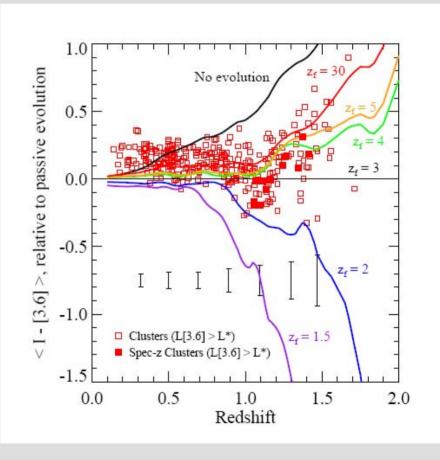




#### "Red Spike" Model Describes Star Formation History of the Clusters







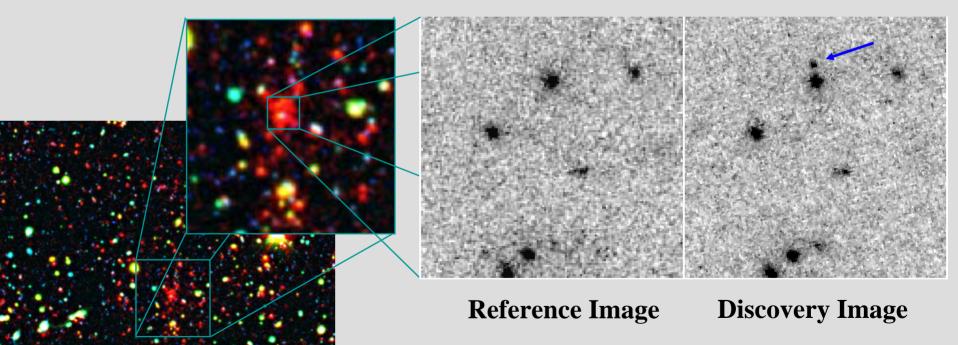
Mean Galaxy Color vs. Cluster Redshift is shown on the left. On the right, the same data are plotted relative to colors of z=3 red spike model



#### **Hubble Searches for Supernovae** in the Clusters Found by Spitzer



Studies of supernovae within galaxies in distant clusters should increase our understanding of the Dark Energy which is accelerating the expansion of the Universe

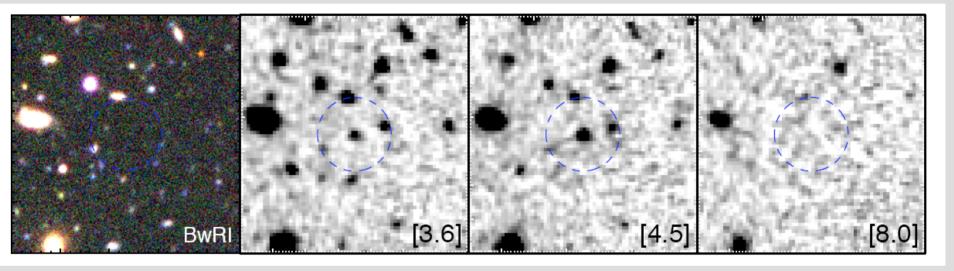


Discovery by Hubble [above] of a supernova in a distant cluster identified by Spitzer [left]



## Late-T Brown Dwarfs in SDWFS – Early Returns (Eisenhardt et al, in press)

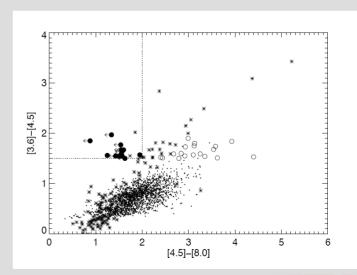




Color Selection [right] identifies candidate objects which are red between 3.6 and 4.5um, and faint in the optical and at 8um [above].

13 such objects are identified in the SDWFS data base

Implications for WISE to be discussed by Eisenhardt

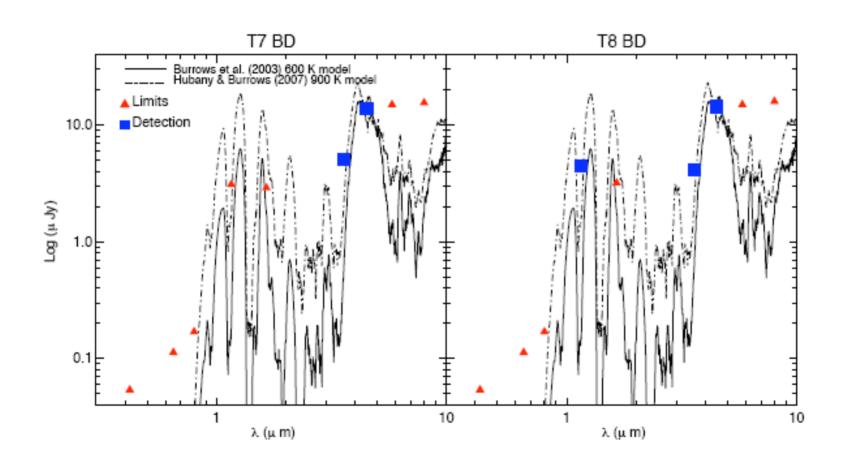






## Spectral classification adds Near IR to SDWFS data Eisenhardt et al, in press





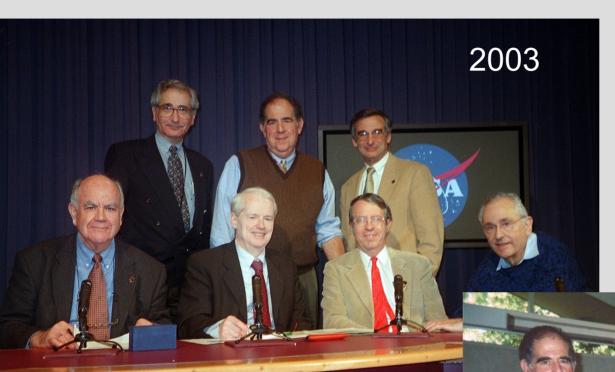




#### Success!



2005



(George Rieke received medal, missed lunch)



#### **Future Attractions**



- Spitzer Warm Mission Features IRAC Bands 1 & 2
  - Spitzer helium exhausted Friday 15 May
  - Check out and characterization of warm IRAC underway
  - Expect to start science observations in July
    - Approved for two years then another senior review
    - Large programs and one year of small programs selected
    - Large programs to be presented at June AAS meeting in Pasadena
    - Next call will be Feb.-Mar. 2010
- Spitzer Science Symposium #6:
  - "Reionization to Exoplanets: Spitzer's Growing Legacy"
     October 26-28 2009, Hilton Hotel, Pasadena CA
    - http://ssc.spitzer.caltech.edu/mtgs/spitzer2009
    - Registration now open

