



Astronomy This Week
January 14, 2008

Department Weekly Events

Astro Coffee – Daily, 10:30 a.m., 4054 McPherson Lab
Stars Lunch – Monday, January 14, 12:30 p.m., 4054 McPherson Lab
AGN Lunch – Wednesday, January 16, 12:30 p.m., 4054 McPherson Lab
Planetarium Show – Wednesday, January 16, 7:00 p.m., 5th Floor Smith Lab
Colloquium – Thursday, January 17, 3:30 p.m., 2015 McPherson: Szymon Kozlowski
The full colloquium schedule can be seen by going to
<http://www.astronomy.ohio-state.edu/Events/Colloquium/>
VISTA – Thursday, January 17, 8:00 p.m., Perkins Observatory: David Weinberg
The full VISTA schedule can be seen by going to
<http://www.perkins-observatory.org/>
Journal Club – Friday, January 18, 12:30 p.m., 2015 McPherson Lab: Rob Siverd
The full Journal Club schedule can be seen by going to
<http://www.astronomy.ohio-state.edu/~sellgren/journalclub.html>

University Offices Closed & No Classes Martin Luther King Day – Monday, January 21st

Absences

Phil Covington, January 16-January 18
Kelly Denney, January 15-January 21
Darren DePoy, January 16-January 18, January 21-January 23, January 27-February 1
Mark Derwent, January 14-January 17, January 24 (PM)
Subo Dong, January 19-January 29
Scott Gaudi, January 21-January 27
Kate Grier, January 15-January 21
Lynn Nair, January 14 (AM), January 22 (PM), January 24-January 25
Tom O'Brien, January 14-January 18
Molly Peeples, January 17-January 21
Anil Pradhan, January 16-January 21
Todd Thompson, January 17-January 18, January 22
Linda Watson, January 14-January 15
David Weinberg, January 15-January 16
Bob Wing, January 16-January 27

Awards

Congratulations to Sultana Nahar! Our congratulations go to Sultana Nahar who was one of three Ohio State University researchers recognized in December by the Bangladesh Association of Central Ohio (BACO) with its "Our Pride Award" to recognize individuals for outstanding contributions to education. Sultana's citation is "In Recognition of Outstanding Achievements in the Field of Astronomy and Physics"

The other recipients were Professor Sheikh Akbar of the Department of Materials Science and Engineering and Professor Saleh Tanveer of the Department of Mathematics.

News & Events

Test of the Emergency Notification System. Wednesday, January 16. There will be a test of the Buckeye Alert System at noon Wednesday (1/16). At that time, the system will be activated and all campus telephones and any registered cellular telephones will begin to receive a voice or text message clearly identified as a test. Additionally, messages will be broadcast across the university's cable television network, on the osu.edu Web site and through a mass e-mail to all Ohio State e-mail account holders. The test is being conducted to determine the effectiveness of the university's emergency notification system. To have your number included, register on the Buckeye Alert System by Thursday (1/10) at <https://buckeyealert.osu.edu/notify/index.php>

W-2 Statements Can Be Received Online. Deadline is Wednesday, January 16th. Human Resources is reminding employees that they can register to receive an online, printable version of their W-2 Wage and Tax Statement. Once registered, the W-2 statement will be posted on a secure Web site in late January. The employee will receive an e-mail notification when the W-2 is available, along with instructions for retrieval. Employees must register by Wednesday (1/16) to receive their 2007 W-2 online. Anyone who signs up for the online option will not receive a copy of the W-2 statement in the mail. Employees who have previously registered to receive their W-2 information online do not need to register again. Details are [available online](#).

YPFH Incentive Program Kicks Off New Year. Ring in a new year of wellness by joining the 2008 Your Plan for Health Faculty and Staff Incentive Program. Benefit-eligible employees (regardless of health plan membership) who have taken their Personal Health Assessment (PHA) can earn up to 125 points (up to \$125, less payroll taxes) for participating in health-related activities. Visit yourplanforhealth.com and click on "2008 Incentive Program" for information on activities, points and program guidelines.

Free Campus Health Screens for Faculty & Staff Begin January 7. The calendar for campus health screenings is once again wide open, with appointments available beginning Monday (1/7/08). Faculty and staff are encouraged to take advantage of the free benefit annually to track blood pressure, cholesterol, glucose, weight and height. The health values obtained in the screening can be used to complete the Personal Health Assessment, which this year qualifies you to participate in the 2008 Incentive Program and can earn you a discount on your monthly medical premiums. Appointments are available daily at eight campus locations, including Pfahl Hall, Means Hall and the Science and Engineering Library, and at five mobile sites. Schedule your health screening online at <http://yourplanforhealth.com> (click on "Assessing Your Health Risks") or call 292-1050

Discounts

There are many ongoing discounts available at the following web page:
<http://hr.osu.edu/special/discounts.aspx>

Please send any news items by Friday at 5:00 pm to Kristy Scheckelhoff at kristy@astronomy.ohio-state.edu