

Edition #1

Department Newsletter

December 2023



WELCOME

The new monthly Department of Astronomy newsletter is designed to improve communication across all groups in the department. Feedback and suggestions are welcome.

DEPARTMENT UPDATES

David Weinberg's term as chair concludes in 2024 and the department is conducting a search for a new chair. The search committee encourages input from members of the department as part of this process. Meetings between chair candidates and the department will take place in January.

AWARDS & SUCCESS

Dominick Rowan is a recipient of the OSU Presidential Fellowship for 2023-24. Senior undergraduate Huihao Zhang's [first author paper](#) was accepted by AJ. Sydney Petz's first first-author paper was recently accepted to [MNRAS](#). Sultana Nahar hosted Vice Chancellor Prof. Sibaram Khara of Sharda University for possible joint programs with OSU. She also led a successful REU initiative at India's Aligarh Muslim University that was highlighted in the November APS Newsletter. **Congratulations to all!**

OUTREACH UPDATES & OPPORTUNITIES

Planetarium training will be taking place in December and Astronomy on Tap has talk dates starting in January. Contact Wayne Schlingman ([schlingman.4](#)) if you are interested in either opportunity.

DEI COMMITTEE UPDATES

The DEI Committee will be circulating a Department-wide Engagement Survey in December. The results will inform DEI committee efforts in the spring. Please submit any spring DJC topics/speaker suggestions to Laura Lopez ([lopez.513](#)).

OBSERVING FACILITY UPDATES

The LBT will be hosting a conference on "Direct Imaging and Characterization of Exoplanets in the ELT Era" - April 11-23 2024 (<https://www.lbto.org/exo24/>). Students are encouraged to attend.

ASCTECH UPDATES

Please remember to leave your desktops powered on when leaving for break. While off campus please email asctech@osu.edu to submit a ticket regarding IT issues.

Upcoming Events

TALKS

Dec 5, 12:00pm: Nepomuk Otte (GA Tech)
Title: Trinity the PeV Neutrino Observatory
CCAPP Seminar

Dec 12, 12:00pm: Don M Dixon (Vanderbilt)
Title: Rotationally Driven Ultraviolet
Emission of Red Giant Stars II. Metallicity,
Binarity and Sub-subgiants
CCAPP Seminar

Jan 25, 3:00pm: Ting Li (University of
Toronto)
Title: TBA
Colloquium

OTHER EVENTS

Dec 6: Last Day of Classes

Dec 7: Reading Day

Dec 14: Last Day of Finals

Dec 22: Department closes for the Holiday

Dec 25, 26, & Jan 1: University Closed

Jan 2: Department re-opens for 2024

Jan 7-11: AAS Meeting

Jan 8: First Day of Spring Classes

Jan 11, 12:30pm: DEI Committee
DJC - Welcome back - Spring 2024

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Toronto)

*DJC - International Students in the U.S.:
Students, Mentors, and the Community*

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The same address can be used to submit events and website updates. Please submit events early to allow plenty of notice; titles and abstracts can be added closer to the date.



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