

Department Newsletter

June 2025



AWARDS & SUCCESS

Scott Gaudi has been selected to be a member of the [Habitable Worlds Observatory](#) Community Science and Instrument Team. Sultana Nahar has been appointed in the Membership Advisory Committee for Astronomy of the UNESCO's World Academy of Sciences. **Congratulations!**

SURP UPDATES/OPPORTUNITIES

The 2025 [Summer Undergraduate Research Program](#) (SURP) kicked off on May 5 and will run through July 16. The students working with us this summer are Adam Ballas, Erin Bernthold, Greg Costa, Jackson Datkuliak, Sabrina Fortunak, Joe Ghammashi, Jake Kamen, Brandon Lam, Lap Nguyen, Sophie Olsen, Deeti Patel, Mingyi Xu, Lily Yu and Daniel Zurawski.

Feel free to pop down to the SURP venue (McPherson 2015) and say hi to this year's SURPEES! All are welcome to attend the **SURP Symposium on July 14** where this year's cohort will be showcasing their hard work over the summer. Contact Lindsay (westraadt.2) for any other information about SURP.

PLANETARIUM UPDATES - WAYFINDERS SHOW

On Monday June 16 at 3pm, please join us in the planetarium for a preview of the new "Wayfinders" show about Polynesian navigation. This show is for "friends and family" and will serve as a dress rehearsal for our public shows starting on June 20th.

DEPARTMENT FACILITIES: SINGLE-OCCUPANCY RESTROOM

After 2+ years of effort from members across the Department and University, the single-occupancy restroom located on the 1st floor of McPherson is now complete! Located at the north end of the building (McPherson 1049), this space also includes an adult changing table.

ASCTECH/IRIS UPDATES

Intel compiler updates: As previously advertised, linux desktops, servers, the Unity cluster, and machines at OSC will lose access to Intel compiler version 19 and older this summer. Newer compiler versions will be available via module load on ASC systems. Please email asctech@osu.edu if you need assistance.

OTDI provided storage: The storage space reductions expected in Summer 2025 for Microsoft Cloud services have been [paused after user feedback](#). This is to allow more time to understand user issues and to find alternative solutions for storage needs.

For current news stories, visit <https://astronomy.osu.edu/news>

Upcoming Events

COLLOQUIUM

No more colloquia until next semester ☹️

OTHER EVENTS

Mon June 16, 3:00pm: Wayfinders
Planetarium Show

Talks

Fri June 13, 11:30am: Dominick Rowan (OSU)
Ph.D. Defense – Characterizing Stars and Compact Objects with Binary Systems in the Era of All-Sky Surveys

Mon June 16, 11:00am: Caprice Phillips (OSU)
Ph.D. Defense – Climbing the Compositional Ladder of Gas Dwarfs, Brown Dwarfs and Stars

A list of upcoming events can also be found at <https://astronomy.osu.edu/events>

Submit events and news: astro-webrequests@osu.edu

CCAPP MMA-SETI WORKSHOP

CCAPP is hosting a 2-day [hybrid workshop](#) to connect the research communities of high-energy and multimessenger astronomy, and the Search for Extraterrestrial Intelligence (SETI). Registration closes on June 2, with the workshop taking place on June 23-24.

MONDA STUDENT RESOURCE CENTER

The newly opened [Monda Student Resource Center](#) enhances students' holistic and essential needs by providing resources and support. The center serves as a one-stop shop for students with services including clothing and food, emergency financial assistance, and support for parenting students and community resources.

FALL EVENTS AND MISSING EVENT LISTINGS

As event and talk schedules begin to be organized for the fall semester, please make sure to submit these to astro-webrequests@osu.edu. This allows them to be added to the department website, display screens, and be included in the newsletter.