

# Department Newsletter

## September 2025



### AWARDS & SUCCESS

Work by **Raquel Forés-Toribio** and the ASAS-SN team has been [highlighted in OSU News](#). Prof. Sultana Nahar has been appointed as an Honorary Professor of Science at the University of Jordan and has been featured in the [OSU Voices of Excellence podcast](#). **Congratulations to all!**

### DEPARTMENT RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

Join us on **Thursday Sept 4th** as OSU faculty and staff highlight their research and activities in our annual research symposium. This event is intended to introduce new and existing department and CCAPP members to our many current pursuits. The event is open to everyone and will take place in McPherson 4054 and on Zoom.

### ISL UPDATES: MODS DETECTOR UPGRADE

August saw the successful completion of the detector readout electronics upgrade for the MODS spectrographs at the Large Binocular Telescope (LBT). This multi-year project, led by members of the Imaging Sciences Laboratory (ISL), replaces aging hardware and will allow successful instrument operation in the years ahead. **Congratulations to all those involved!**

### LBT USERS MEETING

The next LBT Users and Member Coordinator Meeting will take place [on Zoom](#) on **Friday Sept 12<sup>th</sup> at 10am EDT**. This meeting is an opportunity for the LBT user community to hear about facility and instrument updates for the coming 2025B semester.

### OUTREACH UPDATES: PLANETARIUM TRAINING

If you are interested in giving shows in the planetarium this semester and would like to be in the first cohort of trainees, please email Wayne ([schlingman.4](#)) by **Sept 5**.

### CAREER DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES

The [ASC Center for Career and Professional Success](#) is here to empower grad students and postdocs with resources and opportunities to explore careers outside academia. This includes building durable skills and networks, and preparing for a rewarding professional future. [Career events](#) take place throughout the semester.

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## Upcoming Events

### COLLOQUIUM

**Th Sep 11, 3:00pm:** Michael Tucker (OSU)  
**Title:** The Time-domain Revolution

### OTHER EVENTS

**Th Sep 4:** Astronomy Research-a-palooza  
**Fr Sep 12, 10:00am:** [LBT Users Meeting](#)  
**Wed 17 - Th 18 Sep:** CCAPP Fellows Symposium  
**Mo 22 - Wed 24 Sep:** DESI LyA Workshop

#### Talks

**Sun Sep 7, 3:00pm:** Yuan-Sen Ting (OSU)  
[Science Sundays](#) – “How is AI Changing Science?”  
**Th Sep 25, 8:00pm:** Dr. Andrea Ghez (UCLA)  
[Smith Lecture](#) – “From the Possibility to the Certainty of a Supermassive Black Hole”

#### CCAPP Seminars

**Tu Sep 2, 12:00pm:** Vedant Chandra (Harvard)  
**Tu Sep 9, 12:00pm:** Jennifer Mead (Columbia)  
**Tu Sep 23 12:00pm:** Ellis Owen (RIKEN)  
**Tu Sep 30, 12:00pm:** Gokul Srinivasaragavan (UMD)

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

Submit events and news for the website, display screens and newsletter by emailing: [astro-webrequests@osu.edu](mailto:astro-webrequests@osu.edu)

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### CAMPUS RESOURCES: MSRC

The [Monda Student Resource Center](#) enhances students' holistic, essential needs through resources and support from campus and community partners.

### CAMPUS RESOURCES: POSTDOC ASSOCIATION

The [Ohio State Postdoctoral Association](#) is a volunteer organization that works to support postdoctoral scholars. They host monthly meetings, organize workshops and Postdoc Appreciation Week, and advocate for postdoctoral issues on campus.