

Department Newsletter

October 2024



AWARDS & SUCCESS

September saw the awarding of several 2024 Department Graduate Prizes:

- [The Ann S. Tuttle Citizenship, Engagement, and Outreach Prize](#) was awarded to Alison Duck and Joy Bhattacharyya.
- [The Allan H. Markowitz Award in Observational Astronomy](#) was awarded to Dom Rowan.
- [The Ann S. Tuttle Paper Award](#) was awarded to Sebastian Lopez for his paper titled [X-Ray Properties of NGC 253's Starburst-driven Outflow](#).

Amanda Ash has successfully passed her candidacy exam. Marshall Johnson's proposal, titled "Architectures of Compact Earth/Super-Earth/Neptune Planetary Systems" has received grant funding from NASA's Exoplanet Research Program. September also saw an [article](#) covering Sultana Nahar's successful efforts to make OSU STEM resources visible in the Middle East. **Congratulations to all!**

GRADUATE REPRESENTATIVE UPDATE

Congrats to Joy Bhattacharyya on her successful tenure as graduate representative. Amanda Ash ([ash.172](#)) will be the new graduate representative moving forward. Graduate students can talk to Amanda with any feedback or concerns they have or use the [anonymous feedback form](#).

ISL ACTIVITIES

Mark Derwent and Dan Pappalardo travelled to Kitt Peak in August to upgrade the first of the ten DESI spectrographs with motorized tip/tilt/focus of the collimator mirror. This successful visit will improve the calibration quality and operational efficiency of DESI.

DEPARTMENT WEBSITE PHOTOS AND PROFILES

Don't forget to update your department website profile with your current information and photo. This helps new members of the department get to know you, and your profile is often the top item when someone searches for you online – this is particularly important in job season. Contact Wayne ([schlingman.4](#)) if you need assistance.

ASCTECH UPDATES - VPN CHANGES

The OSU VPN has recently been updated. From October 1, if you use the VPN on a personal device, you will need to update your settings for continued access. See [TeamDynamix](#) for more information.

Upcoming Events

COLLOQUIUM

- Th Oct 17, 3:00pm:** Allison Strom (Northwestern)
Title: TBA
- Th Oct 24, 3:00pm:** Jeremy Tinker (NYU)
Title: TBA
- Th Oct 31, 3:00pm:** Meredith MacGregor (Johns Hopkins)
Title: TBA

OTHER EVENTS

- Th Oct 3, 12:30pm:** OIE Information Session
- Th Oct 10 – Fri Oct 11:** Autumn Break (no classes)
- Wed Oct 16:** [Big Ten Academia Career Fair](#)
- Wed Oct 16:** [JWST Cycle 4 Proposal Deadline](#)
- Sat Oct 19:** [WestFest](#)
- Sat Oct 19:** Annual Tie-Dye Party
- Sun Oct 20 – Wed Oct 26:** [OSU Homecoming Week](#)
- Sun Oct 27:** [FOSAA Event](#)

Talks

- Fr Oct 18, 11:15am:** Jiří Žák (ESO/Friedrich Schiller University)
Exoplanet Group Meeting – Title TBA
- Fr Oct 25, 11:15am:** Mona El Morsy (UT San Antonio)
Exoplanet Group Meeting – Title TBA

DEI

- Th Oct 17, 12:30pm:** Diversity Journal Club
Speakers: Kaz Gary, Xavier Lesley, Joy Bhattacharyya (OSU) - LGBTQ+ Inclusivity and Best Practices
- Th Oct 24, 12:30pm:** Diversity Journal Club
Subject TBA
- Th Oct 31, 12:30pm:** AstroGenMin Lunch

CCAPP Events/Seminars

- Tu Oct 1, 12:00pm:** Price Prize Talk - Hanjue Zhu (Chicago)
- Tu Oct 8, 12:00pm:** Hyebin Jeon (Chicago)
- Tu Oct 15, 12:00pm:** Jingyao Zhu (Columbia)

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

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