

Message from the Chair

The 50th DPS meeting is approaching! Don't miss the regular registration deadline on August 31.

Our banquet will be held at the Knoxville Museum of Art (KMA) and we can visit the galleries from 7-9 pm that evening (Wednesday October 24). The KMA celebrates the art and artists of East Tennessee, presents new art and new ideas, and educates and serves a diverse community. The banquet menu is posted on the DPS webpage and includes selections to satisfy diverse dietary needs (<https://aas.org/meetings/dps50/events#events> [1]). The annual Open-Mic Night (open to all for no cost) will also be held at the KMA following the banquet. Banquet attendees will therefore be in the right place to enjoy the open-mic performances.

Please also note a new event on the schedule at 8-9pm on Thursday -- a dramatic reading of the play *Little Lessons for Lina*. The play, written by University of Tennessee science journalism professor Mark Littmann, is a scientifically and historically accurate account of the life and discoveries of Caroline Herschel, the first woman to be a professional astronomer. There is no fee for attendance.

There are still some spots available for the post-meeting field trips to the Smoky Mountains and Blue Springs cave.

I am looking forward to the Early Career Presenters Review at DPS. We invite early career scientists, including undergraduate and graduate students, postdocs, others early in their careers, and first-time presenter to participate in this year's Early Career Presenters Review at DPS. Join this educational opportunity to receive feedback from seasoned presenters! There are four sessions for this year's DPS Early Career Presenters Review: Sunday October 21 at 3pm, Monday October 22nd at 7am, noon, and 4pm. Early career scientists are invited to practice their oral or poster presentation and receive feedback before presenting during the regular meeting. Participants also have the opportunity to network with their peers and future colleagues. Registration is free but required for participants: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DPS_18_EC [2].

We are also looking for scientists to participate in this year's review. Your commitment will be 1 to 1.5 hours and is an important way to give valuable early career scientists. Please email Sanlyn Buxner (buxner at psi.edu) to participate or with any questions.

As we are approaching this landmark DPS meeting, I hope you enjoy the updated photo gallery of images from previous DPS meetings: <https://photos.aas.org/DPS> [3]

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