Happy Summer!

The 61st Alpheus Smith Lecture with Nobel Laureate, Anne L'Huillier, will take place at the Fawcett Center on Friday, August 16th, at 7:30 pm! More information at this link.
Upcoming Events
May 27th- Memorial Day Holiday

photo: John Beacom

Full Department
This past weekend, the Aurora Borealis was visible all over the country, even as far south as Arizona! The following video, provided by Professor Klaus Honscheid, shows a time lapse video from the all sky camera at Kitt Peak Observatory. Enjoy!
Aurora_051124.mp4 (sharepoint.com)

Staff
North Market staff event
The Arts and Sciences Staff Advisory Council will be hosting an all-staff event at the downtown North Market. We’ll provide meal vouchers for attendees, so whatever you’re craving, your meal is on us. Managers are encouraged to allow staff time away to connect with colleagues. Our two event dates are Tuesday, May 21 from 3 p.m. – 5 p.m. and Wednesday, May 22 from 11 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Graduate Students

Summer term graduation details and deadlines

Deadlines:
May 24th - submit application to graduate on GRADFORMS
July 12th - examinations and reports due if you want to walk in the August 4th commencement
August 15th - last day of employment
Students applying to graduate this summer will be sent an invitations for a Zoom open office hour to go over the deadlines for the final semester including going over individual timelines for attending students. The Zoom office hour will be held on Thursday, June 9th at 1:30 pm.

**Thesis timeline and process**

**Before final semester**
Check your earned credit hours and verify that you will have 80 credit hours when you complete your final semester. Discuss with Advisor when to schedule PhD exam. You must be enrolled for the term you will finish your degree.

**Before the start of the term and no later than the 2nd Friday after the term starts**
Submit your Application to Graduate in GRADFORMS.

**First Weeks of the Term**
Set and confirm PhD Oral Exam date with advisor and your other 3 committee members.

**At least 3 weeks before date of PhD Oral Exam**
Schedule room in Physics Research Building* and submit “Application for Final Exam” form on GRADFORMS.
Send advisor and committee members your thesis draft.

**No later than 14 days before PhD Oral Exam date**
Monitor your approvals for your “Application for Final Exam” form on gradforms.osu.edu on the history tab. Status Pending means department approvals needed. Pending-GS means all department approvals received and pending Graduate School approval. Pending GS will be the status on your form until a few days before your oral defense date. The exam location will be needed to complete the "Application for Final Exam" form.

Undergo dissertation format check by/at the Graduate School. See https://gradsch.osu.edu/format-review-and-submission for more information. Starting November 2020, students will need to send an e-mail, including their full name and University ID number, to grad-schoolgraduationservices@osu.edu to request the format check. The Graduate
School will respond by sending the student a link via which they may upload their document for review.

**Approximately 7 days before PhD Oral Exam date**
Deliver copy of dissertation to Graduate Faculty Representative.

Check logistics of exam including room, projector, *zoom or other video application for any members participating remotely.  * ([See PDF for using Zoom for oral defense.](#))

**Day of PhD Oral Exam**
Deliver your defense. (Total exam period including deliberation by committee is at most 2 hours.)

**Day After PhD Oral Exam**
Verify all committee members recorded their approval on your "Report on Final Examination" form on gradforms.osu.edu under the History tab. Monitor for associated deadlines for current semester graduation or End of Semester (EOS) option.

Make revisions to written thesis as specified by committee and submit to advisor.

**Before deadline to submit final dissertation**
Create new registration for [Ohio Link here](#). You must use your name.#@buckeyemail.osu.edu as your email address as no other email will work. After receiving a password via email, you can reset your password and log in to your account.

**Deadline 8 AM for last business day of current semester graduation OR the End of Semester (EOS) option.**
To upload your thesis on [OhioLink](#) according to the associated deadlines for current semester graduation or End of Semester (EOS) options, from their right menu select Electronic Thesis Dissertation Center (ETD) and you log on their search page for dissertations. At the top right of the page, click "Submit your Thesis or Dissertation" text and then "Go to ETD Submission Site" link on that page and that finally takes you to the login page. Please note that multiple parts, such as the abstract, must be uploaded individually and checked for formatting. Also, you must enter your committee names, key words for search results, and select information about copyright and publication which will
take 15-45 min if you check all your information.

If you will be transferring to a Post Doc or Research Staff position, please discuss with your advisor by the midpoint of a semester. We are required to start all hiring and transfers in Workday at least 6 weeks before the start of the next term. If you delay your request to later in the semester, your start date will need to be moved forward accordingly to allow time for approvals and processing.

*email moloney.38@osu.edu with the following details:

- date and time of Oral Exam
- 2 preferred conference rooms, in case one is already booked

**Other important details**

Your post candidacy period only lasts for 5 years and you can only extend it only by 1 semester by filing a Committee and Examination Petition on gradforms.osu.edu BEFORE the end of the semester your candidacy expires. Check your General Info tab in SIS under “Student Groups” to note the date of your exam.

On your Application to Graduate, please do NOT check the box “EOS” for end of semester even if you know for sure you won’t be defending by the mid semester deadline as this can cause problems if you check it and you do end up defending before the semester deadline to have your degree awarded for the current term. If you will schedule AFTER the mid semester deadline the system will automatically switch you over to “EOS” for End of Semester as your graduation option so you don’t need to do anything to select that as an option. Your form to schedule your PhD thesis defense exam (Application for Final Exam) is also online on gradforms.osu.edu and it is required to be APPROVED by ALL committee members at least 2 weeks (14 calendar days) before the date of your oral defense therefore you need to submit your thesis draft to your committee 3 weeks (19-21 days) BEFORE your oral defense or 1 week (5 to 7 days) before the 14 day approval deadline for the Application for Final Exam. These milestone deadlines are included in the attachments and on the Physics grad webpage about final semester and thesis exam for easier tracking.

Physics graduate page for “PhD Exam and Thesis Info”
Submit your news items to scopel.6@osu.edu by 5pm, Thursday.

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