

# ***PHYSICS AND ASTRONOMY***

**Faculty and Staff Award Honorees - 2024**



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# *Robert Austin - Lecturer*

## Outstanding Service Award



Robert is being honored for updating the curriculum for the two-semester Descriptive Astronomy course - specifically the laboratory portions of the course. This course is intended for non-physics majors and thus serves as a science elective for many students across the university. Robert's dedication to teaching and updating this course has improved many students' relationship with the physical sciences.

# *Austin Beidelman – Demonstration Assistant*

## Customer Service Award



Austin is being honored for introducing some of our new faculty to the art of using lecture demos and for serving the demo needs of our large-lecture mechanics classes at an outstanding level. In addition, the Department has benefited numerous times by his efforts with recording seminar talks.

# *Lindsey Eggold - Senior Graduate Coordinator*

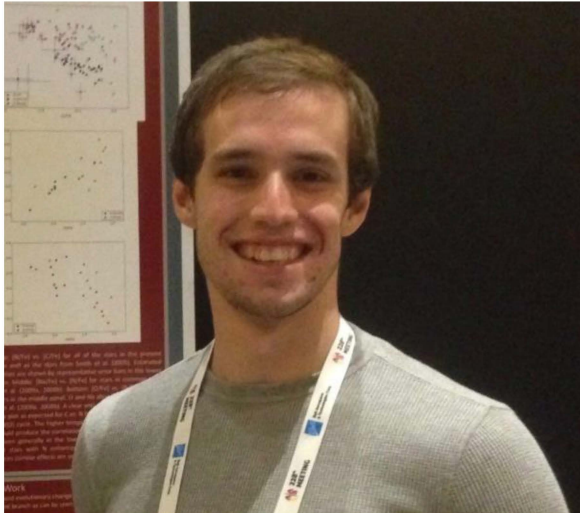
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Lindsey is being recognized for the critical point of contact she serves between the department and our graduate students from before their arrival in town until they leave with their degree. Her professional and friendly attitude, coupled with her dedication to our student's progress and well-being, are the keys to the success of our graduate program.

# *Jeffrey Gerber - Lecturer*

## Outstanding Service Award



Jeff is being honored for his dedication to teaching, as well as mentoring approximately a dozen undergraduate students through either honor's college contracts or a research course developed and coordinated by him in the area of Astronomy. Jeff's dedication to go above-and-beyond in teaching a hands-on research experience to our undergraduates is invaluable to the students and greatly appreciated by the department.

# *Sonia Hill - Administrative Assistant*

## Customer Service Award



Sonia is being honored for her work in a busy two-person office which unexpectedly became a one-person office earlier this year. Her excellent customer service skills and professional attitude made what looked to be an impossible job, taking care of a large group of faculty and assuming the planning of the REU summer program, appear easy. Sonia consistently supports whoever in the department needs assistance with professionalism.

# *Lan Luo - Laboratory Chemist*

## Leadership Award



Lan is being honored for her work in the PRIME Lab Be and Al extraction operation, an area that has historically needed two people to cover the responsibilities, but which is now solely overseen by Lan. She supervises students in the physical separation laboratory, does the ion chromatography, and still finds time to do the final calculations involving combing AMS results with quantitative measurements from the chemistry lab. She also works with collaborators in China on new applications of cosmogenic nuclides. Her organizational skills and work ethic have contributed to substantial increases in our productivity.

# *Brian Mason - Tandem Accelerator Laboratory Engineer*

## Professional Achievement Award



Brian is being recognized for his work overseeing all computer control systems in PRIME Lab. This is a position that didn't used to exist, but because most all instruments and beam line components are now computer controlled, some exclusively so, this is a significant task. In the last year, he took over the data acquisition system, specifically a massive upgrade that will almost double our throughput. None of us thought he would get this done as quickly as he has and so far it looks to work flawlessly on the bench.



# *Robin Sipes - Associate Administrative Assistant*

## Customer Service Award



Robin is being recognized for her work on departmental large exams. She prepares them for duplication, stuffs boxes with the right number of exam copies, scantrons, calculators and pencils. She also takes care of taking completed scantrons to IDP and arranging make-up exams. Since professors have various rules for evening exams, she needs to keep track of these requests plus all special situations like missed or incorrect PUID numbers. Robin completes these tasks with full commitment, many times, staying late to finish exam preparation or checking if all materials are complete and ready. This recognition is also deserved for her management of other things like helping students in room 144, ordering supplies and organizing the final grades archive.

# *Laura Urba - Lecturer*

## Outstanding Service Award



Laura is being honored for the dedication she has shown to both the teaching of larger service classes and attention to the logistics of large, multi-section classes. Her help in coordinating multiple mid-terms and exams, and in mentoring the rather large group of teaching assistants assigned to such courses is invaluable to the department as a whole.

# ***CONGRATULATIONS!***

Thank you to all of our honorees for your persistent efforts to create a culture of respect, inclusion, innovation and growth.

We appreciate you!



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