

Dobrodošli!

Astronomy Graduate Student Organization

Welcome! Now What Are We?

But First...

Introduce ourselves.

- Name
- Year in the program
- Research/interest
- If you can answer any question, what would it be?

The Purpose

- Elevate student issues to faculty
- Foster grad student community, e.g. EGB, tea time, cume and comp. orals support, leading while being happy 😊
- Get travel funding from the Associated Students of NMSU (ASNMSU) Senate and the Graduate Student Council (GSC)
- Provide support for outreach
- ...and whatever else we can pull off!

Meetings @ (MAYBE): Fridays 12:10pm in the Conference Room

This Academic Year, Your Officers Are...

- **PRESIDENT: Samir**, general leadership*, attend faculty meetings representing grad students
- **TREASURER: ____**, help with travel funding, represent us at GSC
- **VICE PRESIDENTS: Anna, Annie, and Khagendra**, coordinate outreach events
- **SECRETARY: Tim**, take meeting notes, unofficial court jester

- **UNION REPRESENTATIVE: Ezra**, attend GWU General meetings, represent us there, report latest GWU news
- **UNDERGRADUATE LIAISONS: Julio & ____**, report undergrad events, run Astro FRIENDS
- **IA COORDINATORS: Anna & Julio**, coordinate Inclusive Astronomy meetings
- **VOICE OF THE UNIVERSE: Priscilla**, write & post for the Astro website & social media

- **HAYASHI TRACKER: Bill**, support the first years
- **WEBMASTER: April**, keep the AGSO website and student Directory pages up to date
- **EXTRAGALACTIC BEER LEADER: Asif**, advertise social events, plan the Cabin Trip®
- **TEATIME OVERLORD: Maya**, get everyone to drink tea and/or coffee (or not) with treats and socialize

(*:somehow)

Can Find Info @ Our AGSO Websites!

astro.nmsu.edu: then
Organizations > AGSO

Or

<https://astro.nmsu.edu/organizations/agso.html>

Bookmark it! Resources for:

- Teaching
- Funding
- Servers
- Printing
- Outreach & telescopes
- Residency
- International Students
- Housing
- Stuff to do in general in LC
- ...and more!

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Astronomy Graduate Student Organization

Welcome to the [NMSU](#) Astronomy Graduate Student Organization website! The AGSO was created to interface the astronomy graduate students with the more general student organizations ([ASNMSU](#), [GSC](#)) and the [astronomy department](#). In this website we've compiled advice and information for incoming and current graduate students. Below you will find information on our officers and some of the activities we are involved in. Curious about previous students? Check out the [astronomy department alumni page](#).

AGSO Officers

NAME	POSITION
Previous officers, don't worry	President
	Vice-President(s)
	Secretary
	Treasurer + GSC Rep
	Inclusive Astro Coordinator(s)
	Cume Czar
	Website Manager
Tea Time Overlord	
Extragalactic Beer Leader	
Liaison(s) to Undergraduate Affairs	

Why are some names over here?

AGSO

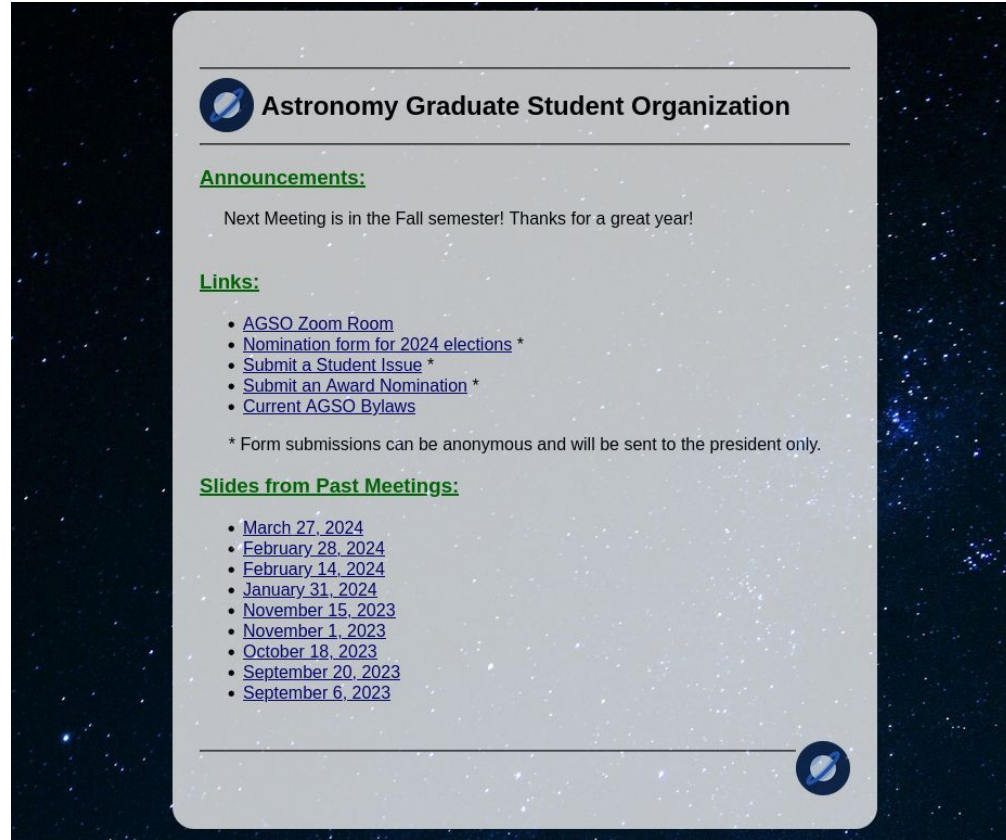
- What We Do
- Recreation In Las Cruces
- Skills Database
- Care of Peers
- Aggie IDs and Parking Permits
- NMSU Student Life
- Housing and Cost of Living
- Graduate School Form Guide
- Funding and Reimbursement
- International Students
- Teaching
- Labs
- Observatory & Outreach
- Telescope Guide
- Activities
- Printing
- LaTeX
- Webspace & Websites


Yes, Websites

<https://astronomy.nmsu.edu/agso/>

Also bookmark it! Here you can do important things like:

- Report issues anonymously
- See our bylaws
- See past slides (maybe???)
- Nominate for AGSO awards
- Nominate for elections when happening



 **Astronomy Graduate Student Organization**

Announcements:

Next Meeting is in the Fall semester! Thanks for a great year!


Links:

- [AGSO Zoom Room](#)
- [Nomination form for 2024 elections](#) *
- [Submit a Student Issue](#) *
- [Submit an Award Nomination](#) *
- [Current AGSO Bylaws](#)

* Form submissions can be anonymous and will be sent to the president only.

Slides from Past Meetings:

- [March 27, 2024](#)
- [February 28, 2024](#)
- [February 14, 2024](#)
- [January 31, 2024](#)
- [November 15, 2023](#)
- [November 1, 2023](#)
- [October 18, 2023](#)
- [September 20, 2023](#)
- [September 6, 2023](#)



You Got Stuff To Do!

TO-DO: Events of the Department

- **OUTREACH!!!** (gotta do 2 events minimum per year)
- Colloquium @ Fridays at 3pm when scheduled: expected there in-person or Zoom
- Pizza Lunch @ Mondays at 12pm when scheduled: informal talks and they got pizza! (donations appreciated with est. \$1 per slice)
- Astro-ph @ (TBD): half-hour paper talks, 2nd+ years expected to give at least one per semester
- Inclusive Astronomy @ (TBD, sometime early September): voice IDEA issues in the department & workshop solutions, VERY nice if you can join!

Read up what you need to do on the student handbook!

TO-DO: Directory Websites

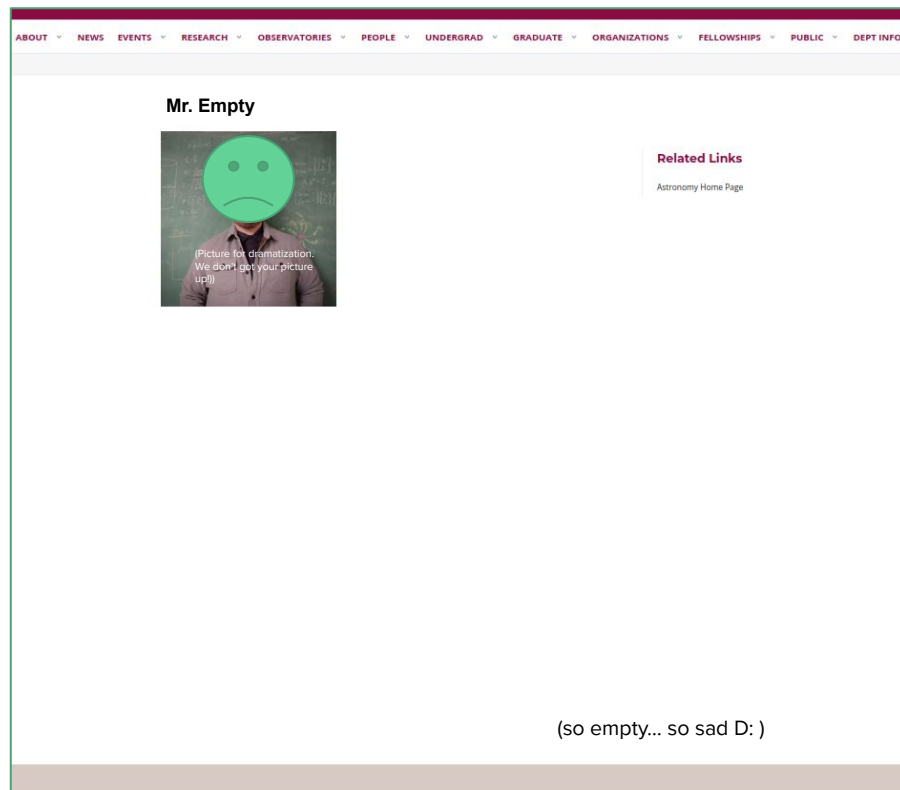
Congrats! You have a public-facing website! Use it! An empty website is a sad website...

astro.nmsu.edu > People > Directory, then look for your name.

What you can put in:

- A nice picture of you!
- Research interest & who you work with
- Education & where from
- Teaching and outreach done
- Link to your personal website
- (this is the shortened form of your CV)

Contact **April** to update. Talk with your advisor for ideas what to put in.



Important Resources

The Graduate Workers' Union

What we are fighting for:

- Tuition coverage
- Fair wages
- Health insurance
- Working grievance process

Currently got:

- Grievance process
- Partial coverage way after upfront
- Full-time waiver for last year in PhD (last semester if MSc)
- 12% raise in 2023 from 2022
- Intl. students can acquire NM Marketplace plan and not go bankrupt with GeoHealth o.w.t.f.i.w

CAN DO MORE! You can join by signing a union card and pay 1.4% back as dues:

<https://nmsugrads.ueunion.org/> (This is a TO-DO....)

This year is tuition and wages negotiation. Sign those cards to increase the power of the union! Talk with **Ezra** for more info about the union.



"I support the union because I..."

"I support the union because the NMSU administration refuses to..."

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"NMSU Graduate Workers are as important and vital to the teaching and research mission of NMSU as are the faculty. They work extremely hard, put in the required long hours to get the job done, and engage in and contribute directly to many of the same activities as do the faculty. Their work brings success to the undergraduate student body, visibility and prestige to the university, and research dollars that, in many cases, covers their own salaries! Since the university continues to treat them as expendable and transient cheap labor, I support efforts that would lead to collective bargaining for improved working conditions for Graduate Workers."

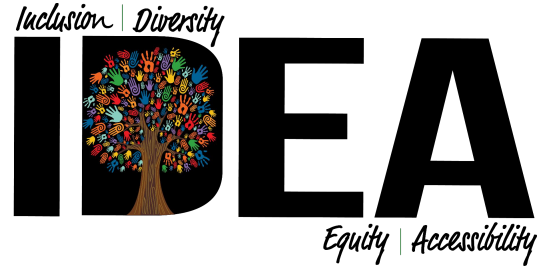
NMSU GRADUATE WORKERS UNITED

Chris Churchill
Professor,
Astronomy
Department

Learn More: nmsugrads.ueunion.org

Inclusive Astronomy

- Start date TBD, likely first week of September.
- Inclusivity, Diversity, Equity, and Accessibility (IDEA) group for Astronomy Department.
 - **Strongly** recommended that all without schedule conflicts attend.
- For topic suggestions, please use the following google form: <https://forms.gle/9SrnHw4Wyeo1PLkw9>
 - All in our Department free to suggest a topic! Either to present or invite a speaker.
- **Julio & Anna** are the coordinators, faculty coordinator TBD.



Topic Suggestion Form

For any topic suggestions of Inclusivity, Diversity, Equity, and/or Accessibility (IDEA) in or related to the field of Astronomy, please indicate those in the appropriate areas!

Outreach

- We are **heavily** involved in community outreach and participation geared towards furthering STEM education.
 - Opportunity for graduates to fulfill any outreach requirements attached to funding.
 - VPs track hours, but you have to tell us by email when you complete an event, **they will not ask.**
- All students are **required** by the handbook to participate in 2 outreach events per academic year (can do 1 per semester).
 - Though please feel free to do more than 2 events per year! (Perhaps there is a treat...)
- Reach out to **Annie, Anna, and Khagendra,** and the staff coordinator **Zach.**



Funding

There are scholarships/fellowships:

- New Mexico Space Grant (\$10,000 / year)
- NSF GRFP (4 year funding, **last chance to apply Fall of your second year**)
- NASA ASTAR/MUREP/NFA (literally a new name every year)
- FINESST
- Department Awards (Zia, Pegasus, Rappaport, Murrell)

There are university sources for traveling:

- GSC: up to \$500 for conference travel, once a semester. Receive reimbursements after submitting receipts. Must present research at GRAS or RCW. Must do outreach. Must attend 2 GSC meetings.
- ASNMSU: a Graduate Senator must sponsor a bill for you well in advance of your trip (bill has to pass 4 votes). 5 hours community service required for every \$3000 requested.
- College of Arts & Sciences: you submit a form for up to \$600 for the an upcoming trip. Do it well in advance.



Campus Health and Wellbeing

NMSU Aggie Health and Wellness Center

Monday to Friday, 8am – 11:30am and 1pm – 5pm (lunch break in the middle). Can make an appointment or urgent walk-in.

Services:

- General Healthcare*
- Mental health & counseling*
- Immunizations
- X-rays
- Laboratory
- Pharmacy
- Reproductive health

(*: free for students options)



And now...

The Graduate Students As...



*: based on shows Samir has seen.

†: no Disney, no musical movies, no movie adaptations; gotta be plays originally (kinda...)

a: some based on recordings.

1: all this is surface level; do not read into anything.

y: they may not have started (or been) on Broadway....

7th Year (Tequila Sunrise) as...

The
PHANTOM
of the
OPERA



6th Year (Mark's Memers) as...

BARNUM



5th Year (The Zoomers) as...

WICKED



4th Year (Jon's Test Subjects) as...



3rd Year (Mint—Fuckin'—Standard) as...

H★MILTON



2nd Year (The Next Joneration) as...



RENT

1st Year (TBD) as...



Remember the Staff, They Make the Production Possible!



Riah



Zach



Lydia

Disclaimer: Samir hates musicals.

That's It!

Remember to update your website, join the GWU, go to department events, use the AGSO websites, and drink your milk!