



Astronomy@250

The 2026 Astro Society Conference

Schedule at a Glance



Start (PT)	THURSDAY, AUGUST 27	Start (ET)
9:00 AM	Conference Kickoff & Networking + First time attendees breakout	12:00 PM
9:30 AM	Welcome and Introduction to Astronomy@250 (Hakeem Oluseyi)	12:30 PM
10:00 AM	Workshops/Panels Session 1	1:00 PM
11:00 AM	Break	2:00 PM
11:15 AM	Workshops/Panels Session 2	2:15 PM
12:15 PM	Break	3:15 PM
12:30 PM	PLENARY 1 - Knowing the Sky: Indigenous Knowledge Systems and How We Understand the Cosmos with Ka'iulani Murphy & Hilding Nielsen, Host: Jameeka Marshall	3:30 PM
1:30 PM	Q&A/Networking	4:30 PM
2:15 PM	Break	5:15 PM
2:30 PM	Workshops/Panels Session 3	5:30 PM
3:30 PM	End of Day 1	6:30 PM
5:00 PM	Public Event: The Life & Times of Nancy Grace Roman (Panel with Linda Shore, Jessica Harris, Meg Urry, & Rachael Beaton, moderated by France Cordova)	8:00 PM
Start (PT)	FRIDAY, AUGUST 28	Start (ET)
8:00 AM	Workshops/Panels Session 4	11:00 AM
9:00 AM	PLENARY 2 - Who Gets to Discover the Universe? KeShawn Ivory, Enrico Ramirez-Ruiz, Emily Rice, Host: Raquell Holmes	12:00 PM
10:00 AM	Q&A/Networking	1:00 PM
10:45 AM	Break	1:45 PM
11:00 AM	1 st Poster Session	2:00 PM
12:00 PM	Break	3:00 PM
12:15 PM	Workshops/Panels Session 5	3:15 PM
1:15 PM	Break	4:15 PM
1:30 PM	PLENARY 3 - How We Learned to See the Universe with Bart Fried, Kim Arcand, and Jennifer Wiseman, Host: Rachel Freed	4:30 PM
2:30 PM	Q&A/Networking	5:30 PM
3:15 PM	Summary Day 2	6:15 PM
3:30 PM	End of Day 2	6:30 PM
Start (PT)	SATURDAY, AUGUST 29	Start (ET)
8:00 AM	Workshops/Panels Session 6	11:00 AM
9:00 AM	PLENARY 4 - Imagining the Next 250 Years of Astronomy with Ashley Walker, Loretta Hidalgo Whitesides, Eric Mamajek, and Chris Impey, Host: Tom Rice	12:00 PM
10:00 AM	Q&A/Networking	1:00 PM
10:45 AM	Break	1:45 PM
11:00 AM	Workshops/Panels Session 7	2:00 PM
12:00 PM	Break	3:00 PM
12:15 PM	2 nd Poster Session	3:15 PM
1:15 PM	Break	4:15 PM
1:30 PM	PLENARY 5 - Preparing Humanity for the Next 250 Years with Dakotah Tyler, Katy Rodriguez Wemberly, Franck Marchis, and Mike Simmons, Host: Vivian White	4:30 PM
2:30 PM	Q&A/Networking	5:30 PM
3:00 PM	Conference Summary: Dr. Ronald Gamble (Visual Storyteller in Residence)	6:00 PM
3:30 PM	Conference End	6:30 PM

Celebrating 250 Years of Astronomy in the United States

astrosociety.org