

INTERDISCIPLINARY STEM SEMINAR SERIES  
(Science Technology Engineering Mathematics)



Women in ASTRONOMY:  
*“Holding up Half the Sky”*

Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, Reuter Center, Room 102A  
4:30 PM to 6:00 PM

*Speaker:*

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Women have been making major contributions to the progress of astronomical knowledge in Western Science since at least the days of Caroline Herschel (1750-1848), though they have historically enjoyed limited professional recognition. This talk will highlight some of the most prominent early advances in astronomy that were made possible through the efforts of female astronomers. The social progress in recent decades will also be discussed, as well as the persistent barriers facing women and other minoritized groups in astronomy, and the ongoing efforts to improve diversity and inclusion in the field.