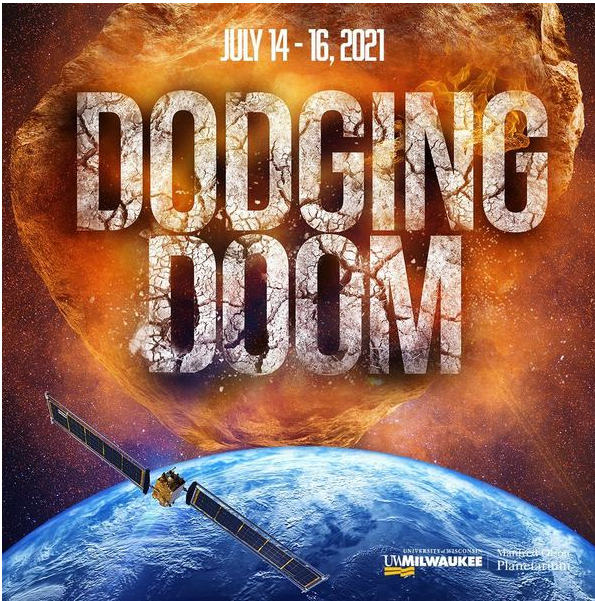


Summer Features



Dodging Doom

Protecting the Planet from Perilous Asteroids

Wednesday, July 14 and Friday, July 16, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Virtual: YouTube

This summer, NASA's new planetary defense mission DART (Double Asteroid Redirection Test) begins its journey towards the near-Earth asteroid, Didymos, where it will attempt to alter the trajectory of the asteroid's moon. Join us in an exploration of Earth's history with asteroids, then take a glimpse into the future of planetary defense against possible threats and learn how you can become a defender of Earth!

Shooting Stars and Meteor Showers

Friday, August 6, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.

Virtual: YouTube

Many know shooting stars for the striking trails of light they give off, but their name is misleading since they are neither shooting nor stars. These light trails, also known as meteors, are fragments of either comets or asteroids. Find out how to witness these mesmerizing light trails for yourself!



Full Moon Hike and Full Moon Canoe

June 22 & 23, 2021

Join Milwaukee's Urban Ecology Center and UWM Planetarium Director, Jean Creighton, for either a hike through Riverside Park or a canoe ride down the Milwaukee River! While enjoying the full Moon above you'll learn about our nearest celestial neighbor and more from an expert astronomer.

[Sign up for Full Moon Canoe: June 22](#)

[Sign up for Full Moon Hike: June 23](#)

NASA's SOFIA:

The World's Largest Moving Observatory

June 9, 2021 | 7:00 pm



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June 9, 2021

Virtual: Zoom Webinar

Selected by NASA to be an Airborne Astronomy Ambassador, UWM Planetarium Director Dr. Jean Creighton spent 20 hours in the stratosphere on NASA's Stratospheric Observatory for Infrared Astronomy (SOFIA)—the largest moving observatory in the world. Dr. Creighton will share her experiences on SOFIA. Become a member to get access to this exclusive, members-only event.

If you are already a member and have not received the link to register for this program, please email us at planetarium@uwm.edu.

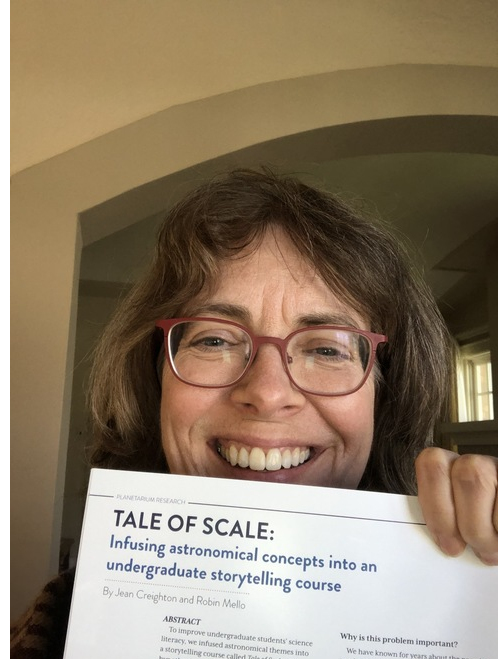
[Become a Member](#)

Jean's Corner

I'm excited to announce an article, "Tale of Scale," recently published in *The Planetarian* that I co-wrote with UWM Theatre Professor Robin Mello about our experiences combining astronomy and storytelling in an undergraduate course. Students performed skits to highlight astronomical phenomena and explain the scale of the universe in the hopes that combining scientific themes with

arts and humanities can foster science engagement and literacy. [Read the article here.](#)

In other news, we have raised over \$12,000 so far this year! Your generous contributions have allowed us to hire four new paid student staff to help us plan for a mix of virtual and in-person events this fall. Although we sure hope to enjoy together the beauty of the night sky in our dome, we appreciate that many people cannot join us in person. After all, we now have members in other states (and even countries!). Furthermore, the extra staff will be instrumental in planning BIG for 2023, the 100th anniversary of the first planetarium ever built. Our team is getting ready for the major partying we hope to do in 2 years, which your contributions also support!



You helped us raise over \$12,000!

Thank you for supporting our student staff, guest speakers from underrepresented audiences, our fund toward a new hybrid planetarium projector, and our special events in 2023, the 100th anniversary of planetariums.

[Bring Us to \\$15,000](#)

Save the Date(s)!

We're back! Join us for our popular outdoor event, Stars & S'mores, on September 1 and 3, 2021. Enjoy eating delicious s'mores and relax outside while gazing at summer constellations through our telescopes. S'mores kits are free (one per person while supplies last).



We will follow any social distancing and/or masking requirements that are required by our university at the time of this event.



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