

Blogs by and about Women in Physics, Astronomy and Related Fields

Introduction

These blogs are by and about women in physics, astronomy, and allied disciplines. While most of the sites are specific to these fields, links to general women in science blogs are included, as they also contain interesting information about women physicists and astronomers. The blogs feature the reflections of women and men faculty, postdocs, and graduate students in the United States and abroad. Some of these blogs are no longer actively updated but they offer valuable content nonetheless.

Blogs

Apple Pie and the Universe

<http://mrscomethunter.blogspot.com>

This blog is maintained by Alyssa, a coordinator for a planetary science outreach program in Ontario, Canada. She writes that her blog “represents my wanting to find a balance between my home life (apple pie), work life (the Universe), and my love for education & outreach (of which Carl Sagan was a huge influence).”

Astronomoms: On Being an Astronomer and a Mother

<http://astronomom.blogspot.com>

This blog is maintained by three women astronomers who are also mothers. Posts on this site relate to professional and personal concerns, issues, and challenges.

Astronomy Blog

<http://www.wisecampaign.org.uk/blogs/astronomy>

This blog, sponsored by the WISE Campaign, includes posts from women astronomers during the International Year of Astronomy in 2009. Contributors include Jocelyn Bell Burnell, Helen Walker, Theresa Cooper, Katherine Joy, Amanda Bauer, and Joanne Foo.

Astropixie

<http://amandabauer.blogspot.com>

This site is maintained by Amanda Bauer, an astronomer in Australia. It features post about balancing an astronomy career and a personal life.

In Orbit

<http://blog.chron.com/inorbit/>

This blog, hosted by the Houston Chronicle, is about astronaut Shannon Walker’s journey to the International Space Station. Walker holds a PhD in space physics from Rice University.

Occam’s Typewriter

<http://occamstypewriter.org/athenedonald/>

This blog is maintained by Athene Donald, professor of physics at the University of Cambridge. Her posts focus on science and gender issues.

Ohio State University Women in Physics
<http://osuwomeninphysics.wordpress.com>

This blog is maintained by faculty, postdocs, and graduate students in the Physics Department at the Ohio State University. They write, “we would like to give young people, especially females, a sense of what it is like to live a life in physics, whether it be studying, researching, teaching or just being us. The webpage will also highlight current topics related to women in physics, with a personal perspective.”

One Astronomer’s Noise
<http://noisyastronomer.com>

This blog is maintained by Nicole Gugliucci, a postdoc on the CosmoQuest team. It features posts about balancing an astronomy career and a personal life.

Physicist/Feminist
<http://physicistfeminist.com>

This blog is maintained by Vivienne Baldassare, an astronomy PhD student at the University of Michigan. Baldassare writes, “my goal is to help encourage girls and women to pursue careers in science. I post about issues facing women in the sciences and how to deal with them, write about awesome women scientists of the past and present, and sometimes just talk about science.”

Under the Microscope
<http://www.underthemicroscope.com/category/blog/>

This blog is part of the online component of the Women Writing Science project at The Feminist Press. Contributors include women in a variety of scientific careers. This site “collects stories from women involved with science, technology, engineering, and math with the goal of publishing a survival guide for young women in science. Under the Microscope also publishes news, tips, interviews and profiles.”

Women in Astronomy
<http://womeninastronomy.blogspot.com>

This blog is a publication of the American Astronomical Association Committee on the Status of Women. Contributors include male and female astronomers in all stages of their careers. The posts discuss work-life balance, family matters, harassment, mentoring, and employment.

Women in Planetary Science
<http://womeninplanetaryscience.wordpress.com>

This blog is maintained by male and female planetary scientists in all stages of their professional careers. The site includes profiles of 51 women in planetary science, links to all active women’s planetary science webpages, and advice for undergraduates, graduate students, and working professionals.

Women in Science: Past, Present, and Future

<http://blog.sciencewomen.com>

This blog is maintained by Peggy Kolm, science and science fiction blogger. Her site “takes a look at women scientists, engineers and mathematicians of the past, present, and future.”

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