

# Gender equity issues in astronomy: facts, fiction, and what the Adaptive Optics community can do to close the gap

Join us Monday, September 21, 12:30-1:30pm in STB-226 for this free public talk by Celine d'Orgeville, Research School of Astronomy and Astrophysics, Australian National University



## Abstract:

In March 2013, Nature published a special issue dedicated to "Women in Science", exploring why, in spite of significant progress in the last few decades, "women scientists are still paid less, promoted less frequently, win fewer grants and are more likely to leave research than similarly qualified men." (<http://www.nature.com/news/specials/women/index.html#editorial>).

Indeed the gender gap looms large in most, if not all scientific and engineering fields, and astronomy is no exception to this state of affairs. In our field, "Women in Astronomy" chapters of national associations such as the American Astronomical Society and the Astronomical Society of Australia bring gender equity issues closer to home by actively gathering data about the astronomical gender gap (pun intended), informing the astronomical community about gender equity issues, exploring and promoting solutions at the individual as well as institutional levels.

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