

Dear UWM Planetarium Friends,



I have a complicated relationship with September. Earlier sunsets feel ominous, and yet there is so much energy and buzz with all the students on campus. I remind myself that almost 75% of September is still summer, and the bees agree.

Last week, I enjoyed my presentation to the Physics Department about how to give a talk. I emphasized ways to make content clearer and to connect to the audience. I feel well qualified: I estimate I have presented 4,500+ shows in the planetarium in the last 20 years.

There is a lot of scheduling and planning this time of year. We hope to schedule over 100 school groups and work on spring scheduling as well. We have lots of programs coming up: **Observe the Moon. Doors**

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Open, and my student staff are getting excited about this year's production of Creepy Cosmos.

I hope to see you soon under the stars,

Jean



Upcoming Events

FREE

 Manfred Olson Planetarium

Observe the Moon Night

Saturday, September 19, 2026 | 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm



Learn about our closest celestial neighbor in a free 20-minute planetarium show and, weather permitting, gaze at the Moon through our telescopes.

 UWM Physics Bldg.
Room # 139



Observe the Moon Night

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7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

It's International Observe the Moon Night! This event, created by NASA, is happening all over the country and around the world. Join the planetarium in celebrating our closest celestial neighbor, the Moon.

You can catch one of our free 20-minute indoor planetarium shows covering lunar exploration as well as cultural connections to the Moon. Stay after the show for space-themed treats! Weather permitting, step outside and gaze at the Moon through our telescope.

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FREE

Doors Open

September 26 & 27, 2026

**Shows: 1pm, 1:45pm, 2:30pm,
3:15 pm, 4pm, 4:30pm**

**Enjoy a free, 20-minute
indoor stargazing show
featuring a tour of the night
sky and the constellations**

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Saturday, September 26

Sunday, September 27

1:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Join us for Doors Open Milwaukee! Find out why the UWM Planetarium is Milwaukee's hidden gem. Enjoy a free, 20-minute indoor stargazing show featuring a tour of the night sky and the constellations.

Shows will take place inside the Planetarium starting at 1:00 pm, 1:45 pm, 2:30 pm, 3:15 pm, 4:00pm, and 4:30pm.

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CREEPY COSMOS

Fridays, October 9, 16, 23, 30, 2026
7:00 pm - 8:00 pm
\$7 General, \$5 UWM Students

Embark on a spooktacular adventure through the creepiest parts of space with haunting cosmic visions and chilling stargazing tales.

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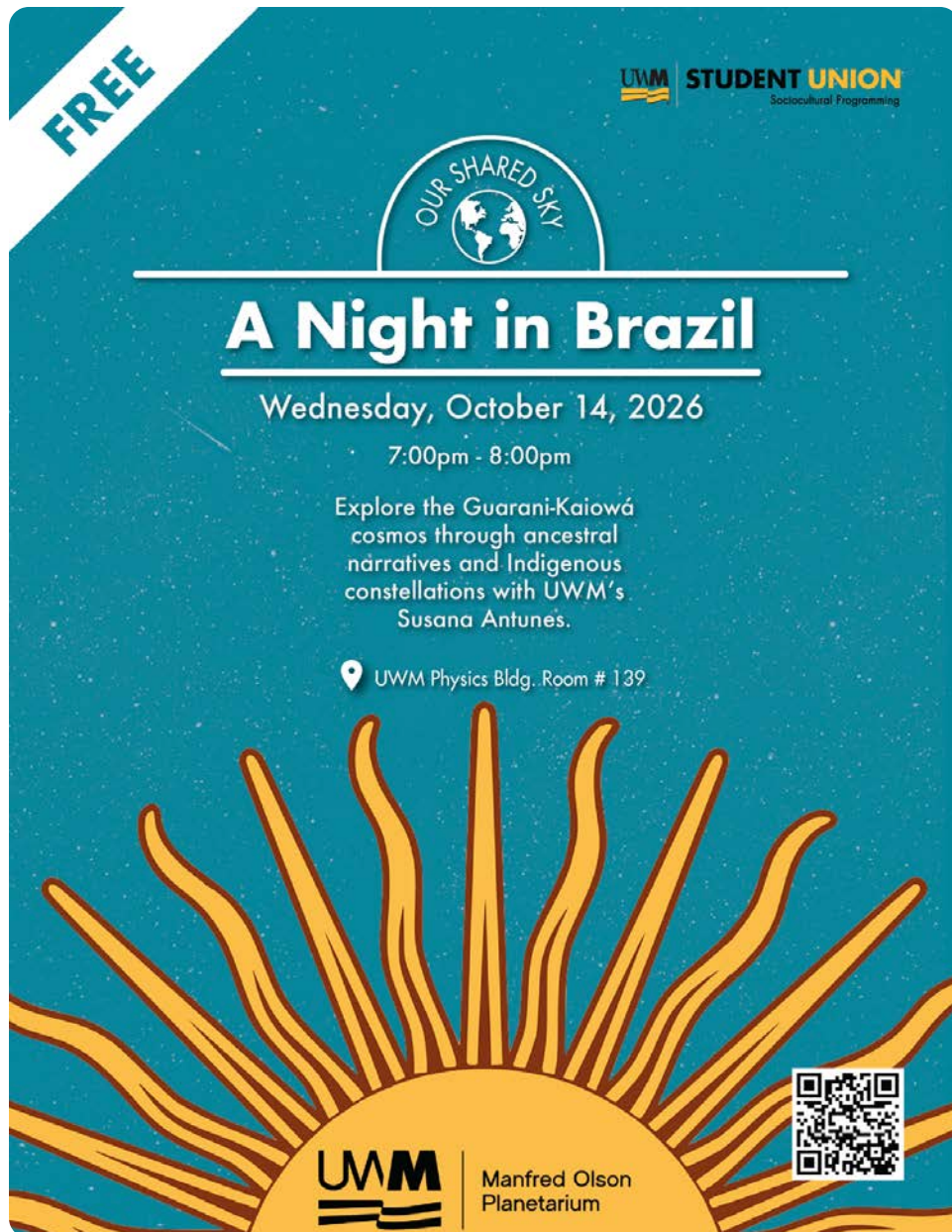
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Get Tickets



A Night in Brazil

Wednesday, October 14

7:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Celebrate Latine Heritage Month with a night of sounds, stories, and stars! UWM's very own Susana Antunes will take us to Brazil to explore the Guarani-Kaiowá cosmos through ancestral narratives and

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sky as seen from Campo Grande, Brazil.

Dr. Antunes is an Associate Professor of Portuguese in the World Languages & Cultures Department. She is also a 2026-27 Center for 21st Studies research fellow. Her current work is on Indigenous women filmmakers in Mato Grosso do Sul based in Campo Grande.

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News



UWM has officially named binary star system Gaia Black Hole 1 (Gaia BH1) as the UWM Star, celebrating both Panther pride and the university's internationally recognized astronomy and astrophysics research. At last week's talk, The Galactic Underworld, Kareem El-Badry described how the Gaia mission is revolutionizing our view of the Milky Way by measuring the motions of more than a billion stars

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Are you or do you know a UWM student who wants to share their love of astronomy with others? We are looking to fill two positions:

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- Communications Coordinator

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