

Conference Location

UW-La Crosse Student Union

Registration Link: <http://bit.ly/2miOSAM>

Registration Costs

General (By July 8)	\$55
General (July 9 and after)	\$65
Students (By July 8)	\$35
Students (July 9 and after)	\$45
K-12 Teachers (By July 8)	\$45
K-12 Teachers (July 9 and after)	\$55

Conference Accommodations

Lodging is available within one mile of the University of Wisconsin-La Crosse at the Hampton Inn & Suites. Due to high tourist volume during the summer season, rooms may not be available if booked later than July 8, 2017. After July 8, all blocks will be released to the public. Make sure to mention the Wisconsin Space Conference at the hotel when booking your room.

Hampton Inn & Suites

511 3rd St. N | La Crosse, WI 54601
608.791.4004

UWL Residence Hall

Accommodations in residence halls may be booked along with your conference registration. You may also call 608.785.6500 to book residence halls.

\$28/ per night double occupancy
\$32/ per night single occupancy

Nearby Campgrounds

Pettibone Resort RV Park & Campground (2.3 miles)

Goose Island Campground (8.5 miles)

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is a joint effort between NASA and organizations state wide. WSGC is dedicated to helping provide Wisconsin students, researchers, educators, businesses, not-for-profit organizations and other stakeholders with the tools, connections and resources needed to make the aerospace community in the state of Wisconsin thrive and grow.

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NEW WINDOWS: Gravitational Wave Astronomy

August 10, 2017

FACULTY/PROFESSIONAL WORKSHOP:

Being Spacegrant's Messenger:
Increasing Minority Representation
in STEM | Friday, August 11, 2017

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All events in Student Union on the
UW-La Crosse campus unless noted

SCHEDULE

Wednesday, August 9

5:30 p.m. Advisory Council Meeting at the Radisson Hotel
7:30 p.m. Advisory Council Dinner on the La Crosse Queen

Thursday, August 10

7:30 a.m. Registration/Breakfast
8:15 a.m. Welcome and Introduction
8:30 a.m. Plenary Address
9:15 a.m. Student Presentations
10:30 a.m. Group Photo
10:45 a.m. Posters & Networking
12:00 p.m. Lunch
1:00 p.m. Concurrent Sessions:
• K-12 Outreach
• Student Research
3:15 p.m. Team Presentations
5:00 p.m. Awards Ceremony
5:30 p.m. Adjournment

Friday, August 11

7:30 a.m. Registration/Breakfast
8:00 a.m. Being Spacegrant's Messenger: Increasing Minority Representation in STEM
12:00 p.m. Adjournment

Consortium Office/Lead Institution

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THURSDAY PLENARY ADDRESS: Gravitational Wave Astronomy and Quantum Noise

Thomas Corbitt, Ph.D.

Assistant Professor of Physics
Louisiana State University

Thomas Corbitt received his undergraduate degree from Georgia Tech in 2001. He began working with the Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory (LIGO) at the Hanford facility. He received his Ph.D. from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and was advised by Nergis Mavalvala—known for her role in the first observation of gravitational waves. After receiving his Ph.D., he continued at MIT as a post-doctoral associate before accepting his current position at Louisiana State University in 2011.

Corbitt's research has focused on quantum noise in gravitational wave detectors, and how that noise may be mitigated by the use of squeezed light and opto-mechanics to make the next generation of detectors more sensitive.



FRIDAY WORKSHOP: Being Spacegrant's Messenger: Increasing Minority Representation in STEM

Brian Chad Starks, Ph.D.

CEO, BCS & Associates Consulting Firm
Associate Director, Delaware Space Grant Consortium

Brian Chad Starks, Ph.D. is a speaker, author and critical criminologist. He received his B.A. in sociology from Wofford College, M.A. in criminal justice from the University of South Carolina and Ph.D. in criminology from the University of Delaware. In his dissertation, he examined the social organizational structure of bail systems in large cities. For more than twenty years, he has worked to build social justice and equity for individuals, organizations and communities. He is the CEO of BCS & Associates Consulting Firm and serves as the Associate Director with the Delaware NASA Space Grant Consortium where he works to increase minority student representation.