

Preethi Nair: Candidate for USNC/IAU

Affiliation: The University of Alabama

Position/Title: Associate Professor

PhD institution: University of Toronto, 2009

Areas of scientific interest:

- Galaxy formation and evolution
- Galaxy morphologies, AGN, etc.



AAS and/or Division leadership positions and dates:

- n/a

Other relevant positions, experience, and dates:

- Member, 2021 – 2024, NASA HST Space Telescope Users Committee
- Member, Fall 2019, National Academies Review of NASA 2019 Science Plan
- Chair, 2019, Regional Meeting (Tuscaloosa) of the American Physical Society (APS) Conference for Undergraduate Women in Physics (CUWiP)
- Member, 2018 – 2019, National Organizing Committee, American Physical Society (APS) Conference for Undergraduate Women in Physics (CUWiP)

Statement:

It is an honor to be considered for a position as a AAS representative on the US National Committee for the International Astronomical Union (USNC/IAU). While I have not served on an AAS committee before, I have served on committees for other organizations including the APS Conference for Undergraduate Women in Physics. I strongly believe coordination and collaboration in astronomy and astrophysics between the US and international communities is needed to address the challenges facing our community. This includes issues ranging from addressing/removing the barriers faced by women and under-represented minorities to challenges faced by the upcoming slew of large satellite constellations and their impact on ground-based astronomy. I look forward to working with the USNC/IAU to encourage communication and participation between international astronomers, especially young researchers.