

Calendar of Events

October 15, 2025

Union of Concerned Scientists MindLab, a weekly mindfulness space

11:30 AM - 12:00 PM EST

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MindLab: Weekly Mindfulness Sessions

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Register for the sessions today.

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These sessions are open to all scientists, public servants, and science supporters. You do not need to attend every session in order to register.

October 16, 2025

Science Comedy Night: Heisenbourban Uncertainty edition

07:00 PM - 09:00 PM EST

Gravely Brewery (514 Baxter Avenue)

Thursday, October 16

Show at 7pm (Doors 6pm)

Tickets (\$10

online): <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/science-comedy-night-heisenbourban-uncertainty-edition-tickets-1789096990259>

FB link: <https://www.facebook.com/events/827979806459859>

I am a standup comedian from Washington DC where I produce a "Science Comedy Night" event. I'm bringing the critically acclaimed stand-up event to Louisville for the first time at Gravely Brewery for one night only on Oct. 16th.

My set has a lot of fun jokes (and funny PPTs!) where I talk about my life in science, job at NASA, and nerdy upbringing as an Indian-American in West Virginia. It's a unique combination and the reason that Thrillist magazine named me one of the "Best Undiscovered Comedians in the US" and underlies my TEDx talk about combining humor and science. I perform for science groups around the country, and they really enjoy it! I'll be joined by great local nerdy comedians.

This show will be raising money for the Linda Norgrove Foundation, which funds surgeries for women in Afghanistan. This is why I'm very keen on getting people out! I'm also running the half marathon that weekend to raise money for the organization as well.

Kasha Patel

Science Comedian

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October 20, 2025

Bench Talk: The Week in Science Podcast

106.5 FM or online at <https://www.forwardradio.org/bench-talk>

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October 23, 2025

Tri-State STEM Conference

08:00 AM - 03:30 PM EST

at Northern Kentucky University, Student Union Ballroom

Join fellow P-12 educators from the tri-state and beyond to explore STEM, STEAM, and STREAM education instruction, technology, and cutting edge techniques.

Discover how you can become the catalyst for change and develop future STEM talent!

What is it?

Professional development (PD) for P-12 educators

Who should attend?

Pre-service Teachers

Teachers

School Administrators

Instructional Coaches

<https://www.nku.edu/academics/artsci/about/centers/cinsam/p12teachers/stem-conference.html>

October 23, 2025

Phil Sharp documentary, Cracking the Code- 2 screenings in Louisville and Lexington

Louisville 6pm, Lexington 7:15pm

Special Invitation to New Documentary Screening

Check out the new documentary about Kentucky's own Dr. Philip Sharp that premieres this month. Cracking the Code: Phil Sharp and the Biotech Revolution is a groundbreaking look at Phil Sharp's rise from being a rural Kentucky farm boy who battled dyslexia to Nobel Prize-winning scientist. Narrated by Mark Ruffalo with insights from Walter Isaacson, Cracking the Code: Phil Sharp and the Biotech Revolution reveals how Sharp's RNA discovery transformed biology and launched the biotechnology revolution leading to life-saving treatments for millions.

Oct 23, 6 pm

Speed Art Museum, Louisville, KY. Presented by KY INBRE.

Oct 23, 7:15 pm

Kentucky Theater, Lexington, KY, Presented by UK.

Outside of Kentucky? Check out all of the upcoming screenings around the country [here](#).

If you can't make it to an in-person screening, Cracking the Code began to air on PBS Independent Lens on Oct 6.

October 24, 2025

The History of fossils and their discovery in the Cincinnati Arch Region of Kentucky, Ohio, and

07:30 PM - 08:30 PM EST

Cameron Schwalbach - Paleontology Collections Manager, Cincinnati Museum Center

Bio: Cameron Schwalbach was born and raised in rural Ohio, outside of Cincinnati, where he developed a love of fossils and the natural world at an early age. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Geology from the University of Cincinnati, as well as a Master of Science in Geology, completing a thesis on the stratigraphy and paleoecology within the Upper Ordovician Waynesville Formation of the Cincinnati Arch.

Cameron has over a decade of experience working directly with the paleontology collections at the Geier Collections and Research facility of the Cincinnati Museum Center, first as a volunteer, then as an intern, and finally as the Paleontology Collections Manager. In his current position, Cameron maintains and organizes the paleontology collection, facilitates and performs research, executes field excursions, prepares fossils, provides education and outreach, assists with exhibit development, and anything else fossil related.

Location:

Lexington, Kentucky, Mines and Minerals Resources Building, Room 101, Rose Street, UK Campus.

October 27, 2025

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November 5, 2025
- November 6, 2025

Intensive Science Policy Writing Course from National Science Policy Network
12:00 PM - 04:00 PM EST

Intensive Science Policy Writing Course
Option 1: November 5 & 6 from 12 pm - 2 pm Eastern Time
Option 2: November 8 from 12 pm - 4 pm Eastern Time

November 7, 2025

KAS Education & Engagement Committee

10:00 AM - 11:00 AM EST

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November 7, 2025

Book Panel Event, Cancer in Appalachia: A Collection of Youth-told Stories, Volume Two

01:00 PM - 03:00 PM EST

Cancer in Appalachia: A Collection of Youth-told Stories, Volume Two
A new collection features fictional short stories and poems by high school and undergraduate students from Appalachian Kentucky who participate in the Markey Cancer Center's Appalachian Career Training in Oncology (ACTION) program.

Details about the book

On Nov. 7 from 1-3 p.m., a book panel event in the Great Hall at UK's Special Collections Research Center will feature four student authors — Caylee Caudill, Tessa Goble, Kameron Jackson and Matthew Sanders — who will read sections of their stories and answer questions. UK students, faculty and staff along with community members are welcome to attend this free event to learn about the students' perspectives on the cancer crisis in Appalachian Kentucky and about their writing process.

November 7, 2025
- November 8, 2025

Kentucky Science Teachers Association Annual Conference
See website for details

*Beyond Boundaries: Expanding Horizons in Science Education
Redefining What's Possible for Educators and Learners*

Mark your calendars for November 7–8, 2025, and join us at the Carl D. Perkins Conference Center at Eastern Kentucky University in Richmond, KY, for an inspiring event that pushes the limits of traditional science education.

This year's theme, Beyond Boundaries, invites educators to explore innovative approaches that inspire creativity, foster curiosity, and prepare students for a rapidly changing world. Science education is most impactful when it reaches beyond classroom walls, disciplinary lines, and conventional methods. Together, we'll break through barriers and embrace new possibilities to transform how science is taught and learned.

What to Expect at the Conference:

Innovative Approaches to Teaching – Discover creative techniques to make science more engaging, relevant, and accessible for learners of all backgrounds.

Interdisciplinary Exploration – Learn how integrating STEM with art, humanities, and social sciences can deepen understanding and spark innovation.

Global and Local Connections – Connect students to real-world challenges and global perspectives through partnerships with organizations and industries.

Technology as a Game-Changer – Explore cutting-edge technologies like AI, virtual reality, and augmented reality that revolutionize science education.

This is an opportunity to expand your horizons, embrace bold ideas, and inspire the next generation to think without limits. Use this template to Make Your Case to Attend to your administrators! We can't wait to see you in Richmond this November!

Register Now!

November 7, 2025
- November 8, 2025

Geological Society of Kentucky Annual Fieldtrip and Banquet

Please inquire with organizers regarding start and end time

Banquet and Meeting, 7 pm, November 7 at the Nelson County Extension, 317 S. Third St., Bardstown KY 40004

Fieldtrip November 8; leaders Frank Ettensohn and Steve Greb

Will meet 8 am at the McDonald's at the Lebanon Junction Pilot Gas Station, I -65, Exit 105

Trip Title; "Geology of Muldraugh's Hill along the Eastern Segment of the Joe Prather Highwau (KY 313) in West-Central Kentucky"

Trip Features: Lower through Middle Mississippian rocks of the Borden, Harrodsburg, Salem, and St. Louis Formations: clastic to carbonate transitions; fossil collecting; large, mostly unweathered exposures; new geology and physiography.

If interested in attending the fieldtrip and/or the banquet, please email Dan Phelps at edrioasteroid@msm.com

This will help us establish a cost and plan accordingly

If attending the banquet and you have a food allergy, let Dan know

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2025 KY INBRE NIH R15/R16 Virtual Grant Writing Workshop

See website for details

KY INBRE will again offer an intensive workshop on the development of NIH R15 and R16 proposals on Sat, Nov 8. Nearly all primarily undergraduate institutions in Kentucky are eligible for these awards.

Workshop will cover all aspects of writing a successful NIH proposal.

— *Faculty with little or no experience in writing R15 or R16 proposals should plan to participate in all sessions.*

— *Those with prior NIH grant writing experience may choose to participate in only the more advanced sessions.*

The workshop will be conducted via Zoom and is free and open to interested faculty at all Kentucky public and private institutions.

This workshop is required to be eligible to apply for KY INBRE research grants.

Register by Mon, Nov 3. More/register

<https://www.kyinbre.org/resources/grant-writing-resources/ky-inbre-grant-writing-workshop>

November 10, 2025

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November 12, 2025

KAS Science Policy Committee meeting

Virtual

12:30 PM - 01:30 PM EST

Rob Weber,

policy@kyscience.org

This committee works on various initiatives advancing scientifically sound public policy in Kentucky. Join us! Email KAS Science Policy Specialist Madison Flory for meeting details

November 13, 2025
- November 15, 2025

Kentucky Psychological Association Annual Conference

See website for details

Lexington, KY

Details

- November 13, 2025
- November 14, 2025
- Kentucky Association for Environmental Education Annual Conference**
See website for details
Owensboro, KY
Details here:
<https://www.kaee.org/conference>
- November 13, 2025
- UK Sky Talk**
See website for details
Different program each month- start time varies seasonally
More information here: <https://observatory.as.uky.edu/skytalk>
- November 17, 2025
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- November 21, 2025
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- KAS Annual Meeting**
See website for schedule
Join us for Kentucky's biggest science event of the year.
University of Louisville hosts the 2025 meeting
Details and Registration
- November 24, 2025
- KAS Education & Engagement Committee**
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM EST
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December 2, 2025
- December 3, 2025

Habitat Management Symposium
09:00 AM - 04:00 PM EST

Registration is now open!

We're excited to announce that registration is officially open for the 2025 Habitat Symposium, hosted by Kentucky State University's Forestry and Natural Resources Program! Mark your calendars for December 2–3 and join us at the Harold R. Benson Research and Demonstration Farm in Frankfort, KY for two days of learning, networking, and collaboration.

This year's symposium will bring together professionals, researchers, land managers, and students to share projects and provide expert advice in habitat restoration and natural areas management, including keynote speakers from the Southeastern Grasslands Institute (SGI).

We're also thrilled to announce that KAEE, in partnership with the planning committee, will be awarding two \$2,500 scholarships in November to students pursuing careers in natural resources. We can't wait to recognize the recipients at this year's symposium! New this year: we're introducing an evening networking social, where attendees will have an opportunity to connect with others in the field, share ideas, collaborate, and eat some good food!

Registration details and additional information:

Location:

Kentucky State University

Harold R. Benson Research and Demonstration Farm

1525 Mills Ln.

Frankfort, KY 40601

<https://maps.app.goo.gl/rHZtpM3CnQs5uQrWA>

38.11691161299076, -84.887747814294

Date: December 2nd & 3rd

Time: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm ET

Cost: \$50 2-day registration, \$30 1-day registration, student registration and pricing available.

Lunch: Lunch provided both days, light breakfast and coffee included. There will also be a light dinner provided at the social.

Register now at: <https://www.kaee.org/ksu-symposium> or the scan the QR code below.

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December 11, 2025

UK Sky Talk

See website for details

Different program each month- start time varies seasonally

More information here: <https://observatory.as.uky.edu/skytalk>

April 10, 2026

- April 11, 2026

Mathematical Association of America (KY Chapter) Annual Meeting

See website for schedule

Thomas More University

Find details here:

<http://sections.maa.org/kentucky/>