Special Events

*Registration not required unless description says otherwise.*

**Posters**. Kellogg Big Ten A. There are two groups of posters. **Group 1 (P1-P59)** will be viewable from 10:30 am on Wednesday thru 3:30 pm on Thursday. Reception will occur on Wednesday, August 2nd (7:00 pm – 9:00 pm) Kellogg Big Ten A. **Group 2 (P60 -P119)** will be viewable from 5:00 pm on Thursday thru 3:30 pm on Friday. Reception will occur Thursday, August 3rd (7:00 pm – 9:00 pm) Kellogg Big Ten A.

Both evenings include cash bar and sweet and salty snacks.

**Silent Auction**. Wednesday, August 2nd (12:00 pm – 6:00 pm) and Thursday, August 3rd – Friday, August 4th (8:00 am – 6:00 pm) Kellogg Willy Room.

From jewelry to fine art to books and monographs, we’ve got it all. The generosity of our donors and bidders help fund events hosted by the AOS Student Affairs Committee at future conferences.

**AOS Fellows Dinner**. Tuesday, August 1st (5:00 pm – 7:00 pm) Kellogg Red Cedar Room.

The dinner is open to AOS Fellows and their guests, and Early Professional Award winners. Registration required, $60; includes buffet dinner with Michigan ingredients and cash bar.

**Opening Reception**. Tuesday, August 1st (8:00 pm – 10:00 pm) Kellogg East Side Patio.  
Enjoy a summer evening in Michigan out on the East Patio by the Red Cedar River. Come and connect with your old colleagues, and get ready for an exciting week of great science and fun with your fellow ornithologists. Includes heavy appetizers and cash bar.

**The All-out Ostrich Scramble 5K**. Wednesday, August 2nd (7:00 am) Start is at the Spartan Statue (“Sparty”; <https://maps.msu.edu/>) a 5 minute walk from Kellogg and Brody. Race along the beautiful Red Cedar River. Prizes have been generously sponsored by Playmakers! Registration required, $10; water provided.

**MSU Museum Exhibit, “Michigan Bird Conservation Stories: Pigeons Past to Plovers Present”**. Wednesday, August 2nd (all week during museum hours: Monday – Friday, 9:00 am – 5:00 pm; Saturday, 10:00 am – 5 pm; and Sunday, closed) Heritage Gallery.

Explore Michigan’s bird conservation stories from losses of the past to modern successes. Specimens helping to tell these stories include Passenger Pigeons, Trumpeter Swans, Sandhill Cranes, and Piping Plovers. See how we learn from past mistakes to ensure the future of many bird species in Michigan.

**Reception for MSU Museum Exhibit**. Wednesday, August 2nd (5:30 pm – 6:30 pm) MSU Museum Heritage Gallery.

Join us as we celebrate the opening of this year-long exhibit, "Michigan Bird Conservation Stories: Pigeons Past, Plovers Present". Admission only requires your conference badge and includes light snacks.

**Student & Mentor Lunch**. Wednesday, August 2nd (12:00 pm – 1:30 pm) Brody Dining Room.

We are offering a professional development opportunity by matching students and professionals that share ornithological interests to learn about potential career paths, graduate school opportunities, and research possibilities over lunch in an informal setting. Registration required; lunch provided.

**Early Professional Mixer**. Wednesday, August 2nd (5:30 pm – 7:00 pm) Kellogg Big Ten A.

At this event (immediately following the Early Professionals Mini-talk Symposium), early professionals will mingle with each other and senior scientists from academia, government agencies, and the private sector. Registration required; heavy appetizers and cash bar and 1 drink ticket provided.

**Pub Crawl**. Wednesday, August 2nd (9:15 pm – 11:45 pm) Downtown Lansing, MI.

Downton Lansing boasts many pubs and microbreweries, and this pub crawl will take you on an adventure through town! Sign-up will be at the Registration Desk. Participants can return to the conference venue at any time via the CATA bus.

**Women Rocking Science Panel**. Thursday, August 3rd (12:00 pm – 1:15 pm) Kellogg Auditorium. This year's panel will focus on overcoming leadership, self-promotion, and self-assertion challenges unique to women. Panel Members: Amanda Rodewald, Francie Cuthbert, Sue Haig, and Kathy Martin.

Moderator: Amanda Rodewald.

**Student - Professional Mixer**. Thursday, August 3rd (5:00 pm – 7:00 pm) Kellogg Big Ten A. At this event we provide an environment that facilitates students’ ability to connect with established professionals with similar research interests. Registration required; heavy appetizers provided and cash bar.

**LGBTQA Social**. Thursday, August 3rd (5:00 pm – 7:00 pm) Dublin Square Irish Pub & Restaurant.

Interested in connecting with other LGBTQA ornithologists? Join us at the inaugural AOS LGBTQA social at the Dublin Square Pub. Everyone is welcome to attend this social. Includes light snacks; cash bar.

**Meet the Journal Editors**. Thursday, August 3rd (7:00 pm – 8:00 pm) Brody 136.

Meet the Editors of The Auk and The Condor. Get answers to your questions about the publication and review process. Pizza and soft drinks included!

**Quiz Bowl**. Friday, August 4th (6:30 pm – 8:00 pm) Kellogg Big Ten A.

One of the most popular events of the meeting, the Jeopardy-style quiz bowl offers a night of entertainment as self-assembled teams of three battle to prove their expert knowledge of ornithology. Cash bar.

**Bird Jam**. Friday, August 4th (8:00 pm – 10:15 pm) Kellogg Big Ten A.

Our annual jam will kick off with our very own ornithologist musicians, the Screamin’ Jays. The Ragbirds will follow as the headliner. This folk/rock/world fusion band out of Ann Arbor is recognized worldwide, and will guarantee a lively night of fun and dancing! Registration required, $15; cash bar and light snacks.

**U.S. versus Canada (& World) Softball Game**. Saturday, August 5th (3:15 pm – 5:15 pm) Patriarche Park, East Lansing, MI.

Please join us for a friendly softball game between AOS and SCO (aka "Team USA" and "Team CAN (& World)") on the diamonds of Patriarche Park in East Lansing! Bats, balls, bases, and beverages will be provided, but please bring your own glove to play. Registration is limited to 15 players per team, so please sign-up today at https://goo.gl/Ukox34.Please contact the game's coordinator, Andrew Dennhardt (dennhard@msu.edu), if you have any questions or special requests.

**Closing Banquet**. Saturday, August 5th (5:30 pm – 10:00 pm) MSU Huntington Club.

The culminating social event of the week, this banquet will boast delicious local and organic foods, and Michigan-made craft beer, as a commitment to our goal of sustainability and supporting the local economy. Dinner starts at 6:30 pm. Registration required, $60. Includes dinner; cash bar.