

Report NNPSS 2023 @ UCR. Co chairs : Miguel Arratia and [Kenneth Barish](#).

The 2023 National Nuclear Physics school was hosted in UC Riverside from July 10 to July 23th. The school website is: <https://nnpss23.ucr.edu/>. The format of the school was the following: 4 one-hour lectures, and a panel discussion and Q&A at the end of the day. There were two social events in the botanical garden (welcome reception and farewell), as well as an excursion to the Huntington Beach and Loma Linda Proton Therapy Center.

### Speakers:

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**Special speaker:** Nobel Laurate Barry Barish on gravitational waves, and Dr. Baldev Patyal on medical physics during a visit at Loma Linda Proton Therapy Center. We also had a special lecture on nuclear security by Prof. Bethany Goldblum.

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## REPORT ON THE 2023 NATIONAL NUCLEAR PHYSICS SUMMER SCHOOL

The 2023 National Nuclear Physics Summer School (<https://nnpss23.ucr.edu/>) was held at UC Riverside from July 10-21 and organized by Miguel Arratia and Ken Barish. The school featured a particularly engaged set of 49 participants (10 female/other) and 15 interactive lecturers (5 female). Topics included Electron-Ion

Collider (Abhay Deshpande), Superheavy Elements (Jacklyn Gates), QCD Factorization and Nuclear Structure (Zhongbo Kang), Lattice QCD (Martha Constantinou), Low Energy Nuclear Structure (Heather Crawford), RHIC Cold QCD (Carl Gagliardi), Applications of Machine Learning in Nuclear Physics (Aaron Angerami), Nuclear Astrophysics (Alexandros Gezerlis), Nuclear Security (Bethany Goldblum), Hot QCD (Jamie Nagle), Gravitational Waves and Nuclear Science (Barry Barish), Proton Therapy and Loma Linda Research Center (Baldev Patyal), Nuclear Science at NIF and Isotope Harvesting at FRIB (John Despotopoulos), Neutrinoless double-beta decay (Gabriel Orebi Gann), Neutron Stars in the Multimessenger Era (Jorge Piekarewicz), Nuclear Fusion at NIF (Alex Zylstra). The lecturers also engaged in panel discussions about careers in physics, including their own trajectories. Students presented posters, with two winners that presented flash talks: Sarah Skinner (Carnegie Mellon University) "Nn Finite-Volume Energy Spectrum from  $N_f = 2 + 1$  Lattice QCD", and Joseph Derkin (Ohio University) "Constraining the  $^{13}\text{C}(\alpha, n)^{16}\text{O}$  reaction rate via  $^{16}\text{O} + n$  direct measurements". Excursions included a trip to Huntington Beach and a tour of the proton cancer therapy center at Loma Linda University, the first hospital-based treatment center in the world. The feedback from students and lecturers during the school was overwhelmingly positive, with the lecturers praising the quality and engagement of the students. The school was supported primarily by the NSF, with contributions from UC Riverside, California EIC Consortium, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, Brookhaven National Laboratory, and Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility. A UCR news article about the school with some photos can be found at <https://insideucr.ucr.edu/stories/2023/07/11/summer-school-focuses-nuclear-physics>