

The International Society on General Relativity and Gravitation held an online event to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the publication of the book *Black Holes, White Dwarfs and Neutron Stars: the Physics of Compact Objects*, by Stuart Shapiro and Saul Teukolsky. The event took place Wednesday March 5, 2025 starting at 11:30am US east coast time.

Abstract for the event:

It has been 40+ years since the publication of the textbook, “*Black Holes, White Dwarfs and Neutron Stars: The Physics of Compact Objects*”, by Stuart L. Shapiro and Saul A. Teukolsky. To celebrate this anniversary, the authors have been invited to share their memories surrounding the creation of this book. Both Stu and Saul will reminisce about why and for whom they wrote the book, the mechanics of drafting the book in the pre-TeX/Latex era, some of the choices they made regarding topics and level of presentation, and some of the feedback they got from colleagues, both on reading early drafts and after the book came out.