

# JLab Users Group News

## User Liaison Updates

The User Liaison office is busy preparing summer student activities and all events that comprise the Users Group meeting. Please see below for announcements and other important information:

- The annual User Audit is underway. This requires sponsors to approve access for all user accounts. If you encounter issues with your computer account, contact your sponsor or the helpdesk ([helpdesk@jlab.org](mailto:helpdesk@jlab.org)).
- As of March 1, 2015, the user space located in the ARC will be unavailable for an extended period of time. If you are currently using any seat in this space, please contact the User Liaison ([lorelei@jlab.org](mailto:lorelei@jlab.org)) to arrange alternate space.
- Beginning in FY 2015, the U.S. Department of Energy Office of Science (SC),

which is the primary sponsor of Jefferson Lab, will require that a limited set of information relating to your user project/experiment be transmitted to SC at the conclusion of the current fiscal year. A subset of this information, including your



**New User space in the counting house 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.**

name, institutional affiliation(s), and project title(s), will be publicly disseminated as part of an SC user facility user projects/experiments database on

the SC website, <http://science.energy.gov>.

- International Services and the User Liaison have been working with MIS to develop a new external registration portal. Many features and improvements have come from User feedback over the past few years. The goal is to streamline the process and to reduce paperwork and duplicate data entry. Rollout is expected late spring. If you are interested in beta testing, please send an email to: [iris@jlab.org](mailto:iris@jlab.org).

• Renovations of the Counting House 2nd floor are now complete. This includes a meeting room and short term User space for those running experiments. No permanent space will be assigned and items left behind will be removed regularly.

### Special points of interest:

- [Student Orientation Brochure](#)
- [User Checklists](#)
- [UG Wiki](#)
- [Graduate Student & Post-Doc Association Wiki](#)
- [2015 Users Group Meeting](#)
- [CUGA Archive](#)
- [JAG Page](#)

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## New J-1 Visa Regulations

Recent changes in J-1 regulations require Exchange Visitors sponsored by JSA/TJNAF to demonstrate sufficient proficiency in the English language. Exchange Visitors will be required to pass a proficiency test which is composed of 25 questions on grammar and word usage, vocabulary,

and reading comprehension. As a reminder, JLab offers English courses through Mango, our free online language training. Mango Language courses can be accessed on or off-site at this link: <http://connect.mangolanguages.com/jlab/login?u=333749>

Please make sure to use your JLab email address when completing your account profile. For complete details on this change and more please visit the site at: [http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/retrieveECFR?gp=&SID=1bc531bf257789e45b3049bff8b50d64&r=PART&n=22y1.0.1.7.35#se22.1.62\\_114](http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/retrieveECFR?gp=&SID=1bc531bf257789e45b3049bff8b50d64&r=PART&n=22y1.0.1.7.35#se22.1.62_114)

## Are you getting JLab-scicomp Briefs?

Jlab-scicomp-briefs are for users of JLab's scientific computing resources, particularly the Experimental Physics' Data Analysis cluster and mass storage systems. Information emailed to this list is also posted on the <http://scicomp.jlab.org> website for the time that it is useful information; this is the website that "farm" users visit to check their cluster usage, disk space, and other job information.

To join the mailing list, please visit the Computer Center webpage below: <https://mailman.jlab.org/mailman/listinfo/jlab-scicomp-briefs>.

Previous messages can be found here in the archives: <https://mailman.jlab.org/pipermail/jlab-scicomp-briefs/>

Jlab-scicomp-briefs - JLab Physics Data Analysis Computing

About Jlab-scicomp-briefs

To see the collection of prior postings to the list, visit the [Jlab-scicomp-briefs Archives](#).

Using Jlab-scicomp-briefs

To post a message to all the list members, send email to [jlab-scicomp-briefs@jlab.org](mailto:jlab-scicomp-briefs@jlab.org).

You can subscribe to the list, or change your existing subscription, at the sections below:

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If you choose not to enter a password, one will be automatically generated for you, and it will be sent to you once you've confirmed your subscription. You can always see and back up your password when you edit your personal options. Once a month, your password will be mailed to you as a reminder.

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Repeat password to confirm:

Which language do you prefer to display your messages?  English (USA)  English (UK)

Would you like to receive list mail batched in a daily digest?  No  Yes

## Users Group Workshop and Annual Meeting

The annual summer Users Group Meeting will take place June 1-3, 2015, at JLab. All Users and students are encouraged to attend. Registration will open sometime in April.

Currently, the UGBOD (Users Group Board of Directors) is working hard securing speakers and creating a program for the meeting. If you have any suggestions on speakers and/or topics, please email the chair Dipangkar Dutta

([d.dutta@msstate.edu](mailto:d.dutta@msstate.edu)) or the UGBOD chair John Arrington ([johna@anl.gov](mailto:johna@anl.gov)).

A special note to advisers and students. JSA has once again approved funding to cover student registration fees, lunches during the meeting and the annual poster prize competition. If you have any questions regarding student activities, please contact the UGBOD Student Rep Melissa Cummings ([melissac@jlab.org](mailto:melissac@jlab.org)).

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## Users Group 2015

**Users Group Workshop and Annual Meeting**

- Circular
- Registration
- Program
- Participant List
- Video Feed (webcam)
- Visa and Lodging
- Travel
- Poster Competition
- Archives

**"2015 JLab Users Group Meeting"**  
June 1-3, 2015  
Jefferson Lab, Newport News, VA

**Circular**

The 2015 JLab User's Group Annual Meeting will take place User Group Board, laboratory management and funding agencies.

Your participation is important, and we strongly urge everyone to encourage graduate students to attend the annual meeting. We will again have special lunch discussions for the graduate students.

UGM Poster

<https://www.jlab.org/conferences/ugm/index.html>.

## 2014 JSA Thesis Prize Call for Nominations

The UGBOD will award the "2014 JSA Thesis Prize" for the best Jefferson Lab related thesis at the Annual Users Group meeting, scheduled June 1-3, 2015.

For the 2014 competition, the deadline is March 2, 2015 (we thank JSA for once again fully funding this prize). A complete package requires a nomination letter by a senior scientist giving the name and institution of the person being nominated and the names of three people who will send letters of recommendation, along with a copy of the thesis. All materials must be submitted electronically. The three letters of recommendation must be sent before the deadline, as well; it is up to the nominator and the candidate for the Prize to follow up on this.

Theses completed during the calendar year 2014 are eligible, as well as theses completed during the last quarter of 2013

(if they haven't been submitted before). The thesis prize submissions will be judged initially by members of the UGBOD, followed by a panel of independent experts to select the final winner. Criteria for evaluation include quality of the written thesis, contribution of the student to the work, and contribution to JLab physics/community.

All materials must be sent by email to Lorelei Chopard ([lozelei@jlab.org](mailto:lozelei@jlab.org)). Please contact the chair of the UGBOD ([johna@anl.gov](mailto:johna@anl.gov)) for any questions.

This project is supported by the JSA Initiatives Fund Program (<http://www.jsallc.org/IF/IFIndex.html>), a commitment from the JSA owners, SURA and PAE Applied Technologies. Initiatives Funds support programs, initiatives, and activities that further the scientific outreach, promote the science, education and technology of the Jef-

erson Lab and benefit the Lab's extended user community in ways that complement the Lab's basic and applied research missions.



Last years Thesis Prize winner: Rakitha Beminiwattha.

## Help With US Federal Taxes

As a reminder Federal taxes are due April 15, 2015. The local Federal Tax office is located at: 903 Enterprise Parkway in Hampton, VA. Hours are M-F. 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Phone: (757) 262-4007

Services Provided include:

- Account Inquiries
- Adjustments
- Alien Clearances
- Application for Taxpayer Assistance Order (ATAO)
- Copies of Tax Returns & Transcripts

(Usually available for current year and three prior years)

- Help with Preparing Form 2290
- Multilingual Assistance (over 150 languages translated)
- Federal Tax Return Preparation (Return preparation is available on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday only)
- Payment Arrangements
- Payments (Check or Money Order only)\*
- Procedural Inquiries
- Solutions to Tax Issues

- State Return Tax Preparation (only for the state in which TAC is located). Return preparation is available on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday only.
- Tax Forms (based on availability)
- Tax Law Assistance (answers related to your individual Federal Tax Return)
- Individual Taxpayer Identification Numbers and Form W-7  
\*Does not accept cash payments

For more info visit: <http://www.irs.gov/uac/Contact-My-Local-Office-in-Virginia>

## ...and VA State Taxes

VA State Taxes are due May 1, 2015. If you are required to file a state income tax return, the forms are available from the City of Newport News [Commissioner of the Revenue](#). If you take a copy of your completed federal tax return and your W-2 form(s) to an office, staffers will prepare your Virginia individual income tax return at no cost to you.

City of Newport News Offices Address:  
12912 Jefferson Avenue  
Newport News, VA 23608  
(757) 886-7671.

An appointment is not required. The filing deadline is on or before May 1 of each year.

Other services available:

- Processing of accelerated refunds
- Preparation of prior-year Virginia tax returns

- Electronic filing of qualifying federal and state returns
- Timely processing of tax dues and estimated payments
- Information about the status of your return
- Assistance with correspondence from the Department of Taxation

For more info visit: <http://www.nngov.com/622/State-Income-Tax>

## Recent PhDs Awarded

May 2014 - January 2015

**Dasuni Adikaram-Mudiyanselage**- Old Dominion University

**David Anez**- Saint Mary's University

**Jason Bono**- Florida International University

**Zachary Brown**- William and Mary

**Andrea Celentano**- INFN-GENOVA

**Chunhua Chen**- Hampton University

**David Flay**- Temple University

**Cristiano Fanelli**- INFN/Sanita, Roma

**Christopher Hopper**- Old Dominion University

**Hoyoung Kang**- Seoul National

**Suman Koirala**- Old Dominion University

**Michael Kunkel**- Old Dominion University

**Ekaterina Mastropas**- William and Mary

**Edwin Munevar Espitia**- George Washington University

**Amrendra Narayan**- Mississippi State University

**Matthew Posik**- Temple University

**Xiyu Qiu**- Lanzhou University

**Dipak Rimal**- Florida International University

**Adesh Subedi**- Mississippi State University

**Asli Tandogan Kunkel**- Old Dominion University

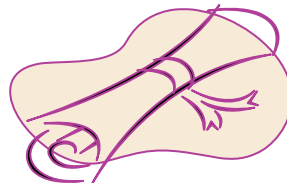
**Brian Vernarsky**- Carnegie Mellon University

**Natalie Walford**- Catholic University of America

**Tammy Walton**- Hampton University

**Jonathan Wexler**- University of Massachusetts

**Liang Zhao**- William and Mary



### Upcoming Events:

- March 12- QWeak Collab.
- April 13- PWA 8 / ATHOS 3
- May 3- IPAC'15
- May 13- Run-A-Round
- May 26- QCD Evolution Wksp.
- June 1- HUGS begins

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Feature Recipe From: Marti Bennett

## Crockpot Bourbon Chicken

### Ingredients:

2 lbs chicken breasts or thighs.  
1/2 c soy sauce (low sodium or less to taste)  
1/2 c oil (I used canola)  
1/2 c vinegar (I used rice vinegar)  
1/2 c bourbon (I used Crown Royal)  
1/2 c brown sugar  
2 Tbsp sliced fresh ginger (powder won't work)  
2-3 cloves crushed fresh garlic  
5 green onions - chopped



### Instructions:

Place everything in crockpot, stir to mix and cook on low 6-7 hrs.  
Serve over rice (I used Jasmin Rice)  
Bon Appétit!!!

## New Students and Users

To all new Users and those who will be bringing in new students this summer or beyond: we have updated the Student Orientation Brochure and New User Checklist. All students and scientists should register before coming to JLab at: <http://wwwold.jlab.org/hr/jris/processing.html>

Computer accounts can be coordinated and requested through the User Liaison ([lorelei@jlab.org](mailto:lorelei@jlab.org)).  
<https://cc.jlab.org/system/files/UserAccountRequest2010.pdf>

Almost all training can be completed online before visiting. To speed up the badging process, please have students and new Users complete the following training **before** they come to the lab:

- [SAF100](#)- Environmental, Safety and Health Orientation
- [GEN034U](#)- Security Awareness for Users

(When completing training, your name and email address must match your registration)

A condensed document for new users is now available in the New User Checklist for:

U.S. Citizens: [https://www.jlab.org/sites/default/files/documents/us\\_checklist.pdf](https://www.jlab.org/sites/default/files/documents/us_checklist.pdf)

Non-U.S. Citizens: [https://www.jlab.org/sites/default/files/documents/non-us\\_checklist.pdf](https://www.jlab.org/sites/default/files/documents/non-us_checklist.pdf)



User information from the homepage: [www.jlab.org](http://www.jlab.org)