

# JLAB USERS GROUP NEWS

## 2014 JSA POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH PRIZE

This year, the JSA Initiatives Fund is again sponsoring the JSA Postdoctoral Research Prize.

The competition is run by the Users Group Board of Directors, with the intention of honoring and supporting our finest postdocs.

The ground rules are:

- All entries must be emailed to Lorelei Chopard: [lorelei@jlab.org](mailto:lorelei@jlab.org) by Jan. 21, 2014.

- All nominees must be within five years of graduation, and in a postdoc or equivalent position (at JLab, a University, or a National Lab) at the time of nomination.

- Postdocs in both experiment and theory are eligible. Previous winners are not eligible to apply.

- Entries should include a research statement (five- page limit) and CV by the nominee, along with three letters of reference. The research

statement should describe past work and future plans and should include a preliminary budget. All materials may be emailed in separately.

-The competition will be judged by the Users Group Board of Directors.



The Prize will be in the form of a research grant.

***Research statement, CV and three letters of reference are due COB on January 21, 2014.***

***Send to: [lorelei@jlab.org](mailto:lorelei@jlab.org)***

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 out-

reach, promote the science, education and technology of the Jefferson Lab and benefit the Lab's extended user community in ways that complement the Lab's basic and applied research missions.

- The basis for picking the top candidate includes a record of accomplishment in physics, a planned high-impact Jefferson Lab physics program, proposed use of the research grant, and promise of further accomplishments in the Jefferson Lab research fields in the future.

## JLAB SHUTDOWN APPROACHES

Each year the lab closes before the new year. This year, the shutdown will start on Dec. 20 and will reopen on Jan. 2, 2014. Historically, site access has been limited during this time so check with your JLab sponsor for more details.

For those Users who are currently onsite please remember the janitorial staff cleans out the refrigerators during this time and will discard anything left in them. Please

remove all your items by Dec.19. The end of the year also brings fresh new training. Keep an eye out for an email reminding you to take the General Access RWP (SAF801kd) and the Annual Security Awareness (GEN034U). You can check your training status at any time by logging in to Insight: <https://misportal.jlab.org/InsightWebProject/login.jsp> and clicking "Training Related Skills".

### Special points of interest:

- New User Checklists
- UG Wiki
- Graduate Student & Post-Doc Association Wiki
- 2014 Users Group Mtg. June 2-4
- ARC Reservation System (reserve office space online)
- CUGA archive
- JLab Conferences
- Other Conferences & Wksps.

## FRAUD SCHEME TARGETING FOREIGN NATIONALS AND OTHERS

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has issued a warning about a sophisticated telephone scam that has been targeting recent immigrants and taxpayers throughout the country. In the scam, individuals purporting to be from the IRS tell victims they owe IRS money and pressure them to pay by providing a credit card number over the phone or through a pre-loaded debit card or wire transfer.

These callers use “spoofing” technology to display the IRS toll-free number on caller ID. They use fake names and IRS badge numbers and may be able to recite the last four digits of the victim’s Social Security Number. Sometimes, they send victims bogus IRS emails as a follow-up to their calls.

If the victim refuses to cooperate, the caller may become hostile and threaten arrest, deportation or suspension of a business or driver’s license. Victims may receive a follow-up call from accomplices claiming to be from the local police or the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV).

The IRS has confirmed that it does not initiate contact by electronic communication to request personal or finan-



- Do not provide any personal or financial information, such as your Social Security Number, credit card number, pre-loaded debit card number, or bank account information. If the caller threatens police arrest, deportation or license revocation for lack of payment, the call is not legitimate.
- Do not forward any funds. If you owe taxes or you think you might owe taxes, consult with a tax professional.

If you receive a suspect email, do not open any attachments or click on any links contained in the message. Forward the email to [phishing@irs.gov](mailto:phishing@irs.gov).

Contact the [Federal Trade Commission](#) or report the incident to the [Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration](#) at 1-800-366-4484.

cial information such as a Social Security Number, credit card number, pre-loaded debit card number, or bank account information. The agency’s first contact with a taxpayer is likely to occur by U.S. mail.

### What to Do if You Are Targeted In the Scam

If you receive a suspect phone call, take precaution.

Foreign nationals should be vigilant against all types of immigration fraud. In recent months, foreign nationals have also been the target of other scams including fraud schemes involving the Diversity Visa Lottery and the Immigrant Investor Visa.

Source: <http://www.irs.gov/uac/Newsroom/IRS-Warns-of-Pervasive-Telephone-Scam>

## RECENT PHDS AWARDED SEPTEMBER–DECEMBER 2013

**Krishna Adhikari**- Old Dominion University

**Andrey Kim**- Kyungpook University

**Taisiya Mineeva**- University of Connecticut

**William Ford**- Old Dominion University

**Yawei Zhang**- Rutgers University

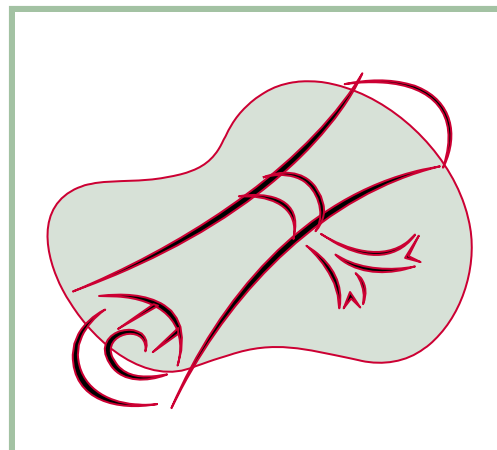
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**Ilkyoung Shinn**- University of Connecticut

**Milka Nikolic**- Old Dominion University

**Ashraf Hasan Farha**- Old Dominion University



# HOLIDAY TRAVEL PLANNING FOR FOREIGN NATIONALS

As the holidays approach, many foreign nationals are planning international travel. Now is the right time to make sure you are prepared, from an immigration perspective, to depart and re-enter the United States. Understanding your immigration obligations can help minimize the possibility of delays.

## What International travelers should do now

If you are planning international travel this holiday season, make sure to do the following:

- Check your passport to make sure it is valid.
- Check your visa to make sure it is valid for reentry to the United States.
- All J-1 visa holders are required to check with the International Services Office (SSC Bldg., Rm. 45) before traveling.
- If you are an adjustment applicant, find out whether you need advance permission to travel before you leave the United States.
- Is a change or extension of your status pending with U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services? You should check to make sure your pending change or extension will not be jeopardized by international travel during the process.
- If you're planning business or tourist travel to the United States under the Visa Waiver Program, make sure you comply with program requirements. If you're planning to travel under the VWP, you will need to have a valid registration in the Electronic System for Travel Authorization (ESTA) at least 72 hours before your departure for the United

States.

- Ask the International Services Office for a letter to show at the port of entry when coming back into the U.S.



## What to expect at U.S. Consulates and U.S. Ports of Entry:

- Plan for the possibility of visa delays at U.S. consulates. If you will be applying for a new visa while abroad, check the relevant consulate or embassy for specific information about application procedures and processing times.
- Plan for possible security clearance delays during the visa application process. Security clearances can take anywhere from a few days to several weeks or more. In general, the government will not expedite a security clearance.
- At the U.S. port of entry, be prepared for security screening procedures. You may be subject to intensive questioning about your immigration status, travel history, the purpose of your visit, background, employment and other issues.

It is important to remain patient during

these procedures and answer all questions clearly. If you don't understand a question, ask for clarification.

- Arrival-departure record. Once you have been cleared by U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) at a port of entry, you will be issued an electronic I-94 (arrival record) and a passport admission stamp that shows the date and class of admission, and an admitted-until date. The expiration date on the I-94 marks the expiration of your eligibility to remain in valid legal status in the U.S.

Source:

<http://totallyexpat.com/global-immigration-news/united-states-holiday-travel-planning-foreign-nationals/>



## Upcoming Events

- Dec. 14 JAG Children's Holiday-Party
- Dec. 16-18 Hall A Collaboration Meeting
- Dec. 23 JSA Initiatives Fund Proposals Due
- Dec. 23-Jan 1 Lab Shutdown
- Jan. 16-18 Exploring Hadron Structure w/ Tagged Structure Functions
- Feb. (TBA) Hall B & C Coll. Mtgs.
- Feb. 3 Thesis Prize Deadline
- Feb. 20-22 GlueX Coll. Mtg.
- March 17-21 EIC14

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FEATURE RECIPE FROM: ALEXANDRE CAMSONNE

## POTATO CARROT & LEEK SOUP

### Ingredients:

1/2 lb potatoes  
1 lb carrots  
1/2 tea spoon of salt  
Optional 1 leek gives a stronger taste.

### Directions:

- Wash and peel potatoes and carrots and slice in pieces about half inch. ( wash and slice leek too if you want to add it )
  - Boil or steam for 30 minutes. If steamed put everything into a sauce pan and add enough water to cover all the vegetables.
  - Add salt and blend everything.
  - Serve in a bowl with an optional table spoon of sour cream.
- Add salt to your taste if needed.



Photo by Alexandre Camsonne

## CBP IMPLEMENTATION OF FORM I-94 AUTOMATION

U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) started implementing the automated version of Form I-94, Arrival/Departure Record, at air and sea ports of entry.

Foreign travelers entering the United States at air or sea ports of entry will be able to access their electronic Form I-94 by visiting [www.cbp.gov/I94](http://www.cbp.gov/I94). Upon inspection at the point of entry, CBP will give foreign travelers a tear sheet with instructions on how to look up their electronic Form I-94 on CBP's website. From this website, they can print out their Form I-94 in paper format. Foreign travelers may need their Form I-94 when requesting certain USCIS benefits, or when applying for public benefits from other government agencies.

To ensure that Form I-94 automation

will not disrupt USCIS's adjudication of benefit requests, USCIS has begun updating certain forms requesting applicants and petitioners to enter the admission number from their Form I-94 and/or their:

- Passport information, including passport number, country of issuance and expiration date; and
- Travel Document information, including Travel Document number, country of issuance and expiration date.

As evidence of lawful admission submitted with a benefit request, USCIS will accept the electronic Form I-94 in paper format obtained from CBP's website ([www.cbp.gov/I94](http://www.cbp.gov/I94)). This document is the equivalent of the paper versions of Form I-94 issued by CBP and USCIS. In lieu of submitting the electronic Form I-94 in paper for-

mat, USCIS will also accept photocopies of the passport pages that contain the individual's biographical information, visa and admission stamp. These alternatives will allow applicants and petitioners more ways to provide proof of lawful U.S. entry in order to establish eligibility for certain USCIS benefits. Visit our [website](#) for a full list of USCIS forms being revised to align with the Form I-94 automation.

For more information regarding CBP's I-94 automation or to access your electronic Form I-94, please see CBP's News Release or visit their website at [www.cbp.gov/I94](http://www.cbp.gov/I94). For more information on USCIS forms and procedures, please visit [www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov) or call our toll-free National Customer Service Center at 1-800-375-5283.