



# JLAB USERS GROUP NEWS

## 2014 Users Group Meeting

April 2014

The 2014 JLab Users Group Annual Meeting will take place on June 2-4 at Jefferson Lab. The program includes a variety of physics talks, presentations from the Users Group Board, laboratory management and funding agencies, and Prize winners. Featured speakers will include: Brad Filippone (California Institute of Technology), Chris Sheehy (University of Chicago), Mike Williams (Massachusetts Institute of Technology) and Bob Wiringa (Argonne National Laboratory).

Your participation is important, and we strongly urge everyone to register now (<http://conferences.jlab.org/ugm/>),

[index.html](#)), and make plans to attend. We particularly encourage graduate students to attend the annual meeting. The Jefferson Science Associates Initiatives Fund has again sponsored our waiving student registration fees. We will again have special lunch discussions for the graduate students, where free food is available each day of the meeting.

The Users Group Board will meet on the evenings of June 3rd and 4th. If you have comments, questions, or issues to be raised at the meeting, please let one of the board members know.

The poster competition continues, with a first prize of \$1000, a second prize of

\$500, and a third prize of \$250. The deadline for poster competition abstracts is Friday, May 23, 2014 (email to: [lorelei@jlab.org](mailto:lorelei@jlab.org)). You cannot win if you do not enter.

Voting is underway to replace those members of the Users Group Board of Directors (UGBoD) whose terms are ending. The ballot is located at: [http://www.jlab.org/user\\_resources/usergroup/ballot.html](http://www.jlab.org/user_resources/usergroup/ballot.html). Please vote!



### Special points of interest:

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

## MANGO Language

### A Free Online Language Course for the JLab Community

JSA currently offers a free online Language Training Course (MANGO) to its community.

Whether you need some useful phrases for travel to a foreign country, want to enhance your mastery of English if it is not your primary language, or actually plan to learn a new language, you can do it with Mango Language.

The J-1 Exchange Visitor

Program requires that participants must possess sufficient proficiency in the English language to participate in the program. Program sponsors are required to ensure that the participants are sufficiently proficient in the English language to participate in the Exchange Visitor Program before they enter the United States.

Your new skills in English can help you throughout

every aspect of your life. You'll create a wide variety of new possibilities for your career, education and global friendships.

Mango Language Courses can be accessed on or off site at the following URL with a JLab computer account and email address: <http://connect.mangolanguages.com/jlab/start>

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## Passport Expiration Dates

Summer is upon us and travel is in the air. Recently, we have had a few people with expired passports scrambling to get their passports renewed in order to meet their travel dates. Everyone should be aware of their unique passport expiration date and begin applying for renewal within the last six months of validity. Waiting until the last minute causes extreme anxiety for everyone involved, is more costly to apply for expedited renewals and, if not received in time, can cause travel to be cancelled. Foreign

nationals should apply at their respective embassies either in the US or abroad and US citizens can apply for renewal using the information at the following URL:

<http://travel.state.gov/content/passports/english/passports/renew.html>

If there are any questions, please contact Sue Ewing at x7687 or Tara Wilkerson at x6119 for more information.



Examples of passports.

## Language Eligibility for J-1 Visa

One of the US Department of State's eligibility requirements for a J-1 Exchange Visitor visa is that "participants must possess sufficient proficiency in the English language to participate in their Exchange Visitor programs". JSA recently had a J-1 visa applicant denied their visa because of this eligibility requirement. Worldwide US Embassies are beginning to enforce this requirement and are looking closer at the visa applicants and their ability to speak, read and understand the English language before issuing a visa. If you are thinking about bringing an Exchange Visitor to the laboratory, please be sure

they are proficient enough in the English language to understand and communicate with the Consular Officer at the Embassy in English. Once the person arrives at JLab, if you discover their English is not proficient enough to read and understand laboratory safety and training items without the help of others, please alert the safety person in your division in order for items to be put into place to address the situation and ensure everyone is working in a safe environment, understand the hazards of their surroundings and can communicate during emergency situations.

### Upcoming Events:

- ♦ May 7– Run-A-Round
- ♦ May 17– Open House
- ♦ May 26– JLab Closed
- ♦ June 2– Users Group Mtg.
- ♦ June 2– HUGS
- ♦ June 5– Hall A&C Coll. Mtg.
- ♦ June 16– HPS Coll. Mtg.
- ♦ June 18– CLAS Coll. Mtg.
- ♦ July 4– JLab Closed

## Visitor's Insurance Policies at JLab

Many JLab visitors are confused about our Visitor Insurance Policies coverage. Our policies are Sickness and Accident Insurance not a Health Care Insurance Coverage. The difference is that a Sickness and Accident policy covers only the medical attention needed when a person is sick or has an accident. This policy does not cover such things as regular physicals, eye exams, dental work, preventative tests, etc. that a Health Care Policy may cover. Please be aware of this difference if you are covered under

our Visitor policies, and ask about coverage for medical procedures and tests before having a medical professional provide them to you. Also, do not seek medical assistance at a hospital Emergency Room unless it is a serious or life threatening incident. It is very costly to go to an Emergency Room for things like a headache, cold, sore throat, cough, etc. Things such as this should be addressed at an urgent care facility. If you do not ask about coverage, these items could be very financially burden-

some for you. Our policies can be reviewed at the following URL, where you can see what is covered and what is not covered by the insurance. There is also a list of the local urgent care facilities at this website:

[https://www.jlab.org/div\\_dept/admin/HR/jris/insurance.html](https://www.jlab.org/div_dept/admin/HR/jris/insurance.html)

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## Junior Scientist Travel Support

Travel support for students and post-doctoral scientists working on Jefferson Lab research to attend and/or present at national and international conferences and workshops has once again been funded by Jefferson Science Associates (JSA). Over the years, this support from JSA has enabled many junior researchers to receive recognition for their work and has helped the participants improve their communication skills. Last year alone, over thirty people were awarded travel support.

Travel funds may cover up to 50% of the travel cost. The traveler is expected to find grants or other support for the remaining cost of travel. Generally, up to \$400-\$500 may be awarded for local/national meetings and up to \$800-\$1,000 for international meetings.

Advisors/supervisors should complete the request form (<http://www.jsallc.org/IF/ISTFAppForm.doc>) for matching travel funds. Though presentations are preferred, requests for only attendance to meetings will also be considered.

For questions or more information go to <http://www.jsallc.org/IF/Index.ISTF.html> and/or contact one of the funds PI's: Marco Battaglieri (chair), Dipangkar Dutta, or Douglas Higinbotham.

## JSA Promising Young Scientist

The JSA Promising Young Scientist program is inviting postdoctoral researchers affiliated with Jefferson Lab to apply by submitting a cover letter, curriculum vitae, research and teaching statements, and proposed colloquium title and abstract to [wdeco-ninck@wm.edu](mailto:wdeco-ninck@wm.edu) by 5 p.m. on Friday, May 9, 2014.

Through the Promising Young Scientist program, the JSA Initiatives Fund supports postdoctoral researchers in developing skills for the academic job market such as crafting accessible colloquium talks, fine tuning communication and job interview skills, as well as with preparing application materials. Participants will receive feedback on their application materials and presentation slides, and they have the unique opportunity of presenting their research in

accessible terms to an audience at one of the participating host universities.

Past participants in the program have commented on how useful the experience has been. Juliette Mammei, currently assistant professor of physics at the University of Manitoba, writes: "Before I even gave my colloquium, I had already received valuable feedback on my research plan and teaching statement, which were part of the application for the program. Afterward, some of the audience members gave me constructive criticism; they were very encouraging and helpful. In addition to getting feedback about the colloquium, the department also conducted a mock interview, with visits to various faculty members as well as an interview portion with faculty who had volunteered to serve as a search committee."

These projects are supported by the JSA Initiatives Fund Program, 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 Jefferson Lab and benefit the lab's extended user community in ways that complement the lab's basic and applied research missions.

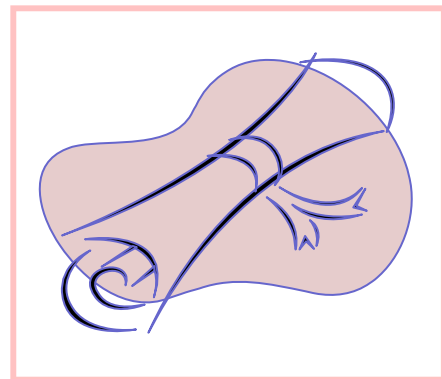
She summarizes that "the whole experience gave me confidence by letting me know what to expect during my subsequent interviews." Indeed, one month later Juliette interviewed successfully for her current tenure-track appointment.

More information is available at: [https://wiki.jlab.org/cugwiki/index.php/JSA\\_Promising\\_Young\\_Scientist](https://wiki.jlab.org/cugwiki/index.php/JSA_Promising_Young_Scientist)

## Recent PhDs Awarded

**Ozgur Ates-** Hampton U  
**Suba DeSilva-** Old Dominion U  
**Edwin Munevar Espitia-** George Washington U  
**Feisi He-** Peking U

**Yongming Li-** Peking U  
**Rachel Montgomery-** Glasgow U  
**Erin Seder-** U of Connecticut  
**Tammy Walton-** Hampton U  
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FEATURE RECIPE FROM: SRI LANKA

## COCONUT SAMBOL

Coconut sambol is a quick spicy Sri Lankan dish that we often enjoy with mostly rice or bread. The following recipe is a version of the coconut sambol that I have tried here in US using dessicated coconut. To get the best flavor I recommend using fresh grated coconut.

-Buddhini Waidyawansa

### Ingredients

2 cups of fresh/dessicated unsweetened grated coconut  
1/2 red onion finely chopped  
1 medium tomato chopped  
2-4 tbs red chili powder (adjust depending on your spice level)  
¾ cup hot water (only if you are using dessicated coconut)  
Juice of ½ lime  
salt to taste

### Directions

Add hot water to dessicated coconut. Mix well and allow the water to be absorbed for couple of minutes. Once the coconut pieces are soft, add rest of the ingredients and mix well by hand. Depending on the amount of spiciness you want, you may want to add chili powder bit by bit while tasting the mixture.



## Summer Students and New Users

That time of year has come again, when the semester ends, summer begins and JLab is filled with students from all over the world for numerous summer activities. The User Office would like to remind the advisors, sponsors and hosts to have your students register and complete basic training prior to their arrival at JLab. Computer accounts can be applied for once the registration process is complete. See below for quick access links:

- Registration
- Training
- Computer Account Request
- Office Reservation System
- Student Brochure



### Visa for Travel to JLab for Research Purposes

Recently, we have been observing more and more users coming through US ports-of-entry and arriving at JLab with a Tourist visa (B2 or WT). As a reminder, research at JLab on a Tourist visa is not a legal activity. You must have a Business visa (B1 or WB) to conduct research at the lab. The laboratory will not be able to fund or reimburse travel or local expenses and you will be required to leave the lab within a three day period if you arrive at the lab with a Tourist visa. In order to prevent this from happening:

- Ask your JLab sponsor for a Business invitation letter before arriving at the US port-of-entry
- Present the invitation letter to the officer at the port-of-entry
- Be aware of the visa category the officer gives to you before leaving the entry point at the airport