

Furlough Information

New furlough information, including an [up-to-date](#) Q&A section, appears on the [furlough Web pages](#) regularly.

Layoff Information

New information on Fermilab layoffs, including an [up-to-date](#) Q&A section, appears on the [layoff Web pages](#).

Calendar

Tuesday, May 6

3:30 p.m.

DIRECTOR'S COFFEE
BREAK - 2nd Flr X-Over
4 p.m.

[Accelerator Physics and Technology Seminar](#) - One

West

Speakers: M. Syphers, Fermilab and J. Conrad, Columbia University
Title: Tevatron Fixed Target Redux and the NuSOng Proposal

Wednesday, May 7

3:30 p.m.

DIRECTOR'S COFFEE
BREAK - 2nd Flr X-Over
4 p.m.

[Fermilab Colloquium](#) - One

West

Speaker: M. Kasevich, Stanford University
Title: Atom Interferometry

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Weather

 **Mostly Sunny**
72 °/55°

[Extended Forecast](#)
[Weather at Fermilab](#)

Current Security Status

Feature

More bloggers to write about U.S. LHC efforts



US LHC bloggers

Excitement has permeated the Internet, as well as CERN, as the LHC heads toward a startup this summer. On the U.S. LHC Web site this week, six new scientists have joined the [U.S. LHC blogs](#) to expand and enhance coverage of the LHC project and U.S. participation in it.

They join the four veteran bloggers who have posted articles since last fall. The new recruits are scientists from U.S. universities or laboratories who work at CERN and in the United States. U.S. LHC bloggers range from graduate students to university professors. They include a nuclear physicist from the ALICE collaboration and an accelerator physicist working on LHC commissioning and upgrades as well as four scientists each from the two largest LHC experiments, ATLAS and CMS.

In their first posts, the new bloggers discuss the current thinking about LHC upgrades, the timeline for discovery announcements, the challenges and complexities of LHC computing, doing astrophysics with accelerator experiments and traveling in Turkey.

Read the U.S. LHC bloggers' posts on the [U.S. LHC site](#), or learn more about them on the [U.S. LHC blog bios page](#).

-- Katie Yurkewicz, U.S. LHC Communications

Feature

Director's Corner

Washington update

Last week, I took part in several activities in Washington, D.C. On Wednesday the executive committee of the National Laboratory Director's Council met with U.S. Secretary of Energy Samuel W. Bodman and senior members of the Department of Energy. The NLDC brings



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together all the DOE laboratory directors to work with the senior leadership of the department. The NLDC has an executive committee of four directors who meet quarterly in person with Secretary Bodman. Most of the issues we deal with revolve around the management of the DOE and its laboratories. Currently under scrutiny are cybersecurity, nanomaterial safety, the shape of future nuclear energy programs, budget and planning, and, more recently, the transition between administrations. Secretary Bodman has been instrumental in bringing the laboratory directors to work closely with the leadership of the department on the broad range of issues that affect the department.

The next day we had an extensive meeting with Under Secretary for Science Ray Orbach and the senior leadership of the Office of Science on Fermilab's "business plan" (a term that applies to the strategic and operational plan for the laboratory). Under Secretary Orbach is constructing a 10-year plan for the Office of Science using the input from the laboratories and the Office of Science advisory committees, of which HEPAP is one. While the new administration is likely to have ideas of its own about the plans for DOE and the Office of Science, a well-thought-out long-range plan is likely to be influential beyond the present administration. We received very positive comments on our plan from those attending the meeting. Now we await the results of the Particle Physics Project Prioritization Panel, P5, and subsequent HEPAP recommendations.

No visit to Washington goes without visits to congressional offices to inform our legislators

[Secon Level 3](#)**Wilson Hall Cafe****Tuesday, May 6**

- Golden broccoli & cheese
- Southern style fish sandwich
- Coconut crusted tilapia
- Spaghetti w/turkey meat sauce
- La grande sandwich
- Assorted slice pizza
- Chicken fajitas

[Wilson Hall Cafe Menu](#)**Chez Leon****Wednesday, May 7
Lunch**

- Crepes w/Black Forest ham & Gruyere
- Greek salad
- Cold lemon soufflé

**Thursday, May 8
Dinner**

- Closed

[Chez Leon Menu](#)

Call x4598 to make your reservation.

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Strategic Collaborative Initiative: Call for proposals

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Fermilab

The University of Chicago again seeks proposals for projects that foster collaboration between the university and Fermilab.

"I am pleased to announce the continuation of the Strategic Collaborative Initiative program that supports collaborative research projects between the University of Chicago faculty and Fermilab scientists/engineers," wrote Donald Levy, vice president for research and national laboratories at the University of Chicago, in an e-mail to Fermilab scientists.

The program aims to initiate projects that provide the basis for future collaborative research between the University of Chicago and Fermilab. Joint proposals involving researchers from Argonne National Laboratory also are welcome.

"This program provides a unique opportunity for scientists from these institutions to come together to pursue a common goal," said Young-Kee Kim, Fermilab's deputy director. "In the past year, this initiative has helped to support fundamental studies on superconducting RF materials, numerical cosmology and time-of-flight detector R&D."

Ongoing projects that received SCI support last year may apply. Applications are due on Friday, May 30. Proposals must include at least one applicant from each institution. Proposal budgets should stay in the range of \$50,000-\$100,000 for one year.

Application forms and proposal guidelines are available from Mary Ann Esquivel at mesquive@uchicago.edu. Additional questions should be directed to Larry Hill, associate vice president for national laboratories, at lhill@uchicago.edu or (773) 702-2060.

[More information](#)

In the News

and relevant committees on the state of the laboratory. While I heard that many legislators are working on a supplemental appropriations bill that would include science funding for the current fiscal year, the outcome is still very uncertain. In fact the situation seemed to differ significantly depending on the perspective of the person I spoke with. It reminded me of Akira Kurosawa's famous movie "Rashomon." At least there were some potentially good outcomes among the possibilities. Armed with the unreasonable optimism that seems to affect laboratory directors, I keep working and hoping for a good one.

Accelerator Update**May 2-5**

- Five stores provided 49 hours and 30 minutes of luminosity
- Two power glitches
- Bad cooling pump at CZero

[Read the Current Accelerator Update](#)

[Read the Early Bird Report](#)

[View the Tevatron Luminosity Charts](#)

Announcements**[Have a safe day!](#)****Users' meeting June 4, 5**

Fermilab will host the annual Users' meeting on Wednesday, June 4, and Thursday, June 5. For more information or to register, visit the [Users' Meeting Web site](#).

Interaction Management course

Through practice and feedback for supervisors and managers, this course will teach the essential skills and discussion guidelines necessary for effective coaching. [Learn more and enroll](#)

Introduction to LabVIEW

Learn how to build and custom test measurement and control applications from scratch, using intuitive, measurement-specific graphical programming. [Learn more and enroll](#)

Scottish Country Dance Tuesday

Scottish Country Dance will meet Tuesday, May 6, at Kuhn Barn on the Fermilab site. Instruction begins at 7:30 p.m., and newcomers are always welcome. Most dances are fully taught and walked through, and you do not need to come with a partner. For more information, call (630) 840-8194 or (630) 584-0825 or folkdance@fnal.gov.

HEP job opening available

Women to Watch '08: The Collider Queen

From *Crain's Chicago Business*, May 5, 2008

Crain's Chicago Business has produced a video about Fermilab's Deputy Director, Young-Kee Kim, for its "Women to Watch" series. Watch the [four-minute video](#). (Note: The video begins with a 15-second commercial.) Other women featured include Michelle Obama and Irene Rosenfeld, CEO of Kraft Foods.

The U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science, Office of High Energy Physics (HEP), seeks to fill a position with a physicist who will assist the associate director for high-energy physics in the planning, coordination, implementation and evaluation of national and international research programs in this field. For more information about this position and the instructions on how to apply, please visit [the Web site](#). To be considered for this position, you must apply online before July 23.

[Additional Activities](#)