

Calendar

Friday, Jan. 9
3:30 p.m.
DIRECTOR'S COFFEE
BREAK - 2nd Flr X-Over
4 p.m.

[Joint Experimental-Theoretical Physics Seminar](#) - One West

Speaker: Andreas Kronfeld, Fermilab
Title: Accumulating Evidence for Nonstandard Leptonic Decays of D_s Mesons

Sunday, Jan. 11
2:30 p.m.
[Gallery Chamber Series](#) - 2nd Flr Art Gallery
Performer: Millar Brass Ensemble
Tickets: \$15

Monday, Jan. 12
2:30 p.m.
[Particle Astrophysics Seminar](#) - Curia II

Speaker: Roban Kramer, Columbia University
Title: Quasar Lyman-alpha Emission Lines as Probes of Reionization

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All Experimenters' Meeting - Curia II

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Weather

 Snow
31°/22°

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[Weather at Fermilab](#)

Current Security Status

[Secon Level 3](#)

Milestone

DOE's Jon Cooper retires

Jon Cooper retired from the DOE Office of Science's Fermi Site Office on Jan. 3 after more than 31 years of federal service.

Colleagues describe Cooper as quiet, gentle and steady. He didn't waver, they said, not even in his choice of lunch.

"He had the same lunch every day-bologna," said Mark Bollinger, deputy manager of DOE's Fermi Site Office. "When we asked him about it, he said, 'it wasn't the same; I use different kinds of bologna.'"

Cooper took the same approach to his work as the team leader for the office's Environment, Safety, Health and Program Support Team, consistently finding new ways to improve the areas of environmental, safety and health at the laboratory.

Prior to his 18-year career with DOE, Cooper worked at the U.S. Post Office and as an environmental scientist at the EPA. He also held positions as a machinist at an engineering firm, a community college instructor and as a technician for a geotechnical testing firm. He holds both a bachelor's and a master's degree in geology from local institutions.

"He certainly had a strong desire to help out the environment," said Bob Lootens, Fermilab Roads and Grounds.

Lootens met Cooper during one of the laboratory's prairie harvests more than 12 years ago. Since then, the two worked together to conduct seed harvests and surveys at Fermilab and worked as a steward to help transform Kane County's natural areas.

Cooper also served on Fermilab's Environmental Land Management Committee for the past decade.

"He loves the facility and the site so much," Joanna Livengood, FSO Manager, said. "I'm sure we'll see him around."



Jon Cooper

Feature

URA Visiting Scholars Program gives 2008 awards

Universities Research Association, Inc., one of Fermi Research Alliance's two parent organizations, made its second round of 2008 in the URA Visiting Scholars Program awards in October.

These 20 awards provide financial support for faculty and students from URA-member universities who come to Fermilab for periods of up to one year.

The first round of 17 awards was made in mid-April.

"These awards are intended to assist faculty, postdocs and grad students meet their expenses for a stay at Fermilab to participate in research and training activities with laboratory colleagues and mentors," said URA Vice President Marta Cehelsky. "We are very pleased by the sustained interest and by the quality of the proposals received during the first year of the program."

The program is one of a number of corporate commitments to Fermilab made by FRA's parent organizations and by other participating Illinois universities. The 87 URA-member universities will each contribute \$5,000 a year for five years in support of joint Fermilab-URA research and education initiatives. The scholarships can pay for costs such as transportation and lodging during short visits or can provide stipend support during a longer visit. Individuals may receive a maximum of \$50,000 in any 12-month period.

An evaluation committee of URA-appointed members of the FRA Board of Directors from universities in each of the seven URA geographic regions reviewed award applications. For the second round, awards to recipients ranged from \$6,980 to \$25,000. The awardees are:

Dante Amidei, University of Michigan; Durdana Balakishiyeva, University of Florida; Patrick Fox, Peter Skands and Benjamin Kilminster, Fermilab (for selected short-term visitors to the Fermilab Theory Group); Cecilia Gerber, University of Illinois at Chicago; Joseph Grange, University of Florida; Zijn Guo, Johns Hopkins University; Kristian Hahn, MIT; Klaus Honscheid, Ohio State University;

Wilson Hall Cafe

Friday, Jan. 9

- Old fashioned ham & bean
- Philly style chicken
- Chicken pot pie
- Smart cuisine: Baked fish over rice
- Roasted Veggie & provolone panini
- Assorted sliced pizza
- Baked potatoes

Wilson Hall Cafe Menu**Chez Leon**

Wednesday, Jan. 14

Lunch

- Stuffed cabbages
- Mashed potatoes
- Apple strudel

Thursday, Jan. 15

Dinner

- Chipotle shrimp w/ corn cakes
- Stuffed flank steak
- Lemon risotto
- Chocolate mousse pie

Chez Leon Menu

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In retirement, Cooper plans to spend more time with his wife of 37 years, Amy, travel, exercise and get caught up with hobbies such as wood working, carving and word games.

Please plan to attend the open house in Jon Cooper's honor on Jan. 29 from 1:30-4:30 p. m. in the Fermi Site Office, WH6E.

Announcement**Register now for Fermilab Family Open House Jan. 17**

This year's Fermilab Family Open House will take place from 1 to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Jan. 17.

The Open House offers family-style, hands-on activities, science shows and behind-the-scenes tours. The event will offer hourly cryogenics shows by Jerry Zimmerman as "Mr. Freeze," kids racing against a gravity accelerator, the popular Ask-a-Scientist session on the 15th floor of Wilson Hall and tours of the linear particle accelerator and two research areas on site.

The event is free of charge. More information and advance registration is available [here](#).

In the News**14th District Rep. Bill Foster sworn in - again**

From *Kane County Chronicle*, Jan. 7, 2009

Rep. Bill Foster said Tuesday's swearing in was less chaotic than his first experience just 10 months ago.

"I didn't have to vote right after," the Batavia Democrat said.

Foster first was sworn in as the 14th District's representative last March after winning a special election to fill a vacancy.

He was re-elected last November and sworn in Tuesday afternoon for the new term along with other members.

"It was like the opening ceremonies for Congress," Foster said.

While Foster said he's already accomplished some goals during his time in Washington, he hopes to tackle more.

Kevin McFarland, University of Rochester; Kevin Pitts, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign; Charles Plager, UCLA; Michelle Prewitt, Rice University; Aron Soha, University of California, Davis; Igor Volobouev, Texas Tech University; Jianchun Wang, Syracuse University; and Benjamin Ziemer, University of California, Irvine.

The next round of awards will take place in spring 2009. More information on application deadlines will be available soon. Visit the [Web site](#) for program details and application procedure.

Announcements

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[Science Chicago hosts Mythbusters](#)

[English Country Dancing, Jan. 11](#)

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