



FSPA

Fermilab Student &
Postdoc Association

FSPA: Who We Are & What We Do (& Why You Care!)

Mike Wallbank, for FSPA
UEC Meeting
10/4/2019

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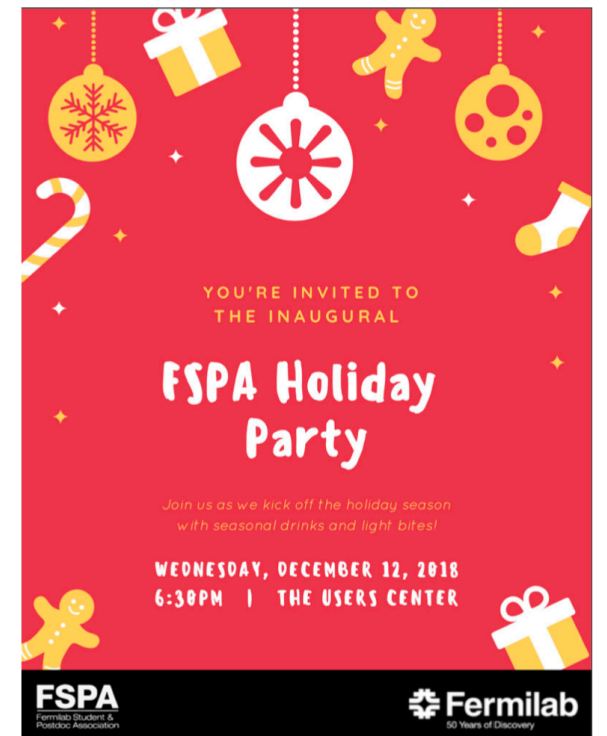
- **F**orm deeper connections between early career researchers
- **S**hare cultural events and activities from various backgrounds
- **P**rovide support to the community of early career researchers at Fermilab
- **A**ct as liaison to the Fermilab directorate

What Do We Do?

- Represent the entire student and postdoc community at Fermilab.
- Organize ~monthly events to promote community and socializing between our members.
- Organize professional events to benefit members; careers, diversity and inclusion initiatives, community building.
- Interface with the Users Executive Committee to bring the voice of students and postdocs to the User community at large.
- Collaborate with other Fermilab communities, e.g. Global Services; organize joint events.

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From Academia to Industry

Friday, April 26th , 12:30-13:30 Hrs *
Curia II (WH2SW)

Michelle Mathis, PhD

(Fermilab Alumnus)

Research Staff Member

Institute for Defense Analyses



Michele works for the Institute for Defense Analysis (IDA). It is a Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC). IDA is often referred to as a “think tank” organization. Like Fermilab IDA do a lot of data analysis and produces papers, but they don’t have to play with laboratory equipment.

Michele plans to highlight skills that particle physicists have to apply to jobs outside of academia and offer some ways to communicate those skills to potential employers.

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*Refreshments & snacks at 12:00 - 12:30 CT
Talk starts at 12:30 - 1:30 pm CT
Discussion : 1:30 - 2pm CT

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EDI Seminar Series
2019
Journeys: Paths to the Academy
presents
Christine Aidala, PhD
Associate Professor of Physics, University of Michigan
Friday, 2/15/19 11:30AM-1PM
One West, Wilson Hall



Abstract: This year's Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (EDI) seminar series highlights the paths of those who find success despite acute underrepresentation in the academy. This month, Dr. Aidala, award winning associate professor of Physics at the University of Michigan, and featured author in *Blazing the Trail: Essays by Leading Women in Science* will recount her exceptional journey from undergraduate student at Yale, to staff researcher at Brookhaven National Laboratory, and eventual professor at a "Big Ten" University.

Ask Questions! Expect Discussion! Refreshments at 11:30!

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presents
Roy Clarke, PhD
Marcellus L. Wiedenbeck Collegiate Professor, University of Michigan
Friday, 3/15/19 11:30AM-1:30PM
Curia II, Wilson Hall



Abstract: Continuing this year's theme of Journeys: Paths to the Academy, we have invited Dr. Roy Clarke, Marcellus L. Wiedenbeck Collegiate Professor of Physics at the University of Michigan, creator of the Applied Physics program, and recipient of the 2011 Presidential Award for Excellence in Science, Mathematics, and Engineering Mentoring. Dr. Clarke will detail his experiences designing a graduate physics program that has a 90% completion rate while still managing to serve 70% more women and 92% more people of color than the national average.

Ask Questions! Expect Discussion! Refreshments at 11:30! Talk Starts at 12:00!

EDI Seminar Series 2019 Journeys: Paths to the Academy

presents

Jenn M. Jackson, PhD

Assistant Professor, Department of Political Science, Syracuse University

Friday, 6/28/19 11:30AM-1:30PM
One West, Wilson Hall



Abstract: Dr. Jenn M. Jackson is part of a new generation of black scholars primarily concerned with the political expressions and responses to group threat of the marginalized. She has considerable experience with activists in Chicago as well as with those of various intersecting identities. Whereas previous iterations of this year's theme, Journeys: Paths to the Academy, have explored the experiences of those with marginalized identities through first person accounts of STEM academics, this iteration will survey the possible group threats to those who are unable to relinquish their identities upon entrance to the laboratory.

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FSPA & UEC

- FSPA works very closely with the UEC to support UEC activities and represent our members at this committee.
- We attend UEC meetings!
- We join UEC sub-committees (at least one member of each, ideally) and help these efforts.
- Organize joint events (e.g. annual UEC/FSPA meet & greet).
- Help with the organization and running of the Users Meeting alongside New Perspectives.
- Help with and contribute to the annual DC trip.
- Recently formed joint subcommittee focussing on Workspace Climate and Environment.
- ... and anything else! We're here, happy to collaborate!



Recent News

- Election!
- There are 6 FSPA members. One member carries on to do a two year term to facilitate continuity and 'knowledge' transfer.
- Recently held elections to elect 5 new members to join myself for the 2019/20 year.
- 9 excellent candidates, very close election!
<https://fspa.fnal.gov/election-2019/>
- Results announced on Wednesday...



**Last year: 5 postdocs, 1
(finishing up!) grad student**

Thanks!



Andy Furmanski



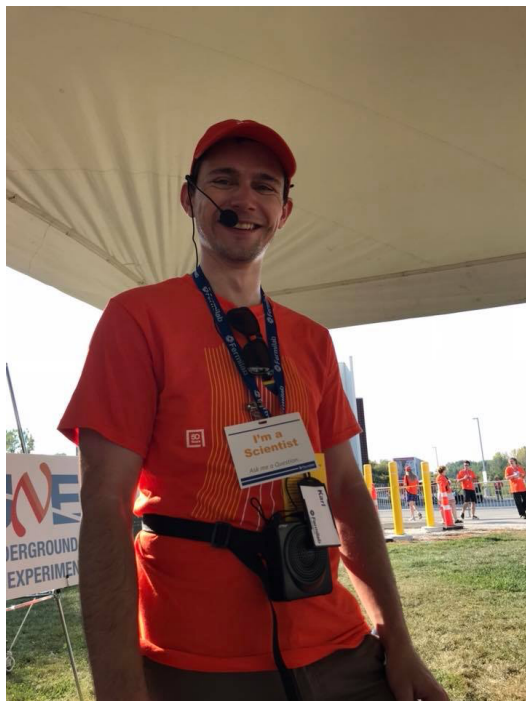
Barbara Yaeggy



Deepika Jena



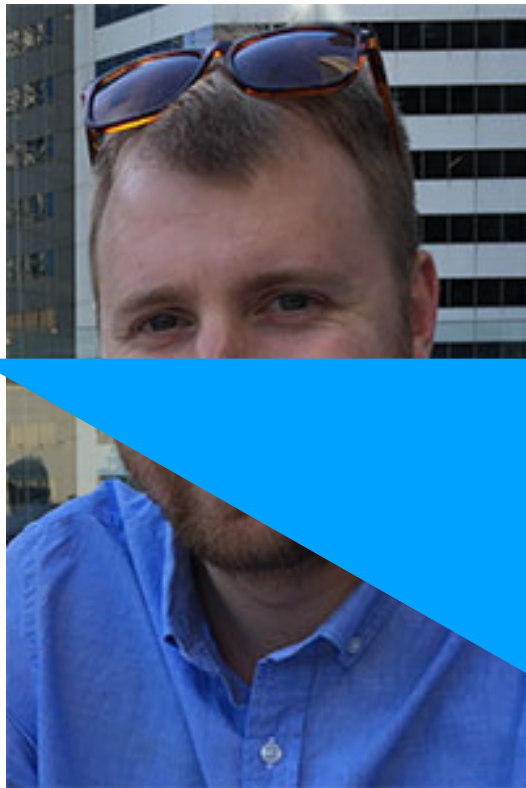
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Karl Warburton

- Fantastic effort from us all over the past year. We organize a lot of successful events and continued the strong community-building tradition of FSPA over recent years.
- Special thanks to Karl for his two years of service!

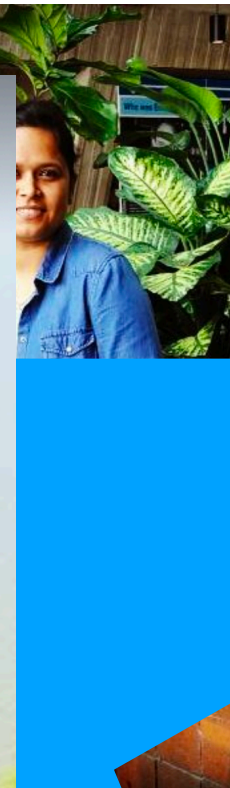
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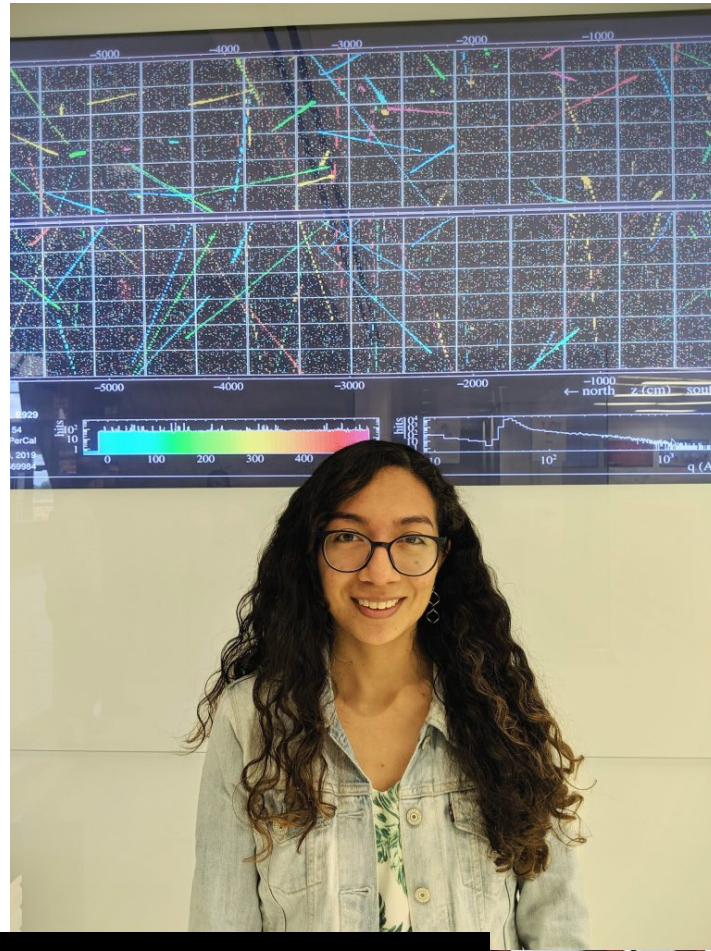
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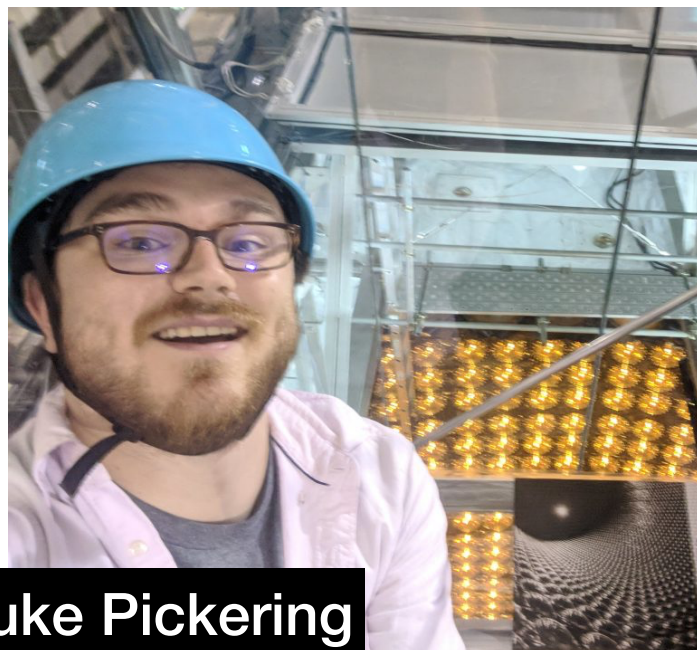
Richie Diurba



Maria Martinez-Casales



Samantha Sword-Fehlberg



Luke Pickering



Abhilash Yallappa Dombara

- 1 postdoc (2 inc me!), 4 grad students.
- All neutrino (again)...

Recent Events

- Brazilian BBQ. Huge success, lots of people!
- Annual Fermilab-Argonne soccer match, including community social/BBQ following the game.
 - ~100 people, great game, good support.
 - FNAL 4 — 4 ANL (kissing our sisters?).



Upcoming Events

- FSPA Meet & Greet.
 - Tonight! 6pm, barn in village.
 - All welcome, come along (we have beer and pizza).
- Halloween Party, November 1st.
- We will begin to organize ourselves into UEC subcommittees and start our program of professional events.



Next Steps

- New members ready to go, excited about a great year of FSPA.
- Also looking forward to our continued collaboration with the UEC.
 - We'll continue to look for opportunities, feel free to use us!
- We will organize an official 'hand-over' meeting today, hopefully. First order of FSPA business is passing our budget.
- Thanks again to the outgoing officers.
- Come to the FSPA Meet & Greet tonight!

