Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Snowmass Community Meeting: AF1 Beam Physics and Accelerator Education

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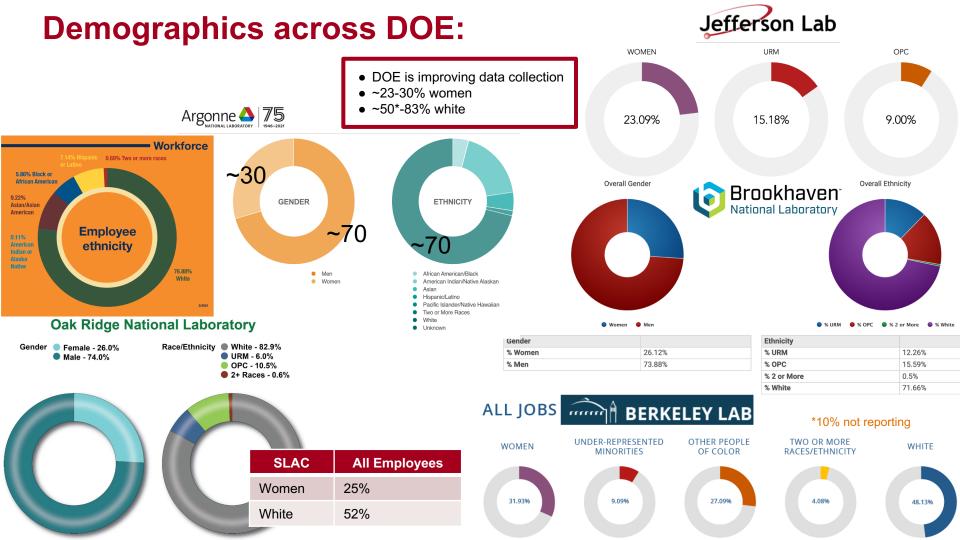
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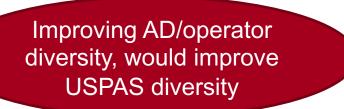




Accelerator Directorate (at SLAC)

AD, as a whole:

- Lowest % of women (~16%) at SLAC
- Other directorates at 20-23% women



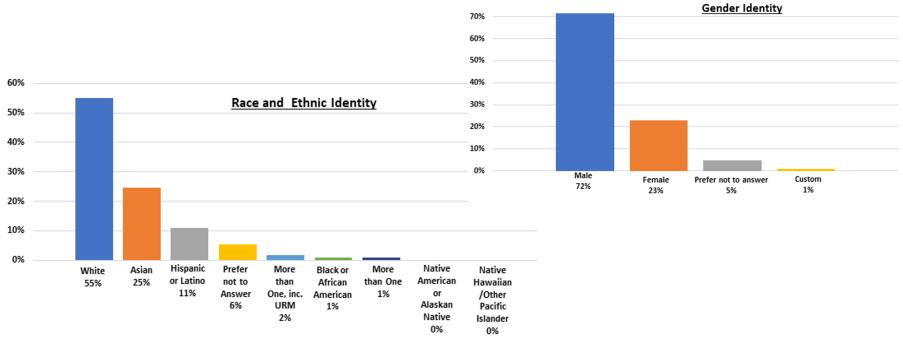
Accelerator Operations:

- Common entry point to accelerator community
- Supply students to USPAS classes regularly
- Turn over at ~2-year mark = often hiring
- Diversity of operators has improved, but remains low
 - Mainly improved through 1-1 outreach from current operators
 - "The candidate pool is not diverse enough"
 - Lack of diversity hurts retention

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Most recent USPAS session (summer 2021)

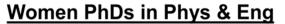
USPAS is an important entry point to the community but does not include everyone.

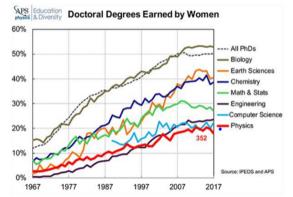


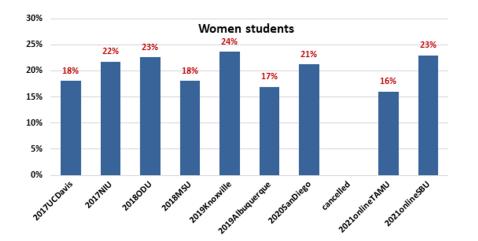
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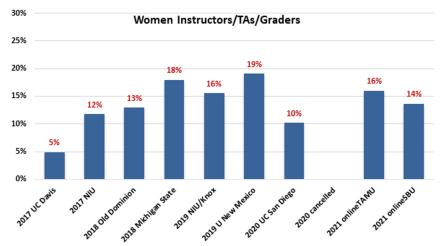
USPAS – 5 year snapshot

- Retention problems
 - # of women falls off with seniority
 - Staff < postdocs < grad students < undergrad
 - <u>https://www.aip.org/statistics</u>
 - <u>https://www.aps.org/programs/education/statistics/index.cfm</u>









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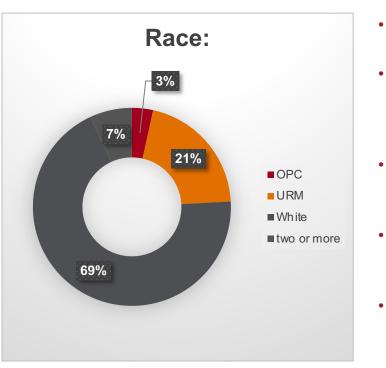
USPAS:

- Inclusive hiring of graders and TA's & mindful when awarding scholarships
- Recruiting and outreach to universities
 - With focus on HBCU's
 - HBCU will host a future session (in progress)
 - Targeted advertising
- New Mtingwa Scholarship
 - Brings awareness to expanded audience
- Modernized data collection
 - yields more detailed and useful statistics
- Updating language to be gender neutral and inclusive
- Created a Diversity & Inclusion Statement; Code of Conduct

<u>Labs:</u>

- Formalization of EDI/DEI offices and efforts
- Support of Employee resource groups
- Education/Outreach offices (at some labs)
- Named fellowships, internships, and traineeships (partial list):
 - Lee Teng internship program (ANL+FANL)
 - ASPIRE at FNAL, starting this year
 - Al Ashley at SLAC, started 2011
 - 19 fellows to date
 - ~80% stayed at SLAC (15/19)
- APS-IDEA teams:
 - SLAC, ANL, Los Alamos, LBNL, LLNL
 - <u>https://www.aps.org/programs/innovation/fund/ide</u>
 <u>a.cfm</u>
 - Re-examining summer internship programs and general hiring practices (SLAC), among other efforts

Current Strategies: Fermilab Operations Department



- Department participation in Fermilab outreach programs
- Having a diverse interview team made up of different individuals inside and outside our department, across departments, groups, and job levels.
- Edited the job description to make it more inclusive. Qualifications and requirements more clearly defined.
- Talking with current and former Operators to see if they know of physics students who may be interested in becoming Operators.
- Conducting Zoom interviews, allowing more candidates to be interviewed and providing a more interactive experience with the interview team members.

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Recruiting:

- 1. Put in writing the selection criteria for USPAS (scholarships)
 - a. To keep process inclusive when application #'s increase
- 2. When looking for new instructors:
 - a. Ask people to look for diverse candidates within their network
 - b. Consider a named instructor position; to recruit from MSI's

3. Consider an occasional pre-fundamentals class

- a. As a second undergraduate class offering
- b. Chance to reach high school students entering college
- c. Use as training course for new instructors

4. Outreach to HBCUs

- a. Expand outreach to other MSI's
- b. Hire/find an outreach coordinator (there was a person in the past)
- 5. Emphasize benefit of participating in outreach
 - a. Most labs have outreach or educational opportunities several times a year
- 6. Named scholarships and fellowships

Key: **Red = strongly suggested** Orange = suggested Green = in progress MSI = Minority serving institution



Materials (course descriptions, applications, etc):

- 1. Updating language to be gender neutral/inclusive in course descriptions
 - a. Mainly a reminder for instructors, when writing new course descriptions
 - b. USPAS has done a good job with this on main USPAS pages
- 2. Consider multiple metrics, possibly deemphasizing GPA for all application (interns, traineeships, hiring)
 - a. Doesn't apply to USPAS currently

Retention:

How do we make sure culture/environment in accelerator community is welcoming/safe/inclusive?