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Planning for 58th Users and Affiliates Meeting (UAM) 2025

UAEC Monthly January 2025 Meeting

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Name Changes

- User's Meeting (UM) => User's and Affiliate's Meeting (UAM)

2025 Users and Affiliates Meeting

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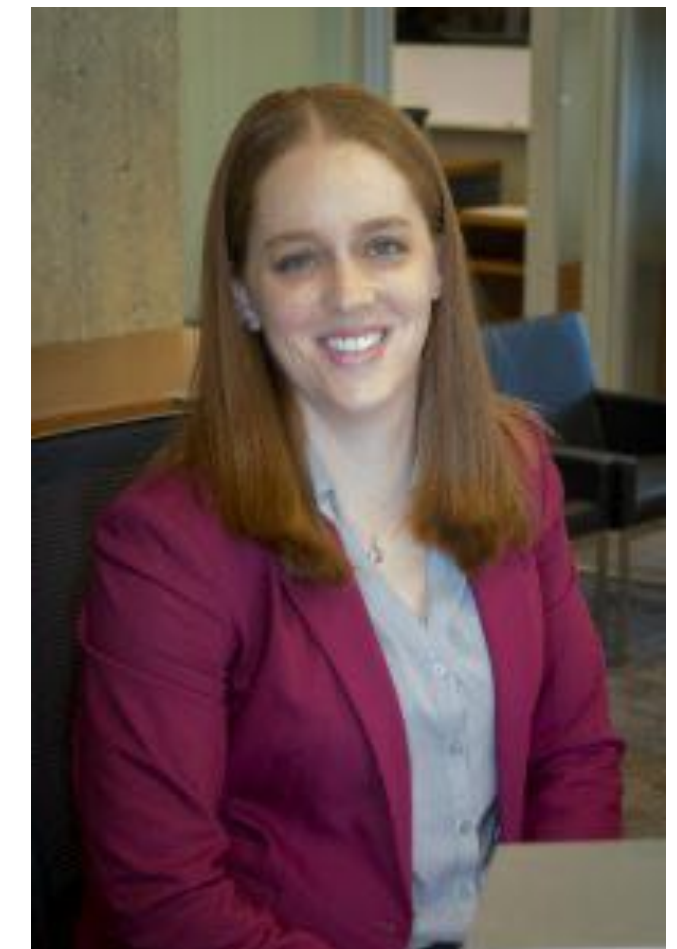
co-Chair:
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Advisor:
Mary-Anne Cumming



Fermilab contact:
Stephany Unruh



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58th Annual Users and Affiliates Meeting at Fermilab 2025 and New Perspectives Meeting

23-27 June 2025. Fermilab, Batavia, Illinois, United States (C25-06-23.6)

Experiment-HEP Phenomenology-HEP

58th conference in the [fermilab-users](#) series

Contact: Fermilab (aferguso@fnal.gov)

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• [58th Annual Users and Affiliates Meeting at Fermilab 2025 and New Perspectives Meeting, 23-27 June 2025, Fermilab, Batavia, Illinois, USA](#)

[Long-baseline newsletter](#)

Long-Baseline news, December 2024

***** Fermilab Users meeting to be 23-27 June 2025**

The 58th Annual Users and Affiliates Meeting at Fermilab will take place at Fermilab in June. <https://inspirehep.net/conferences/2859732>

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- Currently working to send announcement to all-hands
- More promotions: periodic announcements and reminders in the months beforehand
- Other places to promote are: Director's highlight, Fermilab social media, Fermilab and experiment's slack channels, to experiment's secretaries, to experiment spokes, lab divisions, lab calendar, etc

Theme

Themes
Moving Forward
Building Better Forward
Forward through Innovation
Back to the Future
Return to Discovery
Forward to Discoveries through Innovations

- My idea is to include “Forward” in the theme name to show a connection with the new contractor FermiForward group
- I like the “Forward to Discoveries through Innovations” for theme name
- When we invite speakers, we should ask them to also include a couple of slides in their talk to tell us about what new innovation they are thinking about for their research

Keynote Speakers

- We have options for selecting Keynote speaker

Speaker Name	Reason and achievements
Arthur B. McDonald	2015 Nobel Prize winner for the discovery of neutrino oscillation
Takaaki Kajita	2015 Nobel Prize winner for the discovery of neutrino oscillation
Mark Thomson	next Director-General of CERN
Fabiola Gianotti	current Director-General of CERN
Dan Goldin	NASA Administrator (Apr. 1, 1992–Nov. 17, 2001)
Nigel Smith	Executive Director and CEO of TRIUMF
Chad Rigetti	Founder & CEO Rigetti Computing
Sean Carroll	Well-known scientist, author, communicator
Amy Mainzer	Astronomer
Mary Bishai	DUNE co-spokes person, 2024 Office of Science distinguished Science Award

- Directors office will help with invitations

Leadership Involvement

- We want to attract more people to this meeting
- Young and junior collaborators feel inspired when senior leadership attends Users and Affiliates Meeting
- We plan to send more invitations to, Director's office, Division heads, Experiment's spokespersons, and other leadership to attend full in-person sessions
- Based on feedback from students and postdocs, we will requested, experiment spokes, to minimize group meetings during the UAM meeting week
- We suggested experiment to try to plan to present if they have new results
- We will also try to invite more senior speakers from experiments for talks
- More suggestions are welcomed to increase participant

Budget

- Last year our budget was \$30k from FRA
 - \$22.5k for Users Meeting
 - \$4k for New Perspective
 - \$3.5k for Festa Italiana
- New budget will be decided by the FermiForward group. We are expecting to have higher budget but don't know yet what will be approved

URA Travel Application

- Last year URA allotted us \$10k for travel support to participants for their contributions to the Users Meeting including contributions in the New Perspective
- Only 4 students applied last year
- Need to advertise the URA travel funding earlier in advance - months early
- We mentioned URA funding in our save-the-date emails
- Spring 2025 Application is open and we can start applying to it: Deadline is Monday, February 24, 2025 by 6:00 pm EDT
- Funding will be awarded by URA in early-April 2025
- We will setup a google sheet for participants to apply for funding. It will go live when we start registration process

Agenda

- Right time to start thinking about the agenda
- Some general ideas
 - No talk before 9 AM CT and no talk after 5 PM CT
 - 1 hour lunch and two coffee breaks of 30 min each. This should give people enough time to have discussions on coffee
 - 6 hours for talks
 - More talks focused on science results
 - At least one leadership panel, visa related panel
 - Tours
 - We can think more as we move forward with Agenda

Planning Meetings

- In the next few weeks, we will be setting up meetings with Fermilab for planning of 2025 meeting
- Initially, meetings will be biweekly or monthly and will be on weekly basis as we approach closer to the Users Meeting
- Stephany is our Fermilab contact person to setup these meetings

Timeline

- I will work on a timeline based on things we performed last year, for example
 - Start of Registration
 - Deadlines
 - URA travel funding
 - And more

Back up

Summary of 2024 Users Meeting

- 10-12 July 2024: Users Meeting
- 9 July 2024: Festa Italiana
- 8-9 July 2024: New Perspective

- Keynote speaker: Congressman Bill Foster
- Special Colloquium (W&C slot): Chris Quigg



57th Fermilab Users Meeting
INSPIRATIONS FROM P5
July 9-12, 2024

Learn, connect and collaborate:

- Reception
- Poster session
- Panel session
- URA honorary awards session
- Festa Italiana

Register today: indico.fnal.gov/event/64626

Fermilab U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY Office of Science Fermilab URA

The poster features a photograph of the Fermilab Main Building, a large, modern structure with a central glass facade and two tall, narrow wings. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner of the poster.

2024 Users Meeting: Major Lessons Learned

- We maintained the lessons learned in a google sheet
 - Need to set dates early and let others plan around their schedule
 - Send information about meeting and registration to FNAL partners so they can advertise to their physics departments
 - We should begin NOW for a "high profile" speaker
 - Need to advertise the URA travel funding earlier in advance - months early
 - Poor attendance needs to somehow be addressed. Part of the problem is that the meeting has too much competition. Everyone has other meetings, work, and deadlines to meet. It's hard to find time to break away for the Users Meeting, and there's not much incentive to do so. I think it would help if the **lab (not just the UEC) celebrated the week** (both New Perspectives and the Users Meeting) and **heavily promote attending**. Maybe suggesting a low tempo week, except for New Perspectives/Users Meeting
 - People want there to be a future - both near and long-term

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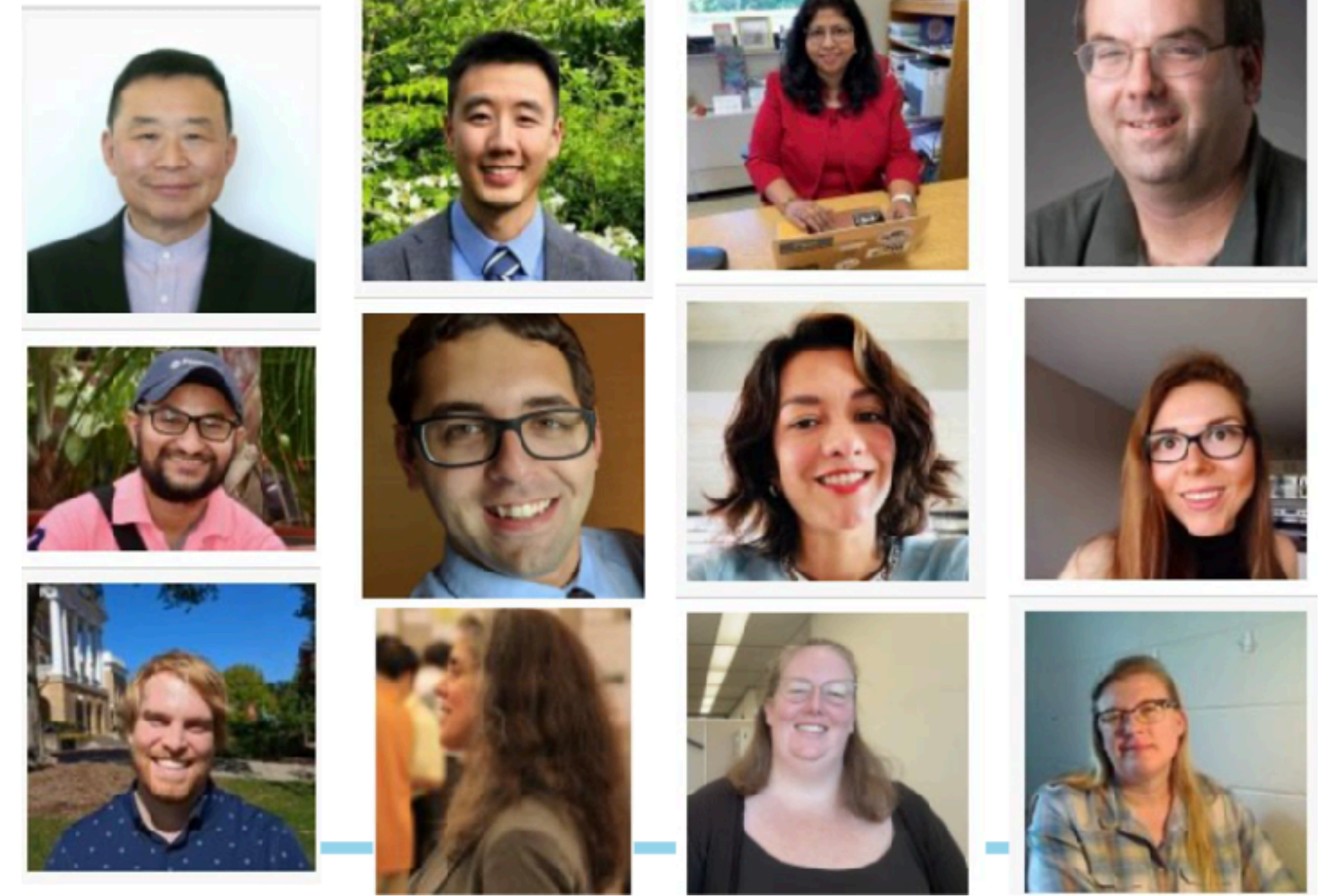
- Between now and next year press HARD on restoring the lab to its previous open status
- Lab has to be perceived as a place that people want to be. If it isn't headed back toward the **original culture and scientific openness**, it is broadcasting to the world that we are sunsetting
- More involvement from the experiment's leadership, for example, asking at least one of the spokesperson who is based at lab to attend sessions in-person
- Inviting more senior speakers to talk about their experiments overview
- Ask experiments, if they can, to present some new results at the meeting
- More focus on science talks

2024 Users Meeting: Major Lessons Learned

- A lot more time to URA awards sessions
- Run sessions according to the time
- Fun activity on one of the evenings
- Some more logistic related feedback in our google sheets

2024 Users Meeting: Acknowledgments

UEC members



FSPA members

