



# LAPA

## Los Alamos Postdoc Association

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*"The mission of the Los Alamos Postdoc Association at Los Alamos National Laboratory shall be to foster a sense of community among the postdoctoral research staff; to advocate for and be the representative voice of the postdoctoral community; and to provide career development information to the members of the Los Alamos Postdoctoral Association."*

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### Los Alamos Postdoc Newsletter

# Career Fair Sept. 5<sup>th</sup>!

The first ever Los Alamos Postdoc Career Fair will be held on Wednesday, September 5. Thirty companies will be represented at the career fair. This event—which we hope will be organized on a yearly basis from now on—is intended to be an aid to LANL postdocs in their career planning. In addition to being an excellent networking opportunity for postdocs and prospective employers, it will also strengthen LANL's relationships with industry, government, academia, and LANL alumni.

There are several events planned in addition to the Career Fair. There will be a "meet and greet" social Tuesday evening where postdocs can mingle with company representatives. In addition, several companies will present formal information sessions. The schedule is as follows:

## Meet and Greet with Employers

When: September 4, 2007, 5:00-8:00 PM

Where: Best Western Hilltop House, Los Alamos

What to bring: Business casual attire, RSVP to [lapa\\_career@lanl.gov](mailto:lapa_career@lanl.gov)

## LANL Postdoc Career Fair

When: September 5, 2007, 9:00AM-3:30PM

Where: Los Alamos Research Park (Hot Rocks building), Rm. 203

What to bring: Resume/CV, business attire

## Information Sessions

**September 5:** Los Alamos Research Park, Rm. 202A

9:00-9:30 AM:	UOP-Honeywell
9:30-10:30 AM:	Rohm & Haas
11:00 AM – noon:	Conoco-Phillips
4:30-5:30 PM:	MIT Lincoln Labs

**September 6:** Los Alamos Research Park, Rm. 301

9:00-10:00 AM:	3M
11:00 AM - noon:	Institute for Defense Analyses

### REMINDER!!!

The next GA Meeting is September 12!

The next Postdoc Social is September 19. Please see the events calendar.

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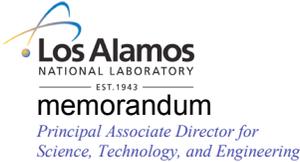
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<http://www.lanl.gov/projects/pda/>



This event has been endorsed by LANL and all postdocs are encouraged to attend (see the memo from PADSTE director Terry Wallace below).

The career fair is co-organized by the Los Alamos Postdoc Association (LAPA) Career Committee, LANL Recruiting Office, Postdoc Program Office, and the office of the Principal Associate Directorate for Science, Technology, and Engineering (PADSTE). For more information regarding the career fair including a list of companies attending please visit [http://www.lanl.gov/projects/pda/committee\\_career/CareerFair.shtml](http://www.lanl.gov/projects/pda/committee_career/CareerFair.shtml) or contact the LAPA Career Chair Roshan Shrestha: [lapa\\_career@lanl.gov](mailto:lapa_career@lanl.gov)



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**SUBJECT: Career Fair for LANL Postdocs – September 5, 2007**

Los Alamos National Laboratory, the Los Alamos Postdoc Association (LAPA), and the LANL Postdoc Office have jointly organized a career fair for LANL postdocs, scheduled to occur on September 5, 2007 in the Los Alamos Research Park. This project has been endorsed by Director Michael Anastasio and has received ongoing support from the office of the Principal Associate Director for Science, Technology, and Engineering (PADSTE).

We invite you to encourage all LANL postdoctoral researchers to attend this event during its scheduled time between 9:00 am and 3:30 pm on September 5, 2007. This event is not classified and is open to LANL postdocs from all divisions, regardless of clearance level. Both US citizens and foreign nationals are invited to attend this event.

For questions or more information regarding this event, please contact LAPA President Michael Demkowicz at [president\\_lapa@lanl.gov](mailto:president_lapa@lanl.gov).

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## Recent Events

Fidelity Investments Talk

Monday, August 20  
9:00 - 10:30 AM



## Upcoming Events

### GA Meeting

Date: 09/12/07

Time: 12:00-1:00

Where: Otowi Cafeteria, Siderooms A&B

### Postdoc Night

Date: 09/19/07

Time: 5:30-8:30

Where: Lala's Cocina (on Trinity across from Sonic)

### False Levity/Carbon Black Performance

Date: 08/24/07

Time: 6:00 PM - ??

Where: VFW Hall (Lala's Cocina)

### Career Fair

Date: 09/05/07

Time: 9:00 - 3:30

Where: Research Park/Hot Rocks

### End of Summer BBQ

Date: 09/15/07

Time: 3:00 - 7:00 PM

Where: Urban Park Pavilion

## LAPA Committee Reports

### Treasurer's Report

- Cost of Pizza Picnic on July 14th, 2007 was \$465.89.
- \$598.60 remains for the annual LAPA picnic to be held in September.

### Policy Committee

- No report.

### Communication Committee

- The LAPA newsletter was finalized and published to all LANL postdocs on 07/27/07.

### Finance Committee

- No report

### Social Committee

- No report

### Conversion Committee

- No report

### Career Committee

- Companies' info session presentations will be Tuesday and Thursday evenings @ Canyon Complex.
- Interviews will be on Wednesday and Thursday.
- Last month's update: 10 companies, 25 resumes
  - Now: 28 Companies, 158 resumes
- CVs have been mailed out to employers.
  - Many of you will be contacted.
- Sandia postdocs are invited to the fair.
- Etiquette guidelines for postdocs:
  - We highly recommend business attire
  - Bring at least 10 copies of your resume.
- As always, your friendly Career committee consists of Jason, Michael, Laura, and Roshan.
- Tamara, Sandra and Mary Anne from HR.
- If you have questions, email [LAPA\\_career@lanl.gov](mailto:LAPA_career@lanl.gov).

### Life-Cycle Document Special Committee

- July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2007 meeting at Canyon School
- I. Gary Resnick approached LAPA to provide input from the postdoc perspective to be included in the Postdoc Life Cycle document he is drafting for AD-CLES



- This document is being drafted to enhance the postdoc experience.
- Attendees: Kevin D. Houston (Chair), Chandra Savage Marsden, Michael Blair, Jason Stairs, Nate Mack, and Seth Olson.
- Guests in attendance: I. Gary Resnick (Division Leader, Biosciences) and Kim Thomas (Program Director, Science and Technology Base)
- The discussion was organized into a series of postdoc life cycle milestones. A list of a few of the topics covered during our meeting:
  - Recruitment and Intake
    - Pre-registration for training
    - Required presentation during interview
  - End of Year One
    - Scheduled meeting with management (GL, DL)
    - Clearance request discussion
  - End of Year Two
    - Postdoc presentation of work accomplished at LANL (LANL-wide announcement)
    - Scheduled meeting with management (GL, DL)
  - End of Year Three, Transition
    - Clarify role of postdoc in developing conversion package
    - Career development opportunities
- In a follow-up meeting with I. Gary Resnick, he expressed gratitude for LAPA's input and it was decided that we do not need an additional meeting. He will keep LAPA involved in drafting the Postdoc Life Cycle document via the Postdoc Life Cycle Special Committee.

## General Assembly Meeting Minutes

The regular meeting of the LAPA General Assembly was held on Wednesday, August 8, 2007 at 12:11 PM in Siderooms A & B of the Otowi Cafeteria. LAPA President Michael Demkowicz was the presiding officer, and upon calling the meeting to order he announced that a quorum was not present. The agenda was amended to omit the report from the Social Committee, and the amended agenda was approved by unanimous consent. The minutes from the previous meeting (7/11/07), which had been posted on the LAPA webpage, were approved without correction.

An officer's report was given by the Treasurer (Kevin D. Houston) on the current state of the LAPA budget. Committee reports were given by Nate Mack (chair, Communication Committee), Roshan Shrestha (acting chair, Career Committee), and Kevin Houston (chair, Life-Cycle Document Committee).

By unanimous consent, voting on the proposed bylaw amendment and the approval of the business conducted at the July meeting were postponed until the next GA meeting. Srinivasan Srivilliputhur, the Postdoc Committee representative for MST-6, 7, and 8, was introduced to the assembly. There was a brief discussion about changing the time of the GA meeting, but no actions were taken.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:40 PM.

## Postdoc Profiles

**Name:** Lei Chen  
**Group:** B-7  
**Ph.D. Institution:** University of Washington  
**Research Interests:** Tumor virology  
**Hobbies or interests:** Hiking, fishing, photography



**Name:** Andrey Kovalevsky  
**Group:** B-8  
**Ph.D. Institution:** University of Buffalo (SUNY)  
**Research Interests:** Protein crystallography, enzyme mechanisms, kinetics, neutron diffraction  
**Hobbies or interests:** Playing tennis, reading, watching movies.



**Name:** Todd Williamson  
**Group:** C-ADI  
**Ph.D. Institution:** University of Illinois  
**Research Interests:** Ill-nitride semiconductors  
**Hobbies or interests:** Running, skiing, cooking, playing golf.



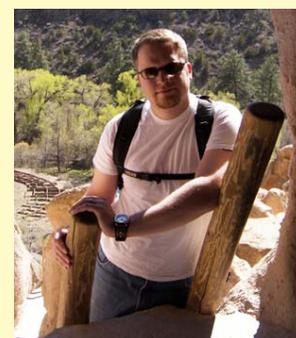
**Name:** Christina Johnston  
**Group:** MPA-11  
**Ph.D. Institution:** University of Illinois  
**Research Interests:** Catalysts for fuel cells  
**Hobbies or interests:** Singing, reading the news, hiking, cooking



**Name:** Roman Gröger  
**Group:** T-11/CNLS  
**Ph.D. Institution:** University of Pennsylvania  
**Research Interests:** Landau-Ginzburg theory of structural phase transitions, plasticity  
**Hobbies or interests:** Fine art B&W photography, programming, hiking



**Name:** Jason Stairs  
**Group:** C-PCS  
**Ph.D. Institution:** Pennsylvania State University  
**Research Interests:** Explosives Detection via Mass Spectrometry  
**Hobbies or interests:** Playing guitar, reading, and computer programming



## LAPA Officers

President:  
Michael Demkowicz

Vice-President:  
Roshan Shrestha

Secretary:  
Chandra Savage Marsden

Treasurer:  
Kevin Houston

## Committee Chairs

Policy:  
Melissa Lucero

Communication:  
Nate Mack

Finance:  
Laura Stonehill

Social:  
Zoë Fisher

Conversion:  
Nate Mara

Career:  
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## Be ready for the next GA meeting - know your Robert's Rules!

When a member thinks that the rules of the assembly are being violated, he can make a *Point of Order* (or "raise a question of order," as it is sometimes expressed), thereby calling upon the chair for a ruling and an enforcement of the regular rules.

— Robert's Rules of Order Newly Revised, 10th ed., p. 240

## Postdoc Program Office Announcements

- Distinguished Postdoctoral Fellow candidates will be considered during the January 2008 Quarterly Meeting
- Winner of the Postdoctoral Publication Prize in Experimental Sciences announced

For the latest announcements, check out the Postdoc office webpage:  
<http://int.lanl.gov/science/postdocs/>

## Calendar of Events

September 2007						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4 Employer Meet and Greet 5:00-8:00 pm Hilltop House	5 Career Fair 9:00-3:30 pm Research Park	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 LAPA GA Meeting 12:00 pm Otowi Side-rooms A & B	13	14	15 End-of Summer BBQ 3:00 - 7:00 pm Urban Park Pavilion
16	17	18	19 Postdoc Night! 5:30 pm La La's Cocina	20	21	22
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