

GSPDA Highlights

2025–2026

Graduate Student and Postdoc Association

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JLUO Satellite Meeting, APS DNP

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Prepared from the GSPDA leadership update, October 2026, and the public GSPDA program.

GSPDA activities this past year

- Monthly lunch seminars with speakers from around Jefferson Lab.
- March 2026 board-game event with the JLab Board Game Club.
- Computing Bootcamp, 13–15 May 2026.
- Another social event planned for late October.

Source: Andrew Gunsch, GSPDA Secretary (2025–26), October 2026.

Computing Bootcamp: May 13–15



Hands-on workshop session at Jefferson Lab.

More than 70 attendees.

Both new and experienced users, in person and on Zoom.

All survey respondents rated it *somewhat* to *extremely useful*.

What the Bootcamp covered



- Linux and JLab computing
- SLURM and SWIF2 workflows
- Git and containers
- FAIR data practices and AI tools

Organization: Kate Evans, Christine Ploen, Austin Nelsen, Zeke Wertz, Lorelei Carlson.

Workshop contributors: Raiqa Rasool, Brad Sawatzky, Cameron Clarke, Casey Morean.

Lunch seminars

A way to hear about work outside one's own group.

Some topics featured in 2026:

- Streaming data acquisition
- The nuclear EMC effect
- EIC accelerator technologies
- QuantOm workflows

Currently on hiatus: GSPDA reports difficulty finding speakers and covering lunch catering expenses.

Getting to know people around the lab

- In March 2026, GSPDA and **Theo McGuckin** of the **JLab Board Game Club** held an event for graduate students, postdocs, and staff.
- Another event is being planned for **late October**.
- These gatherings help people connect beyond their immediate research group or collaboration.

The late-October event was not yet held when the GSPDA update was sent.

GSPDA's current needs

- **Seminars:** speakers and a budget for lunch catering.
- **New students:** meeting people at JLab and finding housing.
- **Visibility:** PIs and staff can introduce incoming students and postdocs to GSPDA.

What JLUO and the user community can do

- Tell new users about GSPDA.
- Suggest lunch seminar speakers.
- Discuss small-scale event support and housing resources.



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postdocs at the lab!

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