Working hard this summer Chris Hendricks, an undergraduate student at W&M (left), and Dina Abdel-Fattah, an entering student at W&M (right), participated in several projects in the ARC Labs. One of the projects they worked on dealt with the structure of iron, produced by the Colonial Williamsburg blacksmiths. (http://www.jlab.org/ARC/WM/newsletter/may06update2.pdf) A number of interesting results were obtained. Both students received a great experience in metallographic methods of surface structure analysis and in the use of different types of equipment. This work attracted attention of Steve McCain, editor of the William and Mary student scientific magazine, Ideation. See a link to his article online: http://www.wm.edu/news/index.php?id=6516

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On August 22nd ODU ARC Lab Director, Dr. Hani Elsayed-Ali (right) visited our lab. He brought his colleague, ODU professor Dr. Wes Lawrence, to tour the W&M labs and show him our equipment capabilities.

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On August 30th Tatiana Tchoudakova, a graduate student in cultural anthropology at the University of Chicago, visited our lab. Natalie conducted a lab tour for her. In exchange, Tatiana showed pictures, she’d brought from the field trip to Buriatya, a small autonomic region in Siberia, Russia, next to Mongolia and lake Baikal.

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