Welcome

New Distance Master Students:
Spring 2005: David DiGennaro, Norristown, PA; Rhonda Pitt, Winnebago, NE; Douglas Ruby, Des Moines, IA; Merrill Tawse, Lucas, OH.

Publications


Graduate Student News

Tom Eickhoff received $200 in travel support funds from the Elvis Dickason Memorial Fund to attend the National Entomological Society (ESA) Meetings held in Salt Lake City, UT, November 14-17, 2004.

Lisa Franzen, Paula Macedo, and Obdulia Segura-León were also awarded $200 as travel support funds from the Myron H. Swenk Memorial Fund to attend the National ESA meetings.


Suinaga, Fábio Akiyoshi, Vicente Wagner Dias Casali, Marcelo Picanço, and John Foster. 2004. Genetic divergence among tomato leafminer populations based on AFLP analysis.

Analiza Alves, Andre Crespo, Shauna Hawkins, Matt Paulsen, Eliseu Pereira, Aaron Smith, and Elizabeth Rieke attended the National ESA meetings. Shauna, Matt, Aaron, and Elizabeth presented papers.

Obdulia Segura-León’s dissertation defense will be held Wednesday, December 1, 2004, at 9:30 a.m. at the East Campus Union. Her defense title is “Phylogeography of Diabrotica virgifera.”

Sean Putnam’s thesis defense will be on Thursday, December 2, 2004, at 9:30 a.m. at the East Campus Union. Sean’s defense title is “Lineoleate metabolism by fat body of the tobacco hornworm, Manduca sexta.”

Paula Macedo’s dissertation defense will be held on Tuesday, December 7, 2004, at 1:00 p.m. in the East Campus Union. Her defense

Grants

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The Entomology Department has been awarded a Graduate Student Recruitment Grant from the Office of Graduate Studies for $11,000 ($4,500 in direct monies to the department and $6,500+ in recruitment fellowships). Dr. John Foster and Connie Reimers-Hild submitted the recruitment grant application.

Matt Paulsen started conducting collecting in Chile in late November and will continue into December. Matt also conducted molecular systematics work at the University of California-Riverside in October.

Travel


Drs. Brett Ratcliffe, Mary Liz Jameson, and Federico Ocampo attended the Fall Systematics
been awarded $3,200 from Generalitat Valenciana, University of Alicante, Spain, to conduct systematics research on anomaline scarabs.

**Faculty News**

**Dr. Shripat T. Kamble** presented an invited paper entitled "Success in Perimeter Treatment for Subterranean Termite Control" at Pest-World, National Pest Management Association Conference in Honolulu, HI, this past October.

**Dr. Mary Liz Jameson** began her two-year term as President of the Coleopterists Society at the National Entomological Society of America (ESA) meetings held in Salt Lake City, UT, this November.

**Dr. Brett Ratcliffe** began his third, five-year term as Secretary of the Coleopterists Society at the ESA meetings in Salt Lake City, UT, this November.

**Dr. Federico Ocampo** began his second year as webmaster for the Entomology Collections Network.

**Dr. Bob Wright** served as 2004 Poster Chair for the National ESA Meetings.

**Dr. Ken Pruess** presented a paper on “Molecular Phylogeny of the Black Fly Genus Cnephia” in a symposium on “Phylogenetic Implications of Blood-Feeding in Black Flies” at the International Congress of Entomology in Brisbane, Australia this last August.

**Drs. Brett Ratcliffe, Mary Liz Jameson, Federico Ocampo** presented papers at the National ESA Meetings in November.

**Symposium on Latin American Biogeography at the Missouri Botanical Gardens in St. Louis in October.**

**Dr. Federico Ocampo** is conducting collecting and collections research in Argentina from late November to mid-January.

**From the Office**

**W2s** will be mailed in January. Please be sure that the University has your current address. See the Department Office ASAP if you need to make an update. DO NOT update your address on the ESS system.

**Phishing E-mail**

The University has issued a warning about the recent spate of "phishing" e-mails being received by University e-mail accounts. Phishing e-mails appear to come from banks and companies that you may do business with.
Dr. Bob Wright gave an invited presentation to the Nebraska Research Symposium November 10, 2004, at the East Campus Union on ‘Bt corns.’

Dr. Mary Liz Jameson started conducting collaborative research in November with Estefania Mico at the University of Alicante in Spain and will continue there until mid-December.

Dr. Steve Skoda has been named the new Research Leader at the USDA-ARS SPA Screwworm Research Laboratory in Panama City, Panama. Dr. Skoda had been the acting Research Leader of the Screwworm Research Unit and assumed his permanent duties in October.

Drs. Brett Ratcliffe and Mary Liz Jameson presented papers at the 6th Reunion of Latin American Scarab Workers at EARTH University in Costa Rica in October.

Congratulations

Obdulia Segura-León, Lance Meinke, Federico Hoffman, and Guillermo Orti’s poster, “Patterns of intraspecific diversification in Diabrotica virgifera” received 2nd Place in the Ph.D. poster competition at the National ESA meetings in Salt Lake City, UT.

Lisa D. Franzen, Tiffany M. Heng-Moss, Leon G. Higley, Gautam Sarath, and John D. Burd’s poster was awarded 2nd Place in the M.S. poster competition at the National ESA meetings in Salt Lake City, UT. The title of the poster was “Physiological Responses of Wheat to the Russian Wheat Aphid (Hemiptera: Aphididae).”

Dr. Andrew Smith received the Lacordaire Prize from the Coleopterists Society for the best

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Departmental Forms
Be sure to check out the Entomology Department website for all your
published dissertation on Coleoptera.

**Xuguo (Joe) Zhou** and wife, Lan became proud parents of a baby daughter November 20, 2004. Little Sophie (Shao-Fei) Zhou weighed 8 lbs., 5 oz.

**Neil Spomer** and wife, Cheri, are happy parents of a little girl, Rylan, born Sunday, November 28, 2004. Rylan weighed 7lbs. and was 20½ inches long.


CFDA No.: 10.210
Deadline: 1/5/05 #11-1-2
More information: Nathan Meier ([2.1808/nmeier@unl.edu](mailto:nmeier@unl.edu))

Office of Sponsored Programs Announcements
The graduate student benefit rate has risen to 28 percent. Please use this figure when calculating benefits on GRA stipends in all future proposals.

A reminder that when a potential grant sponsor does not pay the full F&A rate of 46 percent, the OSP should be contacted prior to the processing of the proposal for
approval of the reduced rate.

**Important:** the OSP is contemplating a major change in the processing of grant proposals. They are studying the possibility of rejecting ALL proposals which arrive at their office without a completed routing form. Presently, if a proposal doesn't have a routing form, or if the form is incorrect or incomplete, the proposal is forwarded to the funding agency anyway, to meet the deadline. This may change, and proposals may be held pending completion of a routing form, even if the proposal misses the sponsor's deadline. At this time, we have no word on whether this would affect Ag Hall's proposal processing of USDA and board grants.

**This 'n That**

Michael Klein, recently retired from USDA-ARS in Wooster, OH, donated a LARGE
collection of scarab toys, scarab jewelry, scarab bric-a-brac, scarab post cards, scarab stamps, and Egyptian sacred scarab paperweights to the Division of Entomology in the Museum in November. A hallway display will be created in the Museum's Research Collections in Nebraska Hall.

Calendar of Events

December 1, 2004
Obdulia Segura-León Defense Seminar
9:00 a.m., East Campus Union

December 2, 2004
Sean Putnam Defense Seminar
9:30 a.m., East Campus Union

December 7, 2004
Paula Macedo Defense Seminar
1:00 p.m., East Campus Union
December 8, 2004
Entomology Faculty Meeting
10:30 a.m., 214 PI

December 11, 2004
Last day of classes

December 13-15, 2004
International Conference on Diabrotica Genetics
Fairmont on the Plaza Hotel, Kansas City, MO

December 13-17, 2004
First Semester Final Exams

December 18, 2004
First Semester Commencement

December 24, 2004 - January 2, 2005
Holiday Closedown

January 10, 2005
Second Semester
begins

January 17, 2005
Martin Luther King Day
(Student and Staff Holiday)

January 27-28, 2005
Urban Pest Management Conference
The Cornhusker Hotel, Lincoln, NE

February 27-March 2, 2005
Annual Meeting of the Pacific Branch of the Entomological Society of America
Monterey, CA

February 28-March 3, 2005
Annual Meeting of the Southwestern Branch of the Entomological Society of America
Albuquerque, NM
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