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Welcome



New Distance Masters Students:

Summer 2005: **Rodney Atchley**, Fresno, CA; **William Herman**, Houston, TX; **Frannie Miller**, Lyons, KS; **Darin Peterson**, Kingsburg, CA.

Fall 2005: **Deborah Denovich**, Pittsburgh, PA; **Andrea Leal**, Big Pine Key, FL; **S. Lynn Stollings-Vogel**, Garettsville, OH.

Chelsey Wasem is working in **Dr. Fred Baxendale's** lab this semester and will begin a Masters program this June under the direction of **Drs. Bob Wright** and **Fred Baxendale**. She will be working on the biological control of Japanese beetles. Chelsey received her B.S. degree in horticulture with a specialization in business and a minor in Textiles, Clothing, and Design from UN-L this past December. Chelsey is from Aurora, NE.

Congratulations





Jeri Cunningham, staff secretary in the department, received IANR's Office/Service Outstanding Employee Award for March 2005. A framed certificate, pin, and monetary award of \$250 goes along with the recognition. A reception was held to honor Jeri on Monday, April 11, 2005.

Connie Reimers-Hild, James W. King, **John E. Foster**, Susan M. Fritz, Steven S. Waller and Daniel W. Wheeler recently received a Best Paper Award for their manuscript, "A Framework for the 'Entrepreneurial' Learner of the 21st Century." The award winning paper will be presented at the Distance Learning Administration's 2005 Conference in June and will be published in the Distance Learning Administration Annual and in The Online Journal of Distance Learning Administration.

Shauna Hawkins has received a National Science and Engineering Research Council (NSERC -Canada) graduate fellowship (\$105,000) for three years of Ph.D. work at a Canadian university of her choice. Congratulations Shauna!!

Sean Putnam was awarded the *Lincoln Journal Star* Educator of the Week. Sean is a chemistry teacher at Lincoln High School and was nominated by former student, Maegen Straight. Sean graduated last December with a M.S. in Entomology and is continuing on in the Ph.D. program. **Dr. David Stanley** and Dr. Paul Staswick serve as his advisors.

Pete Clark and wife, Maureen, are the proud parents of a little boy, Garrett McDonald, born March 9, 2005, weighing 8 lbs., 7 oz. Big sister, Hallie, thinks he's pretty special too.



Publications

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Meeting News

The annual meeting of the North Central Branch of the Entomological Society of America was held March 20-23, 2005, in West Lafayette, IN. Faculty attending were **Drs. Marion Ellis, John Foster, Shripat Kamble, Ken Pruess**, and **Bob Wright**. Entomology graduate students that attended were **Nick Aliano, Wyatt Anderson, Pete Clark, Alex Cunningham, Tom Eickhoff, Tim Husen, Jeff Krumm, Sasi Maliphan, Sam Martinelli, Upeka Samarakoon, Rosana Serikawa, Bea Siriwetwivat, Neil Spomer, Abby Stilwell**, and **Banks Tiroesele**.

Congratulations to **Nick Aliano**, who was awarded First Place in the Ph.D. 10-Minute Paper competition at the North Central Branch Meeting. Congratulations also to **Wyatt Anderson** and **Bea Siriwetwivat**, who each were awarded First Place in the Ph.D. Poster Presentation competition.

A team of UN-L Entomology Department graduate students (**Nick Aliano, Alex Cunningham, Tom Eickhoff, Tim Husen, and Wyatt Anderson**) participated in the Linnaean Games competition at the North Central Branch Meeting. The team fought a hard match against North Dakota State University, but lost. **Drs. Ken Pruess and Bob Wright** served as coaches for the team.

After the final match of the Linnaean Games competition, an exhibition match was held between the ESA North Central Branch Champions from the University of Missouri-Columbia, and the inappropriately named "Oldtimers" Team of Marlin Rice (Iowa State University), ESA President Mike Ivey, ESA Past-President Jay McPherson, and **Dr. Bob Wright**. The "Oldtimers" won. The games-master for the Linnaean Games was UN-L Entomology Department alum, **Dr. W. Wyatt Hoback**, from the University of Nebraska at Kearney.



Grants



Tiffany Heng-Moss

Industry Funds

\$5,000

US Golf Association - Chinch Bug Resistance Research on Buffalograss National Turfgrass Evaluation Program

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| Srinivas Parimi, Usha B. Zehr, and Blair D. Siegfried | USAID- Biotechnology and Biosafety Interface (BBI) | \$147,691 | Eggplant shoot and fruit borer - Baseline Studies and Genetic Diversity |
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Dr. Marion Ellis received a grant for \$2,500 from the Iowa Beekeepers Association.

Fond Farewells

Connie Reimers-Hild, Lecturer & Distance Education Coordinator for the M.S. in Entomology program, has accepted a new position as an extension educator. Her office will be located at the Agricultural Research Center in Mead. A farewell reception will be held Friday, April 15, at 2:00 p. m. We will miss you, Connie!

After 16 years of service to UN-L, **Dr. David Stanley** retired in March and moved to Columbia, MO, where he is Research Leader with the USDA/ ARS, Biological Control of Insects Research Laboratory. A reception was held March 18, 2005. Best wishes to David, Terri, and family.

Dr. Emily Nekl, a post doc in **Dr. Blair Siegfried's** lab, will be leaving at the end of April. Her email goes like this...

"If everything goes well we should close on our house in Clemmons, NC on April 15, and we will be moving once Casey has graduated from medical school at the end of May. He will be doing an ear, nose and throat residency in Winston-Salem at Wake Forest U. I'm hoping that someone will employ me... I would like to thank everyone for such a superb year here - this is such an inviting environment that as a result, I've been able to be productive on many different scientific levels. I'll miss this department!" Best wishes to Emily and Casey!

Faculty News

Dr. Mary Liz Jameson served as keynote speaker for a Kansas-wide program aimed at promoting science and math to young women. The program, "Expanding Your Horizons," hosted 220 girls in grades 6-8 from rural Kansas and 50 adults/parents. Keynote title, "It's a jungle out there!"

Blazing your trail in life's tropical forest" placed emphasis on the importance of biodiversity and insects, evolution, and science careers. The program was held at Emporia State University, Emporia, KS, on March 12, 2005.

Dr. Lisa Baird was recently appointed adjunct Professor in the Entomology Department. Dr. Baird is Professor and Chair of the Biology Department at the University of San Diego.

Dr. Odair Fernandes has received an adjunct Associate Professor appointment in Entomology. Odair (Ph.D. 1995) is in the Department of Plant Protection at São Paulo State University in Ribeirão Preto, Brazil.

Dr. Neal Haskell has also been appointed an adjunct Professor in the Entomology Department. Dr. Haskell is Professor of Biology and Forensic Science at St. Joseph's College and is a preeminent forensic entomologist in the United States.

Dr. Svata Louda was appointed courtesy Professor in the department. Dr. Louda is professor in the School of Biological Sciences.

Grad Student News

Pete Clark received a travel award of \$200 from the Myron H. Swenk Memorial Fund for his trip to Argentina to collect data for dissertation research.

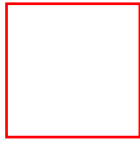
Neil Spomer was awarded \$200 from the Elvis Dickason Memorial Fund to attend the North Central Branch ESA Meeting in West Lafayette, IN. **Nick Aliano, Wyatt Anderson, Sasi Maliphan, Upeka Samarakoon, Rosana Serikawa,** and **Banks Bamphitlhi** each received a travel award of \$200 from the Myron H. Swenk Memorial Fund to attend the North Central Branch ESA Meeting.

Bill Allgeier's thesis defense will be held on Thursday, April 21, 2005, at 9:30 a.m. The title of Bill's defense is "The Behavioral Ecology and Abundance of Tiger Beetles Inhabiting the Eastern Saline Wetlands of Nebraska."

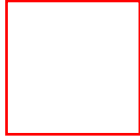
Neil Spomer's thesis defense was held on March 29, 2005. Neil's thesis title was "Temperature Mediated Kinetics and Biological Activity of

Noviflumuron in the Eastern Subterranean Termite, *Reticulitermes flavipes* (Kollar)."

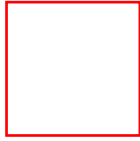
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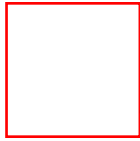
President - **Nick Aliano**



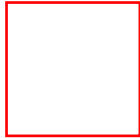
Vice President - **Analiza Alves**



Secretary - **Tierney Brosius**



Treasurer - **Sabine Becker**



Student Representative - **Neil Spomer**

Dr. Bob Wright was elected as an advisor, and **Dr. Marion Ellis** is serving his second year as advisor.



Travel

Shauna Hawkins, Matt Paulsen, and Dr. Federico Ocampo studied the collections at the Museum d'Histoire Naturelle in Paris in March. **Dr. Federico Ocampo** and **Matt Paulsen** studied collections at the British Museum of Natural History in London in March, and Matt also studied the collections in Amsterdam, Holland.

Aaron Smith traveled to southern Texas to collect scarabs.

Dr. Ken Pruess attended the North American Black Fly Association

meeting at Archbold Biological Station, Lake Placid, FL, February 5 - 7, 2005 and presented a paper on "Molecular Phylogeny of Chephia."

Condolences

Alex Cunningham's grandmother, Joy York of Lincoln, died March 8, 2005. Our sincere sympathy to Alex and his family.

P.S.R. Anjaneyulu, father of **Leela Alamalakala**, died in Hyderabad, India on February 13, 2005. Our sympathies go out to Leela, Srinivas, and family.



From the Office

The due date for Fall 2005 tuition and fees will be the second Wednesday of September (September 14th), and not in October as in previous years.

The Office of Sponsored Programs has advised faculty members to avoid putting computers on Federal grants whenever possible. Federal auditors have been disallowing computer purchases in many cases. The only time a computer should be purchased on a Federal grant is if it was written into the proposal and if the computer will be used solely for the project on which it was purchased.

ARD has issued a reminder that ALL grant proposals need to have a routing form on them. Sponsored Programs will not process, even electronically, any proposals without a routing form. The routing form needs to be signed by the Principal Investigator, the Department Head, and the cognizant Dean. The form should arrive in Sponsored Programs two days before the deadline they are due to the funding agency. Every Commodity Board proposal also needs to have the routing form. These forms need to be checked for accuracy. There have been many arithmetic errors on some recently received, and it does not look good to have corrections made in a rush. In addition, Commodity Board proposals need to be in the Dean's office at least one day before they are due.

Changes in Human Resources policy now require that paperwork be completed on all employees BEFORE they start work. The I-9 form must be completed, and although not required for the I-9, University regulations require that a copy of the new employee's Social Security card must be in the employee's personnel file. Please do not put a new employee or a student to work with the assumption that they will finish their paperwork later. Technically, the University is not allowed to pay employees for work performed before they have been processed into the system. If you have questions, please contact the Business Office.

USDA - Higher Education Multicultural Scholars Grants Program <http://fedgrants.gov/Applicants/USDA/CSREES/OEP/USDA-GRANTS-030905-002/Grant.html>

Deadline: 6/1/05, #3-14-8, More information: Nathan Meier (2.1808/nmeier@unl.edu)

Calendar of Events

April 20, 2005

- Entomology Faculty Meeting, 9:30 a.m., 214 PI

April 22-23, 2005

- 81st Annual Meeting of the Kansas Entomological Society, Lawrence, KS

April 25-30, 2005

- Last Week of Classes

May 2-6, 2005

- Second Semester Exams

May 7, 2005

- Second Semester Commencement

May 16, 2005

- Pre-Session and Eight-Week Session Begin

May 18, 2005

- Entomology Faculty Meeting, 9:30 a.m., 214 PI

May 30, 2005

- Memorial Day Holiday - No classes, office closed

June 3, 2005

- Pre-session ends, Final Examinations

June 6, 2005

- First Five-Week Session Begins

June 21-22, 2005

- Queen Rearing Workshop - UN-L ARDC, Mead, NE

June 23-25, 2005

- Master Beekeeping Workshop - UN-L ARDC, Mead, NE

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