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Welcome

New Distance Masters Student:

Spring 2006: **Annette Bredthauer**, Belleville, KS.

Dr. David O. Carter joins the Department as a Lecturer with a two-year appointment. He is developing forensic science courses for our undergraduate, graduate, and distance programs and will teach a distance course this summer. Dave received his B.S. in Anthropology from the University of Idaho, his M.S. in Forensic Archaeology from Bournemouth University, United Kingdom, and his Ph.D. in Biochemistry from James Cook University in Australia. His office is in 310A PI (in Nebraska).



Dr. Christopher J. DeHeer will be working as a postdoc research associate for the next six months with **Dr. Shripat T. Kamble**. His research will be focused on molecular genetics and foraging behavior of subterranean termites. Chris received his B.S. in Entomology from the University of Delaware and his Ph.D. in Entomology from University of Georgia. He previously worked with Dr. Ed Vargo at North Carolina State University on termites. His office is in 106E Insectary



Building.

Congratulations

Drs. Tiffany Heng-Moss and **Leon Higley** were awarded certificates of recognition for contribution to students and were honored by the UNL Teaching Council and the UNL Parents Association at an annual recognition ceremony on January 27. This was the third time that both Tiffany and Leon have received this award.

Tim Huntington has received a Teaching Assistant Award from the Holling Family Award Program for Teaching Excellence. Tim will be honored at a ceremony on March 8, 2006, at 3:30 p.m. in the East Campus Union with a reception following the ceremony. This award also includes a \$1,000 stipend.

Andres and **Diana Londoño** are the proud parents of a daughter, Sofia Vina-Londoño, born January 7, 2006, weighing 6 lbs., 5 oz. and 20 inches long. Congrats to Andres, Diana, and big brother Nicolas.

Lisa Silberman has been reclassified as Recruitment Coordinator for the Insect Science and Diversified Agriculture majors. While she still works on web development, Lisa will only be available for consultations on computer issues on Tuesday and Thursday mornings from 9:00 - Noon.

Former graduate student and post-doc, **Dr. Herbert Siqueira**, has been employed as a Research Associate in the Brazilian Research Center for Genetics and Biotechnology (Embrapa - Cenargen), based in the city of Brasilia, DF Brazil. Herbert is in a research group responsible for the development of biotechnologies to control cotton pests in Brazil. His current address is:

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Meeting News

The 14th Annual Nebraska Urban Pest Management Conference was held January 26-27, 2006, at The Cornhusker-Marriott Hotel in Lincoln, NE. **Dr. Shripat Kamble**, conference coordinator, reported that 125 pest management professionals attended the conference, with 14 vendors displaying new products. There were 34 speakers who presented 57 different topics. Thank you to staff and students for their help during this conference.

Publications

Anderson, Wyatt G., Tiffany M. Heng-Moss, and Frederick P. Baxendale. 2006. Evaluation of Cool- and Warm-Season Grasses for Resistance to Multiple Chinch Bug (Hemiptera: Blissidae) Species. *J. Econ. Entomol.* 99(1): 203-211.

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Parimi, Srinivas, Lance J. Meinke, B. Wade French, Laurence D. Chandler, and **Blair D. Siegfried**. 2006. Stability and persistence of aldrin and methyl-parathion resistance in western corn rootworm populations (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae). *Crop Protection* 25: 269-274.

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Meet A Distance Student

Distance M.S. Student - Denise Klein

I am awaiting the birth of my baby, making this last semester one of my toughest! He is due March 6! I am currently employed by the National Park Service Midwest Regional Office in Omaha, NE, as an Archives Technician. My undergraduate degree is a B.S. in Historic Preservation from Southeast Missouri State University. After graduation, I went out to Washington, DC and worked at the U.S. Holocaust Memorial Museum for a short time. I started here with the NPS in January of 2001. I plan on graduating in May and hope to stay with the NPS for a while, assisting the Regional Curator and parks within the region on museum insect issues such as IPM and care of natural history collections.



Faculty News

Dr. Bob Wright made invited presentations on the biological control of insects to the Rural Advantage Workshop, February 4, in Nebraska City, and on the USDA Organic Research project to the Soil Floral and Fauna Workshop at Norfolk on February 6.

Dr. Shripat Kamble was an invited speaker at the Pest Education, Science & Technology Seminar sponsored by the FMS Corporation, held

February 20-22, 2006, in Phoenix, AZ.

Dr. Jaime Molina-Ochoa has been appointed as an Adjunct Professor in the Entomology Department. Jaime is in the Facultad de Ciencias Biológicas y Agropecuarias, at the Universidad de Colima in Tecomán, Colima, México.

Dr. Michael Culy has received an Adjunct Associate Professor appointment in the Entomology Department. Mike is Global Regulatory Molecule Leader for Dow AgroSciences LLC in Indianapolis, IN.

From the Office

GRA Health Insurance Increase. Units have been notified that the cost of Graduate Assistant health insurance may increase 25-30% for the 2006-2007 academic year. Graduate students will continue to pay 21% of the premium total. The University will absorb the additional costs for the state-funded lines, but grant and revolving cost objects will have to cover their portion of the increases.

Summer Tuition Remission on Grants. The Chancellor's Office has announced that summer tuition remission will no longer be covered by the University. In the past, remission was only charged during the academic year. In the future, summer tuition remission charges will be charged to grants also. Specifics will be announced later.

Tuition Remission Charges on Revolving Cost Objects. In the past, tuition remission charges were not placed on revolving cost objects. That practice will change, so that when graduate students are being paid from a revolving cost object, the tuition remission will be charged there also.

Sponsored Programs Clarification on Benefit Rates for Proposals. Recently, Sponsored Programs raised the benefits rate to be used on proposals to 28% for faculty and staff salaries. However, they will allow the use of a higher rate when one is presently used, or is anticipated, for a particular person or position. OSP believes that the 28% rate will be appropriate for most grants. But, for those grants that involve Office/Service or Managerial/Professional positions, a more specific budgeting model (such as using the tiered rate developed by Accounting or using a specific rate based on an employee's historical benefits) may be used. Please contact **Allen Specht** if you have questions.

NSF Publications Available On-line.

FAQs for Ethics Education in Science and Engineering -

http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=nsf06011

NSF Current - January 2006 -

http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?ods_key=cu0106

Travel

Dr. Marion Ellis, Nick Aliano, Jeremy Wagnitz, and Sarah Mack attended the American Bee Research Conference in Baton Rouge, LA, January 9-10. Nick won the student presentation award.

Dr. Lance Meinke participated in the NCR-46 and joint NCR-46 / NC 205 meetings held in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, January 24-27, 2006.

Dr. Ken Pruess attended the annual meeting of North American Black Fly Association, in Lake Placid, FL, on January 28-30. He presented the paper "Do Black Flies Play Golf?"

Grants

Industry Funds:

Shripat Kamble BASF \$19,533 Termite research

Calendar of Events

March 5-8, 2006

- Southeastern Branch of the ESA Meeting, Wilmington, NC

March 5-8, 2006

- Pacific Branch of the ESA Meeting, Maui, HI

March 12-14, 2006

- Eastern Branch of the ESA Meeting,

Charlottesville, VA

March 12-19, 2006

- Spring Vacation (UNL offices are open Monday through Friday)

March 21, 2006

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

March 26-29, 2006

- North Central Branch of the ESA Meeting, Bloomington, IL

April 4-6, 2006

- 5th National IPM Symposium, St. Louis, MO

April 8, 2006

- Beginning Beekeeping Workshop, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m., Mead, NE

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