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WELCOME

New Distance Masters Students - Summer 2010: **Eric Anderson**, Mineola, NY; **Thomas Colarusso**, Saranac Lake, NY; **Steven Durham**, Hockley, TX; **Jennifer Furchak**, Manalapan, NJ; **Ayanna Laney**, Willow Grove, PA; **Jeffery Marker**, Omaha, NE; **Dewey Murray**, Queen Creek, AZ; **Molly Ryan-Mahmutagic**, Waukee, IA. Fall 2010: **Timothy Christensen**, Yorktown, VA; **Joshua Hunnicutt**, Racine, WI; **Theodore Schneski**, Bennington, VT; **Sean Robinson**, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia; **Dennis Wilson**, Saint Louis Park, MN

Dr. Jeff Bradshaw is the new entomologist at the Panhandle Research and Extension Center in Scottsbluff, NE. Jeff started in January and is focusing his research and extension programs on integrated pest management of insects in wheat, dry edible beans, sugarbeets, sunflowers, and rangeland in the 17-county area. Jeff received his B.A. in Zoology in 1998, and his M.S. in Zoology in 2001 from Southern Illinois University. He received his Ph.D. in Entomology and Plant Pathology in 2007 from Iowa State University. Before coming to Nebraska, Jeff was a Postdoctoral Research Fellow with the Energy Biosciences Institute at the University of Illinois in Urbana IL.



CONGRATULATIONS

Drs. Thomas Hunt and **Tiffany Heng-Moss** will be promoted to full professor effective July 1, 2010. There will be a UNL celebration to recognize faculty being promoted/receiving tenure on April 27.

Dr. Fred Baxendale was elected as president-elect of the North Central Branch of the Entomological Society of America at their meeting which was held March 14-17, in Louisville, KY. Fred will serve as the 2012 North Central Branch ESA president when the regional meeting will be hosted by Nebraska.

Dr. Shripat Kamble received recognition for service as an at-large member of the branch executive committee during 2007-2009 at the North Central Branch ESA meeting held in March in Louisville, KY.

Dr. David Carter is a recipient of the Junior Faculty Holling Family Award for Teaching Excellence for the year 2010. The award was presented at a recognition event held March 10.

Dr. Fred Baxendale is a proud new grandpa. Olivia Marie Bohling was born to daughter, Heather and husband, Brian Bohling on March 18, 2010. Olivia was 7 lbs., 11 oz., and 20 inches long.

Tierney Brosius, and husband, John, are the proud parents of a baby boy, Jack Michael. Jack, born on March 22, 2010, was 8 lbs., 7 oz., and 22 inches long.

Crystal Ramm has a new baby daughter. Tenley Faith was born on April 15, 2010. She was 8 lbs., 2 oz. and 20 and 20¾ inches long.



Olivia Marie Bohling



Jack Michael Brosius



Tenley Faith Ramm

FACULTY NEWS

Dr. Bob Wright, Terry DeVries, and Dr. Ron Seymour participated in the Hall County Ag Day, March 30, at Fonner Park in Grand Island, NE, sponsored by the Grand Island Chamber of Commerce. Over 650 area 4th grade students learned about insect diversity, the importance of pollinators, and got to handle live insects!

STUDENT NEWS

Amy Maile attended a Fundamentals of Crime Scene Investigation and Evidence Collection workshop in Elk River, MN, January 11-15, 2010, where she had the opportunity to perform numerous hands-on activities including collecting several DNA samples, casting footwear patterns in the snow, lifting 2D footwear patterns with gel, comparing different blood reagent chemicals on carpet, and testing several different chemicals for fingerprint analyses.

Rachael Fithian, (left in photo) and **Christina Doehling**, (right) Along with **Dr. Gary Brewer** (center) attended the 2010 February Forum held February 9, 2010, at the Holiday Inn in Lincoln. Rachael and Christina, both insect science majors, were honored at the annual event coordinated and hosted by the UNL Center for Science, Mathematics and Computer Education, which has been recognizing outstanding undergraduate women since 2005. Initially created as a symposium in 1977 by the Chapter of the Graduate Women in Science, the forum has grown into a campus tradition to honor outstanding junior and senior women majoring in scientific fields.



Check out the Bruner Club's Cafepress website at <http://www.cafepress.com/brunerclub> There are shirts, stickers, buttons, and magnets, all insect themed, of course! It's way cool!

Jess Jurzenski, Kate Kneeland, Erica Lindroth, Ken Miwa, Dori Porter, and Bamphitlhi (Banks) Tiroesele each received \$100 from the Myron H. Swenk Memorial Fund to attend the North Central Branch ESA meeting in Louisville, KY, March 14-17, 2010.

NORTH CENTRAL BRANCH ESA STUDENT WINNERS

- Tim Husen** – 1st place poster award for Ph.D. students.
- Jessica Jurzenski** – 2nd place Ph.D. paper award
- Justin McMechan** – 1st place poster award for M.S. students
- Dori Porter** – 3rd place poster award for M.S. students
- Sean Whipple** – 3rd place poster award for Ph.D. students

The Linnaean Team (**Tim Husen, Jess Jurzenski, Erica Lindroth, Ken Miwa** and alternate, **Kate Kneeland**) were runner-ups to Ohio State and will represent the NCB, along with Ohio State, at the national ESA meeting in San Diego, CA in December. In preliminary rounds, UNL's team defeated teams from University of Wisconsin-Madison and University of Illinois to make it to the finals. Their coaches (**Drs. Ken Pruess and Bob Wright**) are proud of the team's accomplishments.

ESA has posted video of the NCB Linnaean Games competition (including Nebraska) at http://www.youtube.com/entsoc#p/f/0/r_ghr_LgUYQ

PUBLICATIONS

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Stilwell, A.R., R.J. Wright, T.E. Hunt and E.R. Blankenship. 2010. Degree-day Requirements for Alfalfa Weevil (Coleoptera: Curculionidae) Development in Eastern Nebraska. *Environ. Entomol.* 39: (1) 202-209.

FROM THE OFFICE

OPD opening East Campus office - The Office of Proposal Development opened a satellite office April 13 in 310E Ag Hall to help IANR faculty and other East Campus grant applicants more conveniently access the proposal development resources available at UNL. IANR faculty are encouraged to contact Nathan Meier, Sara Trickie, Terra Chapek, and Tisha Gilreath Mullen at 2-8058 for assistance with preparation of extramural grant applications. The office will be staffed from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays for the remainder of the spring semester. After that, OPD's East Campus office hours may be expanded if there is sufficient interest and demand.

Calendar of Events

April 27, 2010

- **Entomology Seminar – Dr. Ronald Cave, Indian River Research and Education Center, University of Florida**

May 3-7, 2010

- **Final Exams**

May 7, 2010

- **Graduate Commencement and Doctoral Hooding Ceremony**

May 8, 2010

- **Second Semester Undergraduate Commencement**

May 17, 2010

- **Pre-Session and Eight-Week Session Begin**

May 21, 2010

- **Entomology Department Meeting, 9:00 a.m., ENTO 214**

May 31, 2010

- **Memorial Day Holiday – No classes and offices closed**

June 7, 2010

- **First Five-Week Session Begins**

June 10-12, 2010

- **Master Beekeeping Workshop, ARDC, Mead, NE**