

Welcome!

Fall 2020 Newsletter Series

Fall 2020 Meeting Dates

All meetings will occur on [Zoom](#) at **12:00pm** on the following dates:

- Friday, Dec. 4th

Upcoming Events:

- **Lunchtime Seminars:**
Mondays, 12:00, Zoom
-David Berman, Dec. 14th



ZoGSS Newsletter

December 2020

Two more weeks 'til winter (break)! We want to wish everyone a productive end to the semester with class assignments, grading, research, and any other important tasks you're finishing up. Have a safe and healthy holiday break!

Spring classes will officially start on Tuesday, January 19th, 2021. Make sure you have any TA assignment duties coordinated by then.

The next ZoGSS meeting is **Friday, December 4th at 12:00 PM on Zoom**. If you have time before the meeting, please glance through our current **constitution**, the **ZoGSS website**, and reflect on **member expectations and responsibilities**. We will be discussing these topics – among other things – over the next several months, and everyone's input is important!



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Send seminar speaker nominations to Taylor Carlson (taylor.carlson11@okstate.edu) by December 4th!

We aren't sure what the spring seminar series looks like in its entirety, but Taylor wants to discuss potential graduate student sponsored speakers at the next seminar committee meeting.



Remember to pay your dues!

The cost is **\$15.00**, which can be paid to our Treasurer, Taylor Carlson. You can put your money in an envelope in her mailbox, or pay her through various money exchange apps such as Venmo and PayPal (*see the September meeting minutes for more details*). Remember, **you are not eligible for ZoGSS awards in the spring unless you have paid your dues!!**

Fundraising merchandise – Pint glasses are still available for \$8.00, mugs for \$12.00, and stickers for either \$1.50 or \$4.00!

Outreach

We'd like to give a big shout-out to our Outreach Committee for enabling us to be present in the community in spite of the pandemic! You guys rock!

Into the Streets - Thank you to everyone who was able to help at Into the Streets this year! It's always great to be able to give back to the community.

Outreach GroupMe



Photo credit: James Erdmann

Book donation - ZoGSS officially donated "Swimming with Sharks: The Daring Discoveries of Eugenie Clark" by Heather Lane to multiple Payne County elementary schools. Thanks everyone!



Holiday Cards – Thank you to everyone who took the time to make cards to send to assisted living centers in the community!



Potential Outreach Ideas:

Let the outreach committee (**Emily Geest, James Erdmann, and Teri Cocke**) know if you have other cool outreach ideas!

Spring 2021 Workshops

- **Mapathon** – Using OSM software to map developing regions to aid first responder efforts in the event of natural disasters.
- **Writing through the pandemic** – A productivity bootcamp for strategies on how to write during the pandemic.
- **Safe Zone Training** - Give everyone an opportunity to learn about LGBTQ+ identities, gender and sexuality, and examine prejudice, assumptions, and privilege.
- **Employment Navigation Workshop Series** - Recently graduated OSU MS and PhD alumni will give tips on how they got their current academic AND private sector positions.

More details to come!





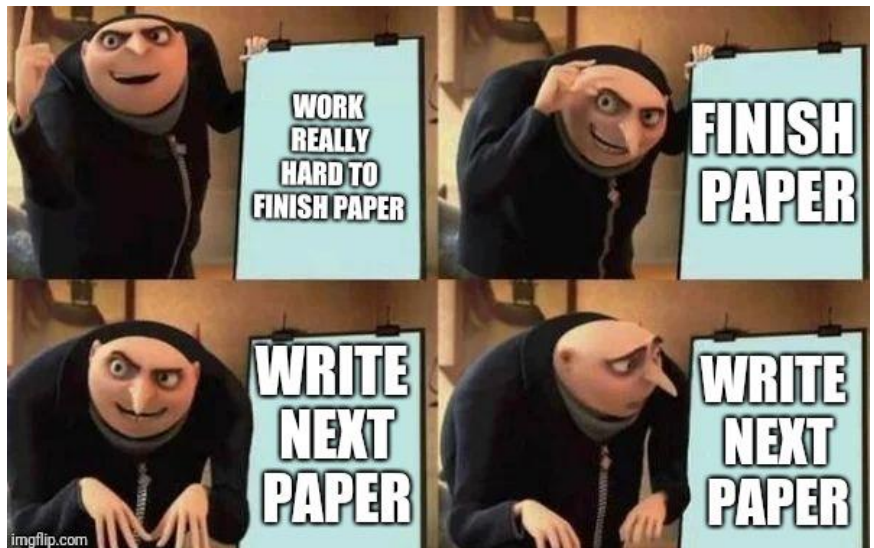
Help us decorate the 1st floor lobby display case

We discussed having something artsy in the display case, but nothing definitive has been decided yet. The CoV has collaborated with art students in the past, so that is a potential avenue we could pursue again. **Send Carrie any ideas you have!** (carrie.klase@okstate.edu)

Central Ecology & Evolution Conference (CEEC)

CEEC was hosted by students at OSU in April 2017 and is a regional conference (people from Oklahoma and surrounding states) with posters, talks, and a plenary speaker.

Yev, the Vice President of the NREM GSO is already in the process of organizing this conference for the spring. If anyone is interested in being part of the CEEC planning committee, please contact Yev at ymalyut@ostatemail.okstate.edu.



Recent Defenses

Jacob Reeves – M.S. defense – Availability and nutrient content of common arthropod prey of northern bobwhites (*Colinus virginianus*) in Western Oklahoma.

Dean Oldham – M.S. defense – Metal speciation's role in toxicity, bioavailability, and bio-reactivity in the rainbow trout (*Oncorhynchus mykiss*) gut cell line (RTgutGC).





Tabby Gunnars – M.S. defense - The visual field of the bottlenose dolphin (*Tursiops truncatus*).

John Connor Locke – M.S. defense - Classroom performance differences between students of differing locale, race, and socioeconomic backgrounds.

Recent Presentations

Austin Leone – 2020 National Association of Biology Teachers Conference

Using student mindset, self-efficacy, science identity, support from teachers, and grit to predict course performance

Dani Kirsch – 17th Annual Biological Sciences Symposium

Do safety cues decrease anti-predator behavior in the freshwater snail, *Physa acuta*?

Scott Goepfner – Lunchtime Seminar

Is the anti-predator behavior of freshwater snails driven by asset protection, trait compensation, or neither?

Me after getting my first article published and sharing it with everyone I know



Don't forget to join our Facebook page "OSU Zoology Graduate Student Society" for more day-to-day updates.



Contact Us

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Austin Leone – *President*
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Outreach Committee:

Teri Cocke, Emily Geest, & James
 Erdmann

Workshop Committee:

Angela Riley

Meet Your Peers

Baum lab – David Berman, Teri Cocke, Eric Duell*, Sarah Elzay, Emily Geest, Carrie Klase*, Ashley Knoch, Tyler Spresser*

Belden lab – Sarah Hileman, Carrie Klase*, Will Mimbs, Adriana Townsend, Ryan Grewe, Shauni Windle*

Bolek lab – Ryan Koch, Ryan Shannon, Allison Bryant

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Fox lab – Justin Agan, Taylor Carlson*

French lab – Austin Leone, Connor Locke, Kyle Moore

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Jeyasingh lab – Yetkin Ipek

Lovern lab – Brooke Hoover, Jay Walton, Tabitha Gunnars*, Rachel Hamrock*, Paige Stevens*

Luttbeg lab – Scott Goepner, Dani Kirsch, Jamie Najar

McCullagh lab – Racheal Brodsky, Amita Chawla

McMurry lab – Shauni Windle*

Minghetti lab – MD Ibrahim, Dean Oldham, Justin Scott

Moen lab – Jack Spicer

Reichert lab – Jonathan Albers, James Erdmann, Courtney Byrd

Waldman lab – Michael Ellison, Samantha Garza, Bailee Augustino, Sourjya Nath

Wilder lab – Jacob Reeves, Tyler Spresser*, Colton Herzog

**indicates co-advised grad students*

ZoGSS serves as the representative organization and voice of the graduate student body of the Department of Integrative Biology at Oklahoma State University. Our mission is to provide professional and social opportunities for the graduate students in our department.
