

Welcome!

Fall 2021 Newsletter Series

Upcoming Events:

ZoGSS Meetings

- Monday, Oct. 25th
- Monday, Nov. 29th

All meetings are at 10:00 AM. Hybrid format – on Zoom or in person (LSW 102) with a mask

Departmental Seminars

Fridays at 3:30 PM on Zoom

- Oct. 1 – Dr. Robin Tinghitella
- Oct. 15 – Dr. Douglas Fudge
- Oct. 22 – Dr. Veronica Womack
- Nov. 5 – Dr. Rauri C.K. Bowie
- Nov. 12 – Dr. Joel Meyer
- Nov. 19 – Dr. Ralf Sommer
- Dec. 3 – Dr. Michael Pecka

Grad student speaker meetings

- Oct. 1, 2:00 – 3:00
- Oct. 15, 12:00 – 1:00
- Others TBD

Lunchtime Seminars

Mondays at 12:00 PM on Zoom

- Oct. 11 – Calvin Schaefer
- Nov. 15 – Dani Kirsch

Workshops

Wiki Edit-a-Thon

- Oct. 8, 12:00 – 3:00

Grantsmanship Basics

- Oct. 29, 2:00 – 3:00

Happy Hour

Fridays at 5:30 PM

Location will vary each week, but always at outdoor venues



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October 2021

We hope everyone who attended the ZoGSS Social at Lake Carl Blackwell had fun hanging out and eating yummy food. Next time we'll try to have less indestructible piñatas, we promise!

Don't miss our first fall seminar speaker, **Dr. Robin Tinghitella!** Graduate students can also meet with her today at 2:00 PM on Zoom before the seminar!

my face when it's almost October and supposed to be hoodie weather, but it's still 90° in Fall.



sponge.monkey on Instagram

Pay your ZoGSS dues!

You are only eligible for ZoGSS awards if you are a dues-paying member. **You can still pay your dues, but the cost has increased to \$15.00.** Pay your dues to Taylor Carlson (see the August meeting minutes for more information).



Fundraising Committee Updates

Integrative Biology hats, mugs, and pint glasses are still on sale!

Contact Shauni (shauni.dna.windle@okstate.edu) for purchase.

Merchandise will be up on the departmental website for purchase soon.

Garage Fundraiser – Wednesday, October 27th

Avoid cooking dinner and support ZoGSS by eating at the Garage from 5:00 PM to closing time on October 27th! **You can dine in at the Garage or order to-go, but to-go orders need to be ordered in person**, not over delivery apps. We need at least 30 people to participate for the Garage to continue partnering with us in the future.

Expanding Your Horizons STEM Conference

Victoria Roper– along with many other graduate students and faculty at OSU – is involved in planning a conference focused on maintaining STEM interest in middle school girls. This conference already exists in 11 other states, and now they are working to bring it to Oklahoma this coming spring! Click this [link](#) to learn more.

Reach out to Victoria (victoria.roper@okstate.edu) if you are interested in getting involved in a leadership position or as part of a subcommittee.

Upcoming Award/Grant Deadlines

- NSF GRFP – Monday, October 18th
- GPSGA Awards – Wednesday, October 20th
Includes travel awards and research materials awards. There is no longer an in-state requirement for travel awards.



Outreach GroupMe



Outreach Committee Updates

Use the QR code to the left to join the Outreach GroupMe and receive information regarding upcoming outreach events. *Feel free to email the Outreach Committee (Teri Cocke, Michael Ellison, and Victoria Roper) with any other outreach ideas.*

BioBliz! Oklahoma: October 1st – 3rd

If you like using iNaturalist or eBird or flexing your species ID muscles, you should participate in BioBlitz this weekend! Teri posted more information on the ZoGSS Facebook page, and you can find out more by clicking this [link](#). There are plenty of ways to participate virtually, with a few smaller in-person activities scattered around the state if you are interested.

Into the Streets: November 6th

ZoGSS is registered to participate in Into the Streets this year. Join us to help do yardwork and general maintenance for Stillwater residents. Masks are required, but all other materials are provided.

October Workshops

Wiki Edit-a-Thon: October 8th from 12:00 – 3:00

Help add LGBTQ+ visibility to Wikipedia by enhancing current entries and adding new entries for LGBTQ+ professionals in STEM! Lunch will be provided, but please register before the workday at this [link](#). You will also need to bring your own laptop!

Grantsmanship Basics: October 29th from 2:00 – 3:00

Dr. Nani Pybus is leading this workshop on tips and tricks for writing successful grants. She is the Manager of the Center for Strategic Proposal Development at OSU. **RSVP or ask any questions by emailing Victoria (victoria.roper@okstate.edu)!**





Future Graduate Student Spotlights



There are so many amazing projects and activities our grad students are involved in, it's hard for me to keep track of them!

If you or one of your peers receives an awesome award, gets a publication, or does something else really cool and you think they deserve to be highlighted for their accomplishment, **please reach out to me** (danielle.kirsch@okstate.edu) **and let me know!** Faculty are welcome to nominate their students too!

Recent Publications

Ryan Koch & Ryan Shannon – Koch, R.W., Shannon, R.P., Detwiler, J.T., and Bolek, M.G. 2021. Molecular identification of juvenile *Neoechinorhynchus* spp. (phylum: Acanthocephala) infecting ostracod and snail hosts provides insight into acanthocephalan host use. *Journal of Parasitology*. In press.

Ryan Koch – Reichard, M.V., Sanders, T.L., Prentiss, N.L., Cotey, S.R., Koch, R.W., Fairbanks, W.S., Interisano, M., La Rosa, G., Pozio, E. 2021. Detection of *Trichinella murrelli* and *Trichinella pseudospiralis* in bobcats (*Lynx rufus*) from Oklahoma. *Veterinary Parasitology: Regional Studies and Reports*. 25: 1–6.

<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.vprsr.2021.100609>





Recent Presentations

Ryan Koch – Koch, R.W. July 26–27, 2021. Unraveling the role of ostracod and snail hosts in turtle acanthocephalan life cycles. American Society of Parasitologists. Virtual conference.

Angela Riley – Riley, A.K., Grindstaff, J.L. August 4, 2021. The effects of paternal removal on zebra finch song. 58th Annual Conference of the Animal Behavior Society. Virtual talk.

Recent Accomplishments

Emily Geest – Geest, E.A, Baum, K.A. August 19, 2021. Eastern greater fritillaries' potential distributions using ecological niche models. The Lepidopterist' Society 69th Annual Meeting. Virtual conference, won 2nd place for best student talk.

Emily Geest – Geest, E.A. August 4, 2021. Insect Adventure: insect science outreach in Oklahoma. ComSciCon-Flagship Workshop 2021. Virtual conference, poster session



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

Contact Us

Executive Committee:

James Erdmann – *President*
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Outreach Committee:

Teri Cocke, Michael Ellison, &
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Workshop Committee:

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Meet Your Peers

Baum lab – David Berman, Teri Cocke, Eric Duell*, 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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French lab – Austin Leone

Grindstaff lab – Kiley Cox, Angela Riley, Victoria Roper, Sierra Williams

Jeyasingh lab – Parna Ghosh, Yetkin Ipek

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

Luttbeg lab – Scott Goepfner, Dani Kirsch, Jamie Najjar

McCullagh lab – Sabiha Alam, Racheal Brodsky, Amita Chawla, Jessica Hurd, Luberson Joseph

McMurry lab – Shauni Windle*

Minghetti lab – MD Ibrahim, Justin Scott

Moen lab – Mitchell Aldridge

Reichert lab – Jonathan Albers, James Erdmann, Himidu Himansi, Alejandro Marcillo, Jain PK

Van Den Bussche lab – Denise Thompson

Waldman lab – Bailee Augustino, Michael Ellison, Samantha Garza, A.J. Hager, Ben LaFond, Sourjya Nath

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

Wogan Lab – Sneha Dharwadkar, Calvin Schaefer, Desi Wilson

**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.
