

Welcome!

Fall 2021 Newsletter Series

Upcoming Events:

ZoGSS Meetings

- 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

- 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

- Nov. 5 at 12:00 PM
- Nov. 12 at 1:00 PM
- Dec. 3 at 2:00 PM

Lunchtime Seminars

Mondays at 12:00 PM on Zoom

- Nov. 15 – Dani Kirsch

Workshops

R workshop

- November, date TBD

Science Policy workshop

- November, date TBD

Happy Hour

Fridays at 5:30 PM

Location will vary each week, but always at outdoor venues



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Don't forget to change your clocks when we fall back for Daylight Savings Time on November 7th!

We are also looking for nominations for the graduate student invited speaker in the spring, so make sure to send you nominations to Taylor Carlson!



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.

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.

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.***

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.

Outreach GroupMe





November Workshops

Stay tuned for more information on the following workshops!

R workshop – date TBD

Science Policy workshop – date TBD

Recent Publications

Austin Leone – Leone, E.A. & French, D.P. (In press).
Evaluating science identity, communication self-efficacy, value, and skills gained in a hybrid CURE lab. Proceedings for the National Association of Biology Teacher Research Symposium, 13, 1-6.

Calvin Schaefer – Schaefer, C.H. and C.E. Montgomery. (2021). *Plesteidon anthracinus pluvialis* (Southern Coal Skink) Geographic Distribution Note. *Herpetological Review* 52: 577.

Calvin Schaefer – Smith, D., C.H. Schaefer, and J. Elden. (2021). *Chilabothrus subflavus* (Jamaican Boa) Male Combat and Reproduction Natural History Note. *Herpetological Review* 52: 660.

Recent Presentations

Sneha Dharwadkar – Jegannathan, P., Dharwadkar, S. A., Namboothiri, N., KarGupta, K. A, Prashanth, N.S., 13-16 September 2021. Open house session: Working Group on Diversity and Inclusion in Citizen Science. CitSci India 2021, National Conference on Citizen Science for Biodiversity (Virtual). Bengaluru, Karnataka, India.

Ryan Koch – Koch, R.W. September 10, 2021. A review of the *Neoechinorhynchus* of turtles. Rocky Mountain Conference of Parasitologists. Virtual conference.





Recent Accomplishments

Sarah Hileman –2021-2022 ITP Senior Fellowship

Austin Leone – 3MT finalist

Tune in at 3:00 PM on Thursday, November 18th!



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!

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*
 Shauni Windle – *Vice President*
 Dani Kirsch – *Secretary*
 Taylor Carlson – *Treasurer*

Fundraising Committee:

Shauni Windle & Victoria Roper

Planning Committee:

Ryan Koch

Seminar Committee:

Taylor Carlson

Award Committee:

Austin Leone

Technology Committee:

Emily Geest

Graduate Committee:

Michael Ellison

Lunchtime Seminars:

Bailee Augustino

Faculty Council:

Angela Riley, Taylor Carlson, &
 Colton Herzog

GPSGA:

Victoria Roper & Colton Herzog

Outreach Committee:

Teri Cocke, Michael Ellison, &
 Victoria Roper

Workshop Committee:

Victoria Roper

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

Bruck lab – Rachel Hamrock*, Paige Stevens*

Cabrera-Guzmán lab – Taylor Carlson*

Dzialowski lab – Bobby Bowser, Samuel Miess

Fox lab – Taylor Carlson*

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, Rachael 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.
