

Welcome!

Spring 2022 Newsletter Series

Upcoming Events:

ZoGSS Meetings

Will occur on Zoom

- Thurs. Feb. 24th @ 10:00 AM
- Thurs. Mar. 31st @ 10:00 AM
- Thurs. Apr. 28th @ 10:00 AM

Job Talks - Systematics

Dr. Lucinda Lawson – Jan. 31st

Seminar: 11:00 AM

Grad Student Meeting: 2:30 PM

Dr. Fabio Machado – Feb. 2nd

Seminar: 12:00 PM

Grad Student Meeting: 3:00 PM

Dr. Samuel Borstein – Feb. 3rd

Seminar: 11:00 AM

Grad Student Meeting: 3:45 PM

Departmental Seminars

**Dr. John Anderson – Feb. 4th*

- Grad student meeting 2:00

Dr. Ray Huey – Feb. 18th

- Grad student meeting 1:30

Dr. David Blackburn – March 4th

- Grad student meeting 1:30

**Dr. David Rodriguez - Apr. 8th*

- Grad student meeting TBD

Dr. Jonathan Losos – Apr. 15th

- Grad student meeting TBD

**Dr. Eileen Hebets - Apr. 22nd*

- Grad student meeting TBD

**Denotes In-Person Seminar*

Lunchtime Seminars

- TBA



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February 2022

We have a busy month ahead of us, particularly with job talks for the Vertebrate Systematics and Developmental Biology positions. **Please try to attend some of the seminars and grad student meetings with the job candidates** – grad students get a vote and input in the hiring process, so your feedback is important!

Dates and times for the seminars and meetings for the Vertebrate Systematics interviews are listed in the panel to the left.



Pay your ZoGSS dues!

You are only eligible for ZoGSS awards if you are a dues-paying member. **Pay your dues to Taylor Carlson.**

The call for ZoGSS award applications and nominations will occur in early March.

- 3 Travel Awards, \$150 each
- 3 Research Awards, \$250 each
- 2 Science Communication/Outreach Awards, \$100 each
- 2 Lunchtime Seminar Awards, \$50 each

Ben Lafond Fundraiser & Assistance

Fellow grad student Ben Lafond is in need of help as he battles hepatocellular adenoma and waits for a liver transplant. Below are several ways you can help:



Donate Money:

<https://helphopelive.org/campaign/19735/>

Please share this link even if you can't donate.



Donate Meals: Join the meal train to provide Ben with pre-made meals. He has several dietary restrictions and aversions, which are listed on the sign-up sheet [here](#).



Donate Time: Offer to give Ben a ride to doctor's appointments, pick up groceries, etc.

Coordinate with **Taylor** (taylor.carlson11@okstate.edu) or **Sneha** (sneha.dharwadkar@okstate.edu).

Outreach Committee Update

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.**

BioBlitz 2022

This year, BioBlitz is having 4 separate week-long events, one for each season! The **Winter BioBlitz** is currently happening and will end on Friday, February 4th. Find more information [here](#).

Stay tuned to hear about the spring, summer, and fall BioBlitzes!

Outreach GroupMe





Spring 2022 Workshops

Getting Started with R (Hosted by Calvin Schaefer)

- Friday, February 4th from 2:00 – 4:00 in LSW 301
- RSVP to Victoria (victoria.roper@okstate.edu)

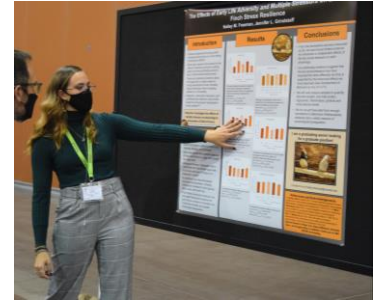
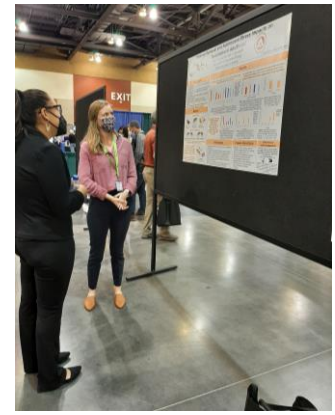
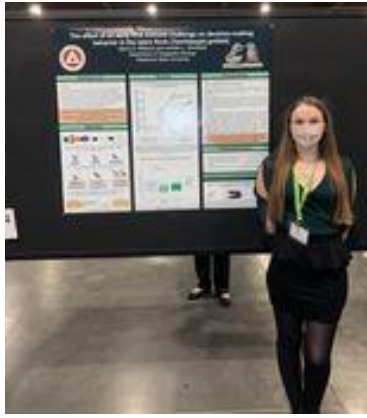
Stay tuned for more information on the following workshops!

- Spider workshop
- Sustainability workshop
- COV workshop

The Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology (SICB) 2022 – Post-Conference Highlight

Graduate students Kiley Cox, Ryan Koch, Angela Riley, and Sierra Williams, along with undergraduates Amanda Ayon and Hailey Freeman presented research at the SICB Conference in Phoenix, Arizona in early January. Over 1,000 talks were presented by participants from around the world.





Upcoming Conferences:

Many conferences are still being held online, but some have also moved to hybrid or in-person this year. Please consider attending/presenting at those which best fit your interests/research. There also may be opportunities to carpool and/or share housing with other grad students (COVID protocols and comfort levels permitting).

If you have another conference or information to add to future newsletters, please email one of the executive officers (James, Dani, Shauni, or Taylor C.).





Southwestern Association of Naturalists (SWAN)

**Hosted by Texas Tech University on
April 7-10 at Llano River Field Station, Junction, Texas**

[click here for website](#)

Students and faculty are invited to attend this bilingual conference for those interested in biology, natural history, and conservation of flora and fauna of the southwestern United States, Mexico, and Central America. There are many opportunities for students to present a poster, give a talk, and/or compete for research awards!

Central Ecology and Evolution Conference (CEEC) 2022 – Online

**Hosted by Middle Tennessee State University on
April 15-16**

[click here for website](#)

“A conference for students, by students.” CEEC’s primary goal is to provide a friendly, low-pressure conference environment for undergrads, grad students, and post-grads to present their research and receive feedback from their peers. You can do a platform presentation (15 minutes) or a poster presentation.

Southwestern Association of Parasitologists (SWAP)

April 21-23

[click here for website](#)

Student presentation awards, research grants, and other awards offered.

Animal Behavior Society (ABS)

San Jose, Costa Rica on July 20-23

[click here for website](#)

Travel grants are available. Participants may do oral presentations or present a poster. As of today, abstract submission has not yet been opened but will open later this year.



Joint Meeting of Ichthyologists and Herpetologists (JMIH)

July 27-31 in Spokane, Washington

[click here for website](#)

This meeting is focused on all things herps and fish. Travel grants and research awards are available to attendees.

Present your research as a talk or poster.

Recent Grad Student Publications

Amita Chawla:

Chawla A, McCullagh EA (2021) Auditory Brainstem Responses in the C57BL/6J Fragile X Syndrome Knockout Mouse Model. *Front. Integr. Neurosci.* doi: 10.3389/fnint.2021.803483

Jacob Reeves:

Reeves, J.T., S.D. Fuhlendorf, C.A. Davis and S.M. Wilder. 2021. Arthropod prey vary among orders in their nutrient and exoskeleton content. *Ecology and Evolution*. 11: 17774-17785.

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



**Me in
December:
Isn't winter so
magical!?**



**Me in
January:
Winter is the
worst thing in
the history of
things.**

Contact Us

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Teri Cocke, Michael Ellison, &
 Victoria Roper

Workshop Committee:

Victoria Roper

Meet Your Peers

Baum lab – David Berman, Teri Cocke, Carrie Klase*, Ashley Knoch, Tyler Spresser*

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

Bolek lab – Allison Bryant, Ryan Koch, Ryan Shannon

Bruck lab – Rachel Hamrock*, Paige Stevens*

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

Jeyasingh lab – Parna Ghosh, Yetkin Ipek

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

Luttbeg lab – Scott Goepfner, Dani Kirsch, Jamie Najjar

McCullagh lab – Sabiha Alam, Amita Chawla, Andrea Gensky, Jessica Hurd, Luberson Joseph

McMurry lab – Shauni Windle*

Minghetti lab – MD Ibrahim, Justin Scott

Moen lab – Mitchell Aldridge

Reichert lab – James Erdmann, Alejandro Marcillo Lara, Himidu Pitigala, Jain PK

Stephens lab – Benedicta Akaribo

Van Den Bussche lab – Denise Thompson

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

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

Wogan lab – Sneha Dharwadkar, Calvin Schaefer, Desi Wilson

Zhang lab – Owen Edwards

**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.
