

# Welcome!

Spring 2022 Newsletter Series

## Upcoming Events:

### ZoGSS Meetings

Will occur on Zoom & LSW 102

- Thurs. Apr. 28<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00 AM

### Departmental Seminars

\*Dr. David Rodriguez - Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>

- Grad student meeting TBD

Dr. Jonathan Losos – Apr. 15<sup>th</sup>

- Grad student meeting TBD

\*Dr. Eileen Hebets - Apr. 22<sup>nd</sup>

- Grad student meeting TBD

\*Denotes In-Person Seminar

### Lunchtime Seminars

- Sneha Dharwadkar – Apr. 4<sup>th</sup>
- James Erdmann – Apr. 11<sup>th</sup>



# ZoGSS Newsletter

## April 2022

Good luck to all of the graduate students defending their theses and dissertations this month! We're super proud of all the hard work you've put in!



THE BEST THESIS DEFENSE IS A GOOD THESIS OFFENSE.

Image source: <https://xkcd.com/1403>

### **Nominate others (or yourself) for ZoGSS positions!**

Nominations will occur in a Google Sheet shared with the March ZoGSS Meeting Minutes. **Nominations close on April 15<sup>th</sup>**. Virtual voting will occur from **April 16<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>**, with the winners being recognized at the final ZoGSS meeting.

### **Karen L. Smith Symposium & IB Awards Presentation**

Please join us on **Friday, April 29<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 PM** in the LSW lobby to support all of our undergraduate researchers! The Integrative Biology Awards Presentation will occur immediately after from **3:30 – 4:30 PM** in 103 LSW. Remember that OSU encourages masks to be worn indoors.



## 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 Taylor shared.



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

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

## Art Night 2022

Thank you to everyone who donated to, helped out with, and participated in Art Night! We were able to raise a total of \$3,280.00 from this event that will go directly to help Ben LaFond with medical expenses.

## Outreach Committee Update

Thank you to our small but mighty crew who came out and worked into the Streets! Your hard work is greatly appreciated!

ZoGSS plans to have a booth for **Earth Month** on April 12<sup>th</sup> – possible ideas include sustainability and pollinators, but let Outreach know if you have any additional ideas!

Use the QR code to the left to join the Outreach GroupMe and receive information regarding upcoming outreach events.

Outreach GroupMe





## Spring 2022 Workshops

Stay tuned for more information on the following workshops this month!

- Sustainability workshop
- Finance workshop

## 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).

### 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.

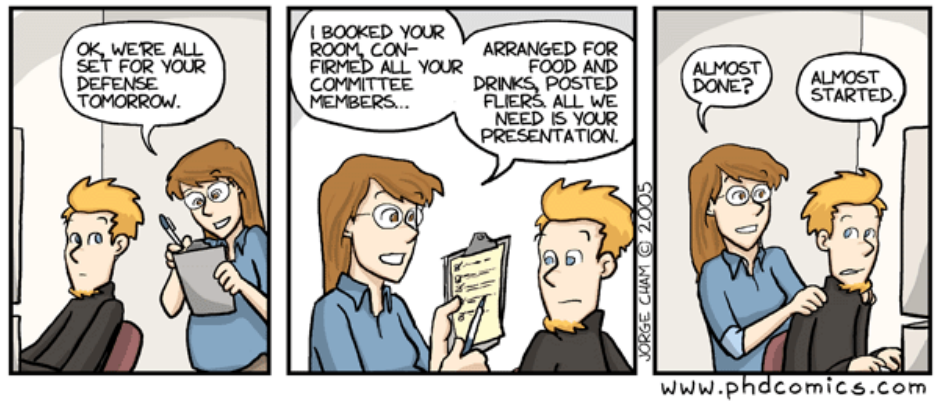
### National Diversity in STEM Conference (NDiSTEM)

October 27-29 in San Juan, Puerto Rico

[click here for website](#)

Travel scholarships offered, and research presentation applications due April 15<sup>th</sup>!





## Upcoming Defense Dates:

**Brooke (Hoover) Equinox –**

**Wednesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 PM in 509 LSW**

Sex steroid hormones, architects of behavior and development: a look at the effects of sex steroid hormones in a lizard model

**Austin Leone –**

**Friday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 PM on Zoom**

Science identity and communication efficacy as a function of participation modality in undergraduate research

**Scott Goepfner –**

**Tuesday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM in 509 LSW & Zoom**

Predator induced phenotypic plasticity within and between generations in the pond snail *Physa acuta*

## Recent Grad Student Publications

**Dani Kirsch:**

Kirsch, D.R. (2022). Freshwater gastropods as an important group for studying the impact of inter- and intra-specific chemical communication on aquatic community dynamics. *Aquatic Ecology*.

<https://doi.org/10.1007/s10452-022-09961-x>

*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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### Executive Committee:

James Erdmann – *President*  
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### Fundraising Committee:

Shauni Windle & Victoria Roper

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### Outreach Committee:

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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**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** – 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*

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**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.**

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