

Welcome!

Fall 2022 Newsletter Series

Upcoming Events:

Departmental Seminars

**Dr. Merle Eisenberg – Oct. 14th*

- Grad student meeting 2:00

**Dr. Elisa Casadei – Oct. 28th*

- Grad student meeting TBD

Dr. Lenore Fahrig – Nov. 4th

- Grad student meeting TBD

Dr. Tamre Mendelson – Nov. 11th

- Grad student meeting TBD

**Dr. Kathleen Gilmour – Dec. 2nd*

- Grad student meeting TBD

**Denotes In-Person Seminar*

Lunchtime Seminars

- TBA

ZoGSS Student Socials

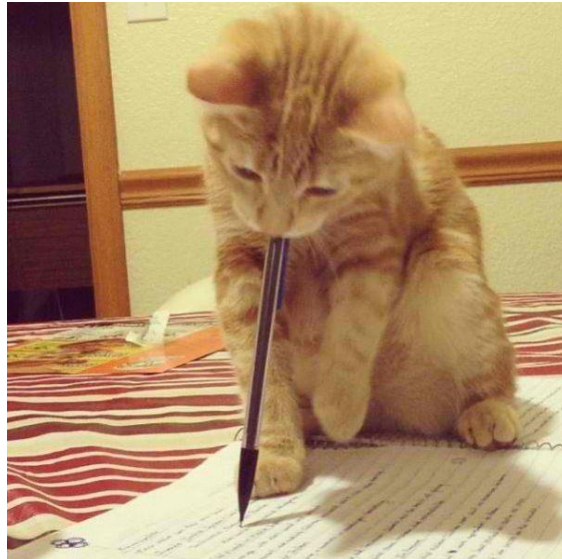
- Most Friday's at 7pm there will be a ZoGSS social (hosted by Sam Miess). The location varies so make sure to join the facebook for updates!



ZoGSS Newsletter

October 2022

School is now underway! A lot of activities are starting up, so it is super important to read up on all the latest activities in these newsletters so that you can make the best of your semester.



Here is a cute photo of a cat working towards their dissertation! 😊

Outreach Committee Update

Highland Park Elementary Science Club is underway! It is a great group of 2nd to 5th grade students who love science! We will be meeting every Monday at 2:45 at the school (2:30 at LSW if you carpool) for 4 more weeks! Email Angela, Owen, or I for information on how to still participate.

October 17th: Birds

October 24th: Amphibians and Reptiles

November 7th: Parasites

November 14th: Mammals



The **Great Pumpkin Decorating Competition** will occur October 20th to October 28th. ZoGSS is entering the contest so come by and vote for your favorite pumpkins (hopefully ours). All profits support United Way of Payne County.

Congratulations to Sam Miess: Winner of the ZorroBucks Scholarship!

ZorroBucks Scholarship Program is made possible by Drs. Stanley Fox and Susana Perea. It is primarily to have fun and to help all the graduate students be included in the department like the important component that they are. Plus, it awards





real money, which is always welcome. A ZorroBucks Scholarship is another item to include in the winner's CV. The frequency and amount of the awards are unpredictable and irregular, which promotes cybernetic alacrity and perspicacity. **Make sure that you are checking your emails from Stanley for your chance to win!**



Graduate Student Departmental Speaker Nominations:

The nominations for graduate student invited speaker are underway! We have 10 amazing nominations so please vote for your favorites before **October 19th**.

Lunchtime Seminar Sign Ups:

Please sign up for a lunchtime seminar! We are still missing many spots (especially for October) and we would love to hear from students. There is also a best presentation award (for paying ZoGSS members)!

Upcoming Conferences:

Many conferences are starting to be in-person this year, but some have also moved to hybrid settings. 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 (Sam, Victoria, Desi, or Calvin).

The Society of Integrative and Comparative Biology

In person in Austin, Texas

January 3-7

[website](#)

This conference is focused on the understanding of living organisms from molecules and cells to ecology and evolution. Making it a great fit for many students and faculty in the department!

I haven't received any spotlight nominations guys! Please nominate for future newsletters.

Graduate Student Spotlight:

Nominate yourself or others for future spotlights!

New Graduate Student Spotlight:

Nominate yourself or other new students for future spotlights!



Contact Us

Executive Committee:

Sam Miess – *President*

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Desi Wilson – *Secretary*

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Graduate Committee:

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Sneha Dharwadkar, Kiley Cox, & Benedicta Akaribo

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Sabiha Alam, Casey Sergott

Outreach Committee:

Desi Wilson, Owen Edwards, & Angela Riley

Workshop Committee:

Sneha Dharwadkar

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, Michael Ellison

Bruck lab – Rachel Hamrock*, Paige Stevens*

Cabrera-Guzmán lab – Taylor Carlson*

Dzialowski lab – Bobby Bowser, Samuel Miess, Meghan Martin, Mitchell Nagel

Fox lab – Taylor Carlson*

French lab – Ethan Strange

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

Jeyasingh lab – Parna Ghosh, Yetkin Ipek

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

Luttbeg lab – Dani Kirsch, Olivia Aguiar

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

McMurry lab – Shauni Windle*

Minghetti lab – Justin Scott, Stacey Herriage

Moen lab – Mitchell Aldridge

Reichert lab – Alejandro Marcillo, Himidu Pitigala, Jain PK, Bailee Augustino, Phoebe Will, Kaleb Banks

Stephens lab – Benedicta Akaribo

Van Den Bussche lab – Denise Thompson

Waldman lab – Samantha Garza, A.J. Hager, Ben LaFond, AJ Hager

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

Wogan lab – Sneha Dharwadkar, Calvin Schaefer, Desi Wilson, Neil Balchan, Katarina Mapes

Zhang lab – Owen Edwards, Jamaal Jacobs

**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.