

Welcome!

Spring 2023 Newsletter Series

Upcoming Events:

[Departmental Seminars](#)

[Lunchtime Seminars](#)

[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

May 2023

I hope everyone had a good spring semester! The semester is almost done, and we have a fun summer coming up!



Also, as graduate students, we have plenty of research this summer!



Outreach Committee Update

Nature Camp is upcoming! ZoGSS will be helping organize an activity this June 5th – June 9th at Sanborn Lake! We would love plenty of people to help with the planning of the activity. Look for an email in the ZoGSS Listserv with more details.



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 International Herpetological Symposium (IHS) Conference

**In person in Chicago, IL
July 25-July28**

[Website](#)

This conference is focused on anything and everything herps. So, if you love Reptiles or Amphibians or just want to hear about awesome research, it's a great conference for you. **If anyone is looking for roommates, email us so we can post in the ZoGSS listserv.**

Congrats to the New ZoGG Committee Members:

Executive Committee:

Olivia Aguiar: President

Ethan Strange: Vice President

Nazari: Secretary

Himidu Pitigala: Treasurer

Fundraising Committee:

Ben Lafond

AJ Hager

Planning Committee:

Allison Bryant

Seminar Committee:

Parna Ghosh

Award Committee:

Himidu Pitigala

Technology Committee:

Alejandro Marcillo

Graduate Committee:

Dani Kirsch

Lunchtime Seminars:

Jesse Hurd

Faculty Council:

Hailey Freeman

Jamaal Jacobs

Sam Miess

GPSGA:

Ashley Baragary

Outreach Committee:

Phoebe Will

Sam Miess

Desi Wilson

Workshop Committee:

Benedicta Akaribo

Congratulations to Himidu Pitigala and 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!



Contact Us

Executive Committee:

Sam Miess – *President*

Victoria Roper – *Vice President*

Desi Wilson – *Secretary*

Calvin Schaefer – *Treasurer*

Fundraising Committee:

Sam Miess & AJ Hager

Planning Committee:

Ryan Koch

Seminar Committee:

Angela Riley

Award Committee:

Dani Kirsch

Technology Committee:

Alejandro Marcillo

Graduate Committee:

Calvin Schaefer

Lunchtime Seminars:

Jessica Hurd

Faculty Council:

Sneha Dharwadkar, Kiley Cox, & Benedicta Akaribo

GPSGA:

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.