Welcome

New Off-Campus M.S. Students: Fall 2014: Robert Sirvid, Anchorage, AK; Spring 2015: Jeremy Belcher, Shepherdsville, KY; Ashley Clark, Fayetteville, NC; Shaun Funk, Flanders, NJ; Bryon Kacprzyk, Lakeland, GA; Alicia Thuis, Eagon, MN

Congratulations

The following students graduated December 2014:
Rudolph Johannes Pretorius, Ph.D. (Advisors- Drs. Jeff Bradshaw and Gary Hein); Kristina Cornwell, M.S. (Advisor- Dr. Tom Weissling); Keith Haas, M.S. (Advisor- Dr. Tom Weissling); Joshua Kenesky, M.S. (Advisor- Dr. Tom Weissling); Sarah Muncy, M.S. (Advisor- Dr. Tom Weissling)

Breanne Lewis graduated with a dual major in insect science and applied science.

The National ESA meeting was held November 16 - 19 in Portland, OR. Dr. Fred Baxendale received the Honorary Member Award from ESA President Frank Zalom. Honorary membership acknowledges those who have served ESA for at least 20 years through significant involvement in the affairs of the society that has reached an extraordinary level. Dr. Shripat Kamble received a recognition award from the ESA Certification Board for serving as the chair of the Awards, Examination and Continuing Education Committees. Doctor of Plant Health and Entomology Ph.D. student, Justin McMechan received 1st Place for his ten minute paper presentation, “Window of risk for pre-harvest volunteer during the heading stages of wheat”.

Grants

Dow AgroSciences. .....................................................$5,000
“Urban Entomology Research”
BASF Corporation .....................................................$27,800
“Termite Research”
Grants con't.

Robert Wright
Dupont Crop Protection .................................................................$7,000
“Crop Insect Management Research”

Publications


Meet an Off-Campus Student

Angela Clagg

I am Angela Clagg, and I have been on active duty in the Air Force for over 12 years. I am a pest controller, environmentalist, and enlisted entomologist - I’ve had many different titles. I absolutely love everything about my job, and I get a chance to see the world while doing it. My job from day to day could vary from a family of raccoons living in an attic, a bat in the chow hall, bed bugs in lodging, to weed control on the airfield. My biggest enjoyment is the look I get when a “girl” shows up to get the job done!

My experience as an entomologist allows me to work with many professionals in the field - environmental management, wildlife conservation, and public health officials. We work together to ensure that the bases follow state and federal laws. Over the last decade, I have gained extensive knowledge through my B.S. in environmental sciences. I decided to enroll in the M.S. entomology program with the University of Nebraska-Lincoln in hopes to become a commissioned officer and Medical Entomologist in the Air Force upon completion of my degree.

I’ve recently remarried to a wonderful man, Cody Clagg. We have three amazing children and will be expecting our first baby girl together the end of February. Without the support of my family, I never could have made it as far as I have in the military or my education.

I’m a very busy person, I enjoy everything about the outdoors. You’ll usually find the family and me out camping, fishing, hunting, hiking, four-wheeling, gardening, collecting bugs, and taking care of our animals. Activities specific to me include teaching myself to sew, photography, and cooking.
Dr. Brett Ratcliffe just had his 21st insect named in his honor, *Ogyges ratcliffei* Cano, 2014, a passalid beetle from Honduras (Zootaxa 3889: 451-484). Dr. Ratcliffe and Dr. M. J. Paulsen conducted collections research at Oregon State University in Corvallis after the ESA meetings in Portland, OR.

Dr. Shripat T. Kamble gave an invited talk on “Sampling Bed Bugs for DNA and Forensic Evidence – How to Protect Yourself and Your Client” at the National ESA Meeting, November 16-19, 2014 in Portland, OR. Dr. Kamble also gave two invited talks on “Bed Bugs DNA and RNAi” at the Pest World-National Pest Management Association Conference, October 21-24, 2014 in Orlando, FL.

**Blasts from the Past**

Steve Robertson, (pictured on the left) a past graduate from the online masters program and instructor of the online medical entomology course for the Entomology Department, was at the Armed Forces Pest Management Board Meeting in Washington, D.C. in October and stopped by the National Zoo there, where he ran into another online masters program graduate, Gregory Ose. Greg is the associate entomologist for the zoo. As you can see, Steve really looks up to Greg.

Dr. Andrew Smith, of the Canadian Museum of Nature, who received his Ph.D. from the Entomology Department under the supervision of Dr. Brett Ratcliffe, conducted research in the Museum's Research Collections for the first week in December. Andrew confirmed there are 11 new species of *Phyllophaga* from Cuba in the collections, and he and Dr. M. J. Paulsen will describe them in a journal article.

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**Calendar of Events**

- **December 24, 2014—January 2, 2015**
  - Holiday Closdown (UNL offices closed)
- **January 5, 2015**
  - First day UNL offices are open in 2015
- **January 12, 2015**
  - Spring Semester Begins
- **January 19, 2015**
  - Martin Luther King Day (Student and Staff Holiday—UNL offices closed)
- **January 20, 2015**
  - Seminar—Jennifer Shaughney, Entomology Graduate Student, 4:00 p.m. Nebraska East Union
- **January 21, 2015**
  - Department Meeting, 10:00 a.m., ENTO 110
- **January 27, 2015**
  - Seminar—Travis Prochaska, Entomology Graduate Student, 4:00 p.m., Nebraska East Union
- **January 30, 2015**
  - Final day to apply for a degree in May
- **February 3, 2015**
  - Seminar—Dawn Sikora, Entomology Graduate Student, 4:00 p.m., Nebraska East Union
- **February 10, 2015**
  - Seminar—Patrick Wagner, Entomology Graduate Student, 4:00 p.m., Nebraska East Union