Welcome to the start of a new semester and a new year! We hope everyone is recharged from winter break and ready to tackle the semester head-on. Please also welcome our newest faculty member, Dr. Guin Wogan!

The next ZoGSS meeting is **Friday, February 26th at 12:00 PM on Zoom**. This semester we are working on updating and committee roles and responsibilities, so your attendance and input is very important!

**Repay your dues!**
The cost is **$15.00**, which can be paid to our Treasurer, Taylor Carlson. Remember, **you are not eligible for ZoGSS awards unless you have paid your dues!!**

**Fundraising merchandise** – **Pint glasses** are still available for $8.00, **mugs** for $12.00, and **stickers** for either $1.50 or $4.00!

Fleece vests are on sale now, and we may be offering hats soon if the interest is there.
Outreach

Serve as an Oklahoma State Science and Engineering Fair (OSSEF) judge!

Judging will take place synchronously on March 25th and/or March 26th. If you are interested in judging, register by clicking this link.

If you have any questions about OSSEF judging, feel free to contact one of our Outreach Committee members (Teri Cocke, James Erdmann, and Emily Geest) or Dr. Julie Angle (julie.angle@okstate.edu)

Stay tuned! Future Outreach events

- Into the Streets (sometime in March or April)
- Stillwater Trash-Off (usually around Earth Day)
- Oklahoma Bio Blitz (virtual this year)

Let the outreach committee (Emily Geest, James Erdmann, and Teri Cocke) know if you have other cool outreach ideas!

Upcoming Workshops

Remember that by attending workshops you are entered in a raffle to win one of three $15 gift cards to local Stillwater businesses!

Mapathon: February 13th, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
Become Red Cross Certified and map at-risk areas for disaster relief. Please RSVP to Angela Riley (agoffri@okstate.edu)

Job Series: Part I: March 6th, 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM
 Hear from a panel of IB alumni (M.S. and Ph.D. students) who now have non-academic jobs

Job Series: Part II: TBD
Hear from a panel of IB alumni who now have jobs in academia

Writing Through the Pandemic: TBD
R Introduction for Undergrads: TBD
Encourage your undergraduate student researchers to attend this workshop and gain basic skills in R. It will take place prior to the Karen L. Smith Symposium & CEEC so students have time to analyze their data.

Safety Zone Training: TBD

**Upcoming Award Deadlines**

Women’s Faculty Council Research Award applications (which include a letter from a faculty member) are due March 1st. Find more information by following this link.

GPSGA spring travel awards ($100 – includes virtual conferences) for meetings taking place from February 15th – August 15th are due April 1st. For other GPSGA awards, see the GPSGA Canvas Page.

ZoGSS Awards announcements will go out on March 22nd and be due April 11th.

**Help us decorate the 1st floor lobby display case**

Do you have aesthetically pleasing lab or field photos? Random old lab equipment that looks kinda cool? Biology-related artwork? We will be turning the first floor display case into an artsy “Reflections of Our Department.”

Reach out to Carrie (carrie.klase@okstate.edu) if you have items, photos, or artwork you would like displayed on the 1st floor! Open to undergraduates, graduate students, faculty, and staff.

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Central Ecology & Evolution Conference (CEEC)
We are pleased to announce that the third annual Central Ecology and Evolution Conference (CEEC) will be held virtually through Zoom on April 9-10, 2021! CEEC is a conference for students, by students, and provides space for undergraduate and graduate students to present their research and proposals in all fields related to ecology and evolution. We encourage you to attend this diverse and innovative conference!

The call for abstracts will be sent out on February 5th and early registration begins February 28th and will cost $20.00. Follow CEEC on Facebook (@Centralecoevo) and on Twitter (@CEEC2021) for updates!

Toxicology Symposium: April 21st & 22nd
This research symposium is open to both graduate and undergraduate students and will be virtual.

Recent Presentations
Sarah Hileman – North American Society of Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry (SETAC)
Levels of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon and Metal Contamination in Urban Playground Soils Throughout Oklahoma City Metropolitan

Justin Scott – SETAC
Evaluation of the Sensitivity of Three Rainbow Trout Cell Lines (RTgill-W1, RTgutGC, and RTL-W1) to Copper and Lead: Role of Medium Composition

Recent Publications

Don’t forget to join our Facebook page “OSU Zoology Graduate Student Society” for more day-to-day updates.
Meet Your Peers

Baum lab – David Berman, Teri Cocke, Eric Duell*, Sarah Elzay, Emily Geest, Carrie Klase*, Ashley Knoch, Tyler Spresser*

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

Bolek lab – Ryan Koch, Ryan Shannon, Allison Bryant

Bruck lab – Rachel Hamrock*, Paige Stevens*

Cabrera-Guzmán lab – Taylor Carlson*

Dzialowski lab – Bobby Bowser, Brian Eachus

Fox lab – Justin Agan, Taylor Carlson*

French lab – Austin Leone, Kyley Moore

Grindstaff lab – Angela Riley, Sierra Williams, Victoria Roper

Jeyasingh lab – Yetkin Ipek

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

Luttbeg lab – Scott Goeppner, Dani Kirsch, Jamie Najar

McCullagh lab – Racheal Brodsky, Amita Chawla

McMurry lab – Shauni Windle*

Minghetti lab – MD Ibrahim, Justin Scott

Moen lab – Jack Spicer

Reichert lab – Jonathan Albers, James Erdmann, Courtney Byrd, Jain Krishnan

Van Den Bussche lab – Denise Thompson

Waldman lab – Michael Ellison, Samantha Garza, Bailee Augustino, Sourjya Nath

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

*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.