

Welcome!

Spring 2022 Newsletter Series

Upcoming Events:

ZoGSS Meetings

Will occur on Zoom

- Thurs. Mar. 31st @ 10:00 AM
- Thurs. Apr. 28th @ 10:00 AM

Departmental Seminars

Dr. David Blackburn – March 4th

- Grad student meeting 1:30
- *Dr. David Rodriguez - Apr. 8th*
- Grad student meeting TBD

Dr. Jonathan Losos – Apr. 15th

- Grad student meeting TBD

**Dr. Eileen Hebets - Apr. 22nd*

- Grad student meeting TBD

**Denotes In-Person Seminar*

Lunchtime Seminars

- *Scott Goepner – Mar. 7th*
- *Jesse Hurd – Mar. 21st*
- *Sneha Dharwadkar – Mar. 28th*
- *James Erdmann – Apr. 11th*



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March 2022

Thank you everyone for your participation in the seminars and graduate student meetings for our first two sets of job candidates! **We've got upcoming grad student meetings with the TAP candidates**, so please continue being awesome and attending those as well. We'll be able to take a breather from candidate interviews soon!



Pay your ZoGSS dues!

You are only eligible for ZoGSS awards and voting on ZoGSS issues if you are a dues-paying member. **Pay your dues to Taylor Carlson.**



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 [here](#).



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

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

Art Night 2022

Due to the winter weather cancellations, Art Night has been postponed to Friday, March 4th. **You can buy tickets ahead of time or at the door.** More information can be found at this link:

<https://victoriaroper0.wixsite.com/art-night-2022>

Outreach Committee Update

Use the QR code to the left to join the Outreach GroupMe and receive information regarding upcoming outreach events. **Feel free to email the Outreach Committee (Teri Cocke, Michael Ellison, and Victoria Roper) with any other outreach ideas.**

Outreach GroupMe



Spring 2022 Workshops

Stay tuned for more information on the following workshops!

- Spider workshop
- Sustainability workshop
- COV workshop

Second ZorroBucks Scholar Announced!



Winner: James Erdmann

“ZorroBucks 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. Please be sure to include all awards won in your CV. Susana and I are trying to help with CV-building as well. The frequency and amount of the awards are unpredictable and irregular. This promotes cybernetic alacrity and perspicacity.”

– Stanley “El Zorro” Fox



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).

If you have another conference or information to add to future newsletters, please email one of the executive officers (James, Dani, Shauni, or Taylor C.).

Central Ecology and Evolution Conference (CEEC) 2022 – Online

Hosted by Middle Tennessee State University on
April 15-16

[click here for website](#)

“A conference for students, by students.” CEEC’s primary goal is to provide a friendly, low-pressure conference environment for undergrads, grad students, and post-grads to present their research and receive feedback from their peers. You can do a platform presentation (15 minutes) or a poster presentation.

Southwestern Association of Naturalists (SWAN) – Online

Hosted by Sam Houston State University on
April 21-23

[click here for website](#)

Students and faculty are invited to attend this bilingual conference for those interested in biology, natural history, and conservation of flora and fauna of the southwestern United States, Mexico, and Central America. There are many opportunities for students to present a poster, give a talk, and/or compete for research awards!





Southwestern Association of Parasitologists (SWAP)

April 21-23

[click here for website](#)

Student presentation awards, research grants, and other awards offered.

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.



Graduate Student Spotlight: **Sneha Dharwadkar**



I was interviewed by the [Women in Ecology and Evolution Podcast](#) which highlights women in the field of ecology and evolution, their research, their experiences, and their passions. It is hosted by Dr. Kirsty Macleod where she interviews the women she admires, getting deep into the science they love, as well as what makes them tick outside the day job - and everything in between.

My interview was in the Season 2, Episode 1, titled [W.E.E. are Back!](#) In this episode, I talk about what got me into Herpetology, what prompted me and my colleague to start [Freshwater Turtles and Tortoises of India](#), an organisation I co-founded with Anuja Mital, a little bit about parachute/colonial science and starting PhD in a pandemic, and joining Dr. Wogan's lab. Later in the episode, Kirsty and I are joined by Dagmar Der Weduwen and Lucy Harding where we highlight important highlights of 2021 (such as a publication titled "If I fits, I sits..."). Kirsty also discusses a paper with Kelly Wuthrich on facultative crypsis in a lizard.

You can subscribe to this podcast on apple iTunes or any other podcast app on Android, or listen to it here:

<https://www.thewee podcast.org/podcast/episode/7502d332/wee-are-back>





Recent Grad Student Publications

Michael Ellison:

Bush, J. M., Ellison, M. Simberloff, D. (2022). Impacts of an invasive species (*Anolis sagrei*) on social and spatial behaviours of a native congener (*Anolis carolinensis*). *Animal Behaviour* 183: 177-188.
<https://doi.org/10.1016/j.anbehav.2021.06.006>



Want to join in on March Mammal Madness?

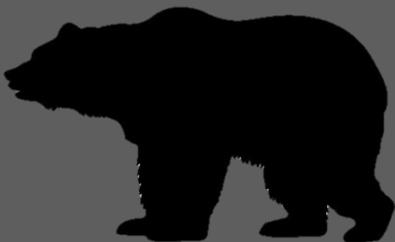
Pick your winners and see which mammal comes out on top this year! Find **tournament information** here:

<https://libguides.asu.edu/marchmammalmadness>

or find them on **Facebook**:

https://www.facebook.com/MammalMadness/?ref=page_internal

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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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

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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*

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.
