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April Calendar of Events

| Seminar – Dr. Machtinger | Apr | 6 |
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| Defense Seminar – Sandra Rigsby | Apr | 8 |
| Seminar – Dr. Cook | Apr | 13 |
| Southwestern Branch ESA Meeting | Apr | 18-20 |
| Seminar – Dr. Casteel | Apr | 20 |
| Pre-finals Week | Apr | 25-29 |
| Faculty Meeting | Apr | 26 |

May Calendar of Events

| Finals Week | May | 2-6 |
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| Graduate Commencement | May | 6 |
| Undergraduate Commencement | May | 7 |
| Memorial Day – University Holiday | May | 30 |

Congratulations!

Dr. Tom Royer received the Lifetime Achievement Award during the 10th International IPM Symposium in Denver, Colorado held February 28 – March 3, 2022. This award recognizes an individual who has devoted their career to IPM and who has made significant contributions to enhancing integrated pest management through team building with various stakeholder groups, and addressing issues across pests, commodities, systems, and disciplines.

Departmental Seminars

Seminars are held at 3:30 p.m. in Room 216-218 NRC or via Zoom.

| <u>Date</u> | Speaker | <u>Title</u> |
|-------------|----------------------|--|
| Apr. 6 | Dr. Erica Machtinger | Exploring the Cause of Heterogenous Tick Burdens on Blacklegged Tick Hosts |
| Apr. 13 | Dr. David Cook | TBD |
| Apr. 20 | Dr. Clare Casteel | Investigating Viral and Plant Protein Dynamics in Plant-Vector Interactions |

New Face

Kyle Milanese is a Specialist Computer I who is a computer technician for the Noble Research Center and began his position on March 24. He received his B.S. degree in Exercise Science – Sports Management/ Environmental Business from Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey in 2010 where he was also a wrestler and his Associate degree in Computer Information Systems from Camden County College in Blackwood, New Jersey in 2016. Prior to coming to OSU, he worked at the Information Technology Help Desk for the Riverside School District in Riverside, New Jersey for 1½ years and at Burlington Store, Inc. in Edgewater Park, New Jersey for nearly 3 years. His sister lives in Stillwater.

On the Move

Thomas Hess has accepted a position as a Research and Development Specialist with Bayer in Union City, Tennessee and will begin on April 18. He will be helping to maintain insect colonies and conducting screening trials on corn varieties. Thomas has been a Senior Research Specialist for **Dr. Tom Royer** since August 2019. He received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Entomology from OSU in 2017 and 2019, respectively; his M.S. degree under the direction of **Dr. Wyatt Hoback**.

Alumni News

Dr. Jessica Lindenmayer (Ph.D. 2017) and her husband Brad are the proud parents of a baby girl. Lillian May was born on March 14 at 4:27 p.m., weighed 7 pounds 12 ounces, and was 19.5 inches in length. Jessica is the Global Field Research and Demonstration Coordinator at Trécé Inc. in Adair, Oklahoma. Jessica received her B.S. degree from Colorado State University in Fort Collins in 2013, her M.S. degree in Plant Pathology from OSU in December 2015 under the direction of **Dr. Carla Garzon**, and her Ph.D. in Entomology and Plant Pathology from OSU in May 2019 under the direction of **Dr. Tom Royer**.

Carrie Pratt (M.S. 2021) received the first place MV-ASM Presentation Award for Graduate Presentation: Environmental during the annual meeting of the Missouri Valley Branch of the American Society for Microbiology in Stillwater on March 18-19. She also recently won the Norman Durham Endowed Graduate Fellowship in Microbiology. Carrie received her B.S. degree in Biology from the University of North Dakota in 2018 and her M.S. in Entomology from OSU in 2021 under the direction of **Dr. Wyatt Hoback**.

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April Birthdays

| Noah Dunagan | April 1 |
|------------------------|----------|
| Bill Massey | April 1 |
| Francisco Ochoa Corona | April 1 |
| Zachary Novak | April 6 |
| Sandra Rigsby | April 7 |
| Ethan Shaw | April 7 |
| Autumn Sutton | April 11 |
| Akhtar Ali | April 15 |
| Kelly Vierling | April 17 |
| Sharon Hillock | April 19 |
| Malea Parsons | April 20 |
| Ryley Hall | April 22 |
| Haobo Jiang | April 24 |
| LaFonda Barrera | April 27 |
| Lisa Coburn | April 27 |
| Kellie Vidal | April 28 |
| William Drew | April 29 |
| Noah Burley | April 30 |
| Adelyn Detrich | April 30 |
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