

Special Notices

Sincere sympathy is express to **Dr. Justin Talley** on the death of his father, Jay Talley, age 75, on July 15 in Stillwater. He was a cotton farmer in Acuff, Texas before recently moving to Stillwater.

Jill Wick's husband, Randy, age 64, died August 30 from brain and lung cancer. Jill was our Senior Financial Assistant who died on December 12, 2019 from ovarian cancer.

Alumni News

Alissa Berro (M.S. 2011) was recently hired as Section Manager of Mosquito Control and Vegetation Management with Pinellas County Public Works Department in Clearwater, Florida. Alissa received her B.S. degree in Zoology from Michigan State University in 2007 and her M.S. degree in Entomology from OSU in 2011 under the direction of **Dr. Tom Royer**.

Dr. Beth Ferguson (M.S. 2014) and Keisuke Yoshimura (a pilot) were married on June 26. Beth is an ORISE (Oak Ridge Institute for Science and Education) Postdoctoral Fellow with the USDA-ARS at the Edward T. Schafer Agricultural Research Center in Fargo, North Dakota where she is conducting sunflower and plant biology research. Beth received her B.S. degree in Biology from Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas in 2012, her M.S. degree in Entomology from OSU in 2014 under the direction of **Dr. Tom Royer**, and her Ph.D. degree in Entomology from the University of Arkansas in 2018.

September Birthdays

Meghan Gilliland	September 4	Willie Collins	September 7
Kiran Mysore	September 4	Richard Nelson	September 17
Robert Pille	September 4	Gerry Smith	September 17
Yang Wang	September 4	Qiao (Joy) Jin	September 18
Jaeley Gattis	September 5	Annie Mae Kelly	September 18
Barbara Brown	September 6	Mikaela Anderson	September 29
Benny Bruton	September 6	Kristen Baum	September 29

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September 2021**OSU****Entomology and
Plant Pathology**Noble Research Center for Agricultural
and Renewable Natural ResourcesSeptember Calendar of Events

Seminar – Rafaela Gomes and Alex Harman	Sep	1
Labor Day – University Holiday	Sep	6
Paper and Poster Submissions Due for ESA Annual Mtg.	Sep	7
Seminar – Dr. Faske	Sep	8
Early Bird Registration Deadline for ESA Annual Meeting	Sep	13
Seminar – Dr. Scott	Sep	15
Seminar – Dr. Olds	Sep	22
Faculty Meeting	Sep	24
Fall General Faculty Meeting	Sep	28
Seminar – Dr. Gill	Sep	29

October Calendar of Events

Hotel Reservations Due for ESA Annual Meeting	Oct	1
Seminar – Dr. Andreason	Oct	6
Seminar – Willie Collins and Carrie Meeks	Oct	13
OSU Homecoming	Oct	30
Entomological Society of America Annual Mtg. Begins	Oct	31

Congratulations!

Dr. Brad Kard received his 20-year service pin from Dr. Coon during the faculty meeting on August 27.

Kelly Seuhs received his 20-year service pin from Dr. Coon during the faculty meeting on August 27.

New Students

Haley Gavranovic is beginning her M.S. degree with **Drs. Wyatt Hoback** and **J. Scott Armstrong**. Her research will focus on the hedgehog aphid and its interactions with crops. Haley received her B.S. degree in Entomology from Texas A&M University in 2021.

Brandon Henriquez is beginning his M.S. degree with **Dr. Bruce Noden**. His research will focus on discovering host-mosquito interactions in Eastern red cedar; specifically, which hosts are being fed on by mosquitoes that rest in ERC and how that may explain West Nile virus risk in Oklahoma. Brandon received his B.S. degree in Entomology from OSU in 2021.

Chunxiang “Tricia” Hou is beginning her Ph.D. candidacy with **Dr. Haobo Jiang**. Her research will focus on immune responses of hemocytes in *Manduca sexta* and other insects. Chunxiang received her B.Ag. degree in Plant Protection from Hebei Agricultural University in Baoding City, China in 2016 and her M.Ag. in Plant Protection from China Agricultural University in Beijing, China in 2018.

Daniel Carrera López is beginning his M.S. degree with **Dr. Kitty Cardwell**. His research will focus on validating EDNA diagnostics for the fungal select agent *Coniothyrium glycines*, red leaf blotch. Daniel received his B.S. degree in Biotechnology Engineering from the Universidad de las Fuerzas Armadas - ESPE in Ecuador in 2019. He was previously a Science and Research and Development Leader at 360Life Technologies in Quito, Ecuador.

Greg Middleton is beginning his M.S. degree with **Dr. Wyatt Hoback**. His research will focus on the investigation of dung beetles and the seasonal effects of prescribed fires. Greg received his B.A. degree in Biology from Augustana College in Rock Island, Illinois in 2020.

Chao “Charlie” Xiong is beginning his M.S. degree with **Dr. Haobo Jiang**. His research will focus on functional characterization of hemolymph proteins in *Manduca sexta*. Chao received his B.T. degree in Bioengineering from

East China University of Science and Technology in Shanghai, China in 2020.

New Faces

Zainab Alhashimy began her position as a Lab Technologist for **Dr. George Opit** on July 25. She received her B.S. degree in Chemistry from the University of Mosul in Iraq and her B.S. degree in University Studies from OSU in 2021.

Dr. Fernanda Proano Cuenca started her position as a Postdoctoral Fellow with **Dr. Kitty Cardwell** on August 16. Her research will focus on improving diagnostic methods and to increase the understanding of genetic diversity for the exotic fungal plant pathogen *Coniothyrium glycines*, a select bioterrorist agent that causes red leaf blotch of soybean. Fernanda received her B.S. degree in Biotechnology Engineering from the Universidad de la Fuerzas Armadas – ESPE in 2014, her M.S. degree in Plant Pathology from OSU in December 2016 under the direction of **Dr. Carla Garzón**, and her Ph.D. in Entomology and Plant Pathology from OSU in December 2020 under the direction of **Drs. Carla Garzón** and **Stephen Marek**.

Departmental Seminars

Seminars are held at 3:30 p.m. in Room 207 NRC.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Affiliation</u>
Sep. 1	Rafaela Gomes and Alex Harman	OSU – Introductory Seminars
Sep. 8	Dr. Travis Faske	University of Arkansas
Sep. 15	Dr. Jeff Scott	Cornell University
Sep. 22	Dr. Cassandra Olds	Kansas State University
Sep. 29	Dr. Sarjeet Gill	University of California, Riverside

Notices

The departmental office is now closed from noon until 1:00 p.m. every day.

Dr. Meriem Aoun has accepted the Small Grains Plant Pathologist faculty position and will begin in 2022.