



Weekly Announcements for November 11-17, 2007

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Faculty/Staff/Other Meetings

There will be a Biological Sciences Faculty Meeting on Tuesday, November 13, 2007, at 12 noon in the Speech Pathology building room SPA 315.

Seminars

Katie Erin G. Miller, graduate student with **Dr. Marjorie Matocq**, will present her Master's thesis defense seminar, "Connectivity, relatedness, and winter roost ecology of a vulnerable bat", **Thursday, November 15th at 10am in room Nursing 209.**

Dr. Lane Rolling, M.D. of Weber State University will present his seminar, "Tropical Medicine and Global Disease - A New Perspective," **Thursday, November 15, 2007 at 4pm in Lecture Center 10.**

Allison Ray, graduate student with **Dr. Tim Magnuson**, will present her PhD defense seminar, "Discovery and characterization of a novel anaerobe with a potential role in bioremediation of metal-contaminated subsurface environments," **Friday, November 16, 2007 at 1pm in Nursing 209.**

Presentations

The following Doctor of Arts students attended The Emerging Researchers' Conference on Teaching and Learning at Oregon State University, November 2-4, 2007 and presented following:

Noah Anderson: Understanding the metacognitive processes of anatomy students.

Erin Naegle: Identifying student preconceptions concerning the interpretation of phylogenetic tree diagrams.

Todd Hartle, Noah Anderson, Erin Naegle and Ellen Gerton: Living in the Cracks: Exploring careers of interdisciplinary educational specialists in research science departments.

Dr. Jeff Meldrum was an invited speaker at a conference held in Jefferson, Texas, November 9-11, 2007. The title of his talk was, "A Survey of Alleged Yeti Tracks: Is the Himalayan Mystery on Sure Footing?" He also made a presentation to the sciences classes at Jefferson High School.

Awards

Joanne Crawford, new PhD student with **Dr. Marjorie Matocq**, has won the Eastern Illinois University Graduate School Distinguished Thesis Award for her master's thesis entitled "Mating, Kinship, and Population Structure in Illinois Beaver Populations". She is also Eastern's nominee for the 2007 Distinguished Master's Thesis Award of the Midwest Association of Graduate Schools which will be announced early next year. Congratulations on this distinction, Joanne, and welcome to ISU!

Funding Opportunities

National Science Foundation - Major Research Instrumentation Program

The National Science Foundation has released the 2008 Program Announcement for the Major Research Instrumentation (MRI) Program. The MRI program assists in the acquisition or development of major research instrumentation that is, in general, too costly for support through other NSF programs. Because this program only allows three submissions per institution, ISU will conduct an internal pre-proposal competition.

Pre-proposals are due on November 26, 2007 at 12 noon in the Office of Sponsored Programs, 309 Fine Arts Building.

Please visit: <http://www.isu.edu/grants/MRI2008.pdf> for the full Program Solicitation and the internal competition pre-proposal preparation instructions.

Department of Health and Human Services

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Field Trials to Evaluate Efficacy of Natural Products for the Control of the Tick Vectors of Lyme Disease Spirochetes Grant. <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=true&oppId=15797>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Evaluation of Reservoir-Targeted Vaccine Formulations to Prevent Enzootic Transmission of *Borrelia burgdorferi* (Lyme Borreliosis) Grant. <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?&mode=VIEW&flag2006=true&oppId=15798>

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Notices

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS FOR DISTINGUISHED RESEARCHER AWARD 2008

This is to announce the call for nominations for the Distinguished Researcher Award of 2008. This award will honor a faculty member who has contributed significantly to the research effort at Idaho State University. This person is honored at the commencement exercises as the Distinguished Researcher and will be given a cash award of \$2,500. The Faculty Research Committee will select a maximum of five (5) Outstanding Researchers from the nominees. The Distinguished Researcher will be selected from that group.

To implement the selection process, the Faculty Research Committee invites anyone who is familiar with a faculty member's research efforts to nominate that person for this award. Any full-time faculty member (tenured or not) who has made a significant, original/creative contribution to advancing the frontiers of knowledge in his or her field may be nominated. Please send a detailed letter of nomination, which addresses the selection criteria, to the Vice President for Research, Mail Stop 8130, Idaho State University, by **FRIDAY, November 16, 2007**.

EVENTS

BGS Chili Lunch will be on Thursday, November 15th from 11am-1pm in the Biology Main Lobby. Cost will be \$5 for chili, bread, and a drink. Feel free to bring your own bowl or use one that we provide. All money raised will support Biology graduate student travel to conferences and talks. If you have any questions please contact Amanda Fisher at fishaman@isu.edu.

