



Monthly Announcements for June 2009

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Faculty/Staff/Other Meetings

There will **NOT** be a **Biological Sciences Faculty Meeting** until Fall 2009 semester.

Seminars

Susan Parsons, MS graduate student with **Dr. Charles Peterson** and **Dr. Rosemary Smith**, will present her Defense Seminar, "Landscape Genetics of Great Basin Rattlesnakes (*Crotalus oreganus lutosus*) on the Upper Snake River Plain," **Monday, June 1, 2009**, at **2:00 PM** in **Lecture Center 10**.

Paul Atwood, MS graduate student with **Dr. John Kie**, will present his Defense Seminar, "Mule Deer and Elk Competition on Winter Range," **Tuesday, June 2, 2009**, at **9:30 AM** in **Plant Sciences 114**.

Quinn R. Shurtliff, PhD graduate student with **Dr. Rick Williams**, will present his Defense seminar, "Genetic, Behavioral, and Environmental Dynamics of a Woodrat Hybrid Zone in California," **Tuesday, June 2, 2009**, at **1:00 PM** in **Lecture Center 10**.

Sara Kaiser, MS graduate student with **Dr. Nancy Huntly**, will present her Defense Seminar, "Relationship of the Invasive Plant, *Sisymbrium altissimum*, to the Plants and Butterflies of Craters of the Moon National Monument and Preserve," **Wednesday, June 3, 2009**, at **2:00 PM** in **Lecture Center 15/17**.

Sandhya Baviskar, DA graduate student with **Dr. Malcolm Shields**, will present her Defense Seminar, "Molecular Genetic Approach to the Functional Analysis of a Regulatory Protein in *Dictyostelium* & Research on Assessments and Constructivism in Science Education," **Friday, June 5, 2009**, at **9:00 AM** in **Lecture Center 10**.

Rakesh Mandal, MS graduate student with **Dr. Curt Anderson**, will present his Defense Seminar, "Anatomical Organization of Brainstem Circuits Mediating Feeding Motor Programs and Identification of Muscle Spindles in the Submental Muscle of the Marine Toad, *Bufo marinus*," **Friday, June 26, 2009**, at **1:00 PM** in **Lecture Center 10**.

Awards

Dr. Shawn Bearden has been awarded \$5000 from the Faculty Research Committee for his proposal entitled, "Cre-loxP Model for Homocysteine in Alzheimer Disease."

Dr. Matthew Germino has been awarded \$4207 from the Faculty Research Committee for his proposal entitled, "Plasticity in Ecophysiological Properties of Plants at their Climatic Limit: Comparison of Morphological and Physiological Variation with Bioinformatics."

Congratulations

Dr. Amy Marcarelli, Postdoctoral Researcher, Stream Ecology Center, has accepted a position as an

Assistant Professor in the Department of Biological Sciences at Michigan Technological University. She will move to Michigan in September.

Job Opportunities

The **Lincoln National Forest** will be requesting a referral list from the OCR (see links below) on or about **June 29, 2009**, to fill an open Rangeland Management Specialist position on the Smokey Bear Ranger District, Ruidoso, NM. Please refer to the attached outreach notice for additional information about the community and for contact information.

[ADS07-R5-RMS-579G](#) (Internal Government-wide)

[ADS01-R5-RMS-579DP](#) (External DEMO Project)

Volunteer Opportunities

The Idaho Chapter of The American Fisheries Society has a website where biologists from across the state will post fisheries sampling activities beginning in April and continuing through the fall, 2009. The site is interactive with space for biologists to list the date, location and type of field work and space for students to list their availability by date and location. **The intention of this program** is to provide students with the opportunity to gain some field experience in fisheries research and management activities and get to know fishery professionals. Conversely, biologists will get to know students entering the profession. **To access the website**, go to: <http://idahoafs.org/> and then select the volunteer link (second from the bottom on left hand side of the page). The next step is to sign in which requires you to provide an email address and a password (please record your password as this will determine your future access to the site). Next, build a profile including name, address, and phone number. Then enter your availability by date and location under "my posted availability". **The final step** will be for both biologists and volunteers to periodically check the site for available matches as the field season progresses. **Hopefully, this will provide you with opportunities** to gain experience in fisheries field work and meet new folks in the profession. **Questions?** Please email Steve Elle at steve.elle@idfg.idaho.gov.

Payroll Information

Our next **pay period ends Saturday, May 30**. Please be sure to **submit your time by Monday, June 1 at 12 NOON**. This gives **your approver time to approve your time card and fix any problems by Tuesday, June 2** when time cards are due to Payroll. If you have employees working for you, you need to make sure they are submitting their hours and that you are approving their time cards on time. Time cards need to be submitted and approved on time for everyone to get their pay checks when they expect them.