



Monthly Announcements for May 2009

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Faculty/Staff/Other Meetings

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

Seminars

Javan Bauder, MS graduate student with **Dr. Charles Peterson**, will present his Defense Seminar, "Movements of Prairie Rattlesnakes in a Mountainous Landscape in Central Idaho," **Monday, May 11, 2009**, at **1:00 PM** in **Plant Sciences 114**.

Sharee Anderson, DA graduate student with **Dr. Trent Stephens**, will present her Defense seminar, "Selection of Nest Site to Maintain the Sex Ratio in the Leopard Gecko, *Eublepharis macularius*," **Tuesday, May 12, 2009**, at **1:00 PM** in **Lecture Center 10**.

Paul Atwood, MS graduate student with **Dr. John Kie**, will present his Defense Seminar **Tuesday, June 2, 2009**, at **9:30 AM** in **Plant Sciences 114**.

Sandhya Baviskar, DA graduate student with **Dr. Malcolm Shields**, will present her Defense Seminar, **Friday, June 5, 2009**, at **9:00 AM** in **Lecture Center 10**.

Awards

The Associated Students of Idaho State University in Idaho Falls awarded **Dr. Barbara Frank** the Faculty Member of the Year Award for 2008-2009 in recognition of her outstanding service, commitment to teaching, and involvement on the Idaho Falls campus.

Scholarships Awarded

Congratulations to **Kathryn Myers**, **Miglena Manandhar**, and **Cody Fowers** who are the recipients of the Biological Sciences Endowment Scholarship.

Congratulations to **Amber Hoover**, recipient of the Barry L Keller Memorial Scholarship; **Gifford Gillette**, recipient of the Edson Fichter Scholarship; and **Allison Gottwalt**, recipient of the Albert Burch Strahan Memorial Scholarship.

Congratulations

Congratulations to **Kevin Buffington**, MS student working with **Dr. Rosemary Smith**; **Cheng-Hung Chen**, PhD student working with **Dr. Shawn Bearden**; and **Carrie Hall**, DA student working with **Dr. Rosemary Smith**. These graduate students have been awarded research funding from the Spring 2009 Graduate Student Research and Scholarship Committee (GSRSC). Three of the seven funded proposals came from Biological Sciences.

Congratulations to **Devon Rasmussen**, MS student, who was chosen as the Outstanding Graduate Teaching Assistant for 2009. Congratulations to **Patrick Gygli** who was chosen as the Outstanding Graduating Senior for 2009.

Thank You

Thanks to **Robert Autenreith (Dr. Edson Fichter's first graduate student at ISU)** for donating his J. Mammalogy and J. Wildlife Management collections to two of our graduate students, Ryan Long and Gifford Gillette.

Job Opportunities

Portage, Inc. is looking for a Field/Forest Technician to provide help with a forest survey. **Education:** Preference is a College Undergraduate Student. **Closing Date:** 6/1/2009. **Requirements:** Must be in good physical condition. Need to have basic skills in math, earth science, map reading, with some computer literacy. The job requires working in remote areas of Southeastern Idaho, so camping skills and equipment are a must. A forestry background and/or the ability to perform general forest measurements is preferred. **Description:** Shall perform a Forest and Fuel Inventory. The Inventory will include fieldwork which shall include vegetation cruise and fuels plot data collection. Inventory data collection will be completed with plot data, walkthrough data, and photo interpretation. Data to be collected for the Inventory will include; tree, shrub, grass and forb species identification commonly found in Southeastern Idaho, plot information from the habitat cruise, disease and infestations, and age of trees. Data will be entered into hand held data loggers while in the field. Successful applicants will participate in general training for use of related instruments (Relescope, Trimble GPS, increment borers) needed to perform the tasks required. The job will be full time/temporary summer position with the likelihood of continuing over additional years. **If anyone is interested**, e-mail your resume for consideration to John Beller, jbeller@portageinc.com. Phone number is 208-419-4103.

Portage Environmental, currently supporting the BLM in Idaho Falls, is looking for one or two students with veg field work experience that would like to support a timber survey project for most of the summer. They need someone willing to work hard and hike around in the hills for a \$10-\$15/hour. Will have a seasoned supervisor. If interested, please contact Margo Lynn Stewart-Lasky, Senior Environmental Analyst, Portage Inc., at 208-251-0179. ISU ecology/biology students preferred.

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 May 16**. Please be sure to **submit your time by Monday, May 18 at 12 NOON**. This gives **your approver time to approve your time card and fix any problems by May 19** 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. In the past late time cards were accepted, but with the new system they are not. If you have **questions about Web Time Entry**, go to the following link for answers.

<http://www.isu.edu/tigeri/training/bengalweb/FAQs.shtml#WebTimeEntry>.