



WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR MARCH 28-APRIL 3, 2010

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FACULTY/STAFF/OTHER MEETINGS

Biological Sciences Faculty Meeting will be held **Tuesday, March 30, 2010**, in the **Speech Pathology Building #68 in room SPA 315 at noon.**

SEMINARS

Carolyn Zelent, MS graduate student with **Dr. Gene Scalarone**, will present her Proposal Seminar **Thursday, April 1, 2010, at 12 Noon in Lecture Center 10.**

Becky Hansis O'Neill, MS graduate student with **Dr. Rosemary Smith**, will present her Proposal Seminar **Thursday, April 1, 2010, at 12 Noon in Lecture Center 10.**

Soil Processes Faculty Candidate will present a seminar **Tuesday, March 30, 2010, at 2:00 PM in VOART 117.**

Soil Processes Faculty Candidate will present a seminar **Thursday, April 1, 2010, at 4:00 PM in Lecture Center 10.**

PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Colden Baxter gave an invited presentation, "Water under the bridge: lessons in the obvious from a decade of stream ecology," at **Cornell University's Seminar Series in Biogeochemistry and Environmental Biocomplexity**, Ithaca, New York, December 4, 2009.

Dr. Colden Baxter gave an invited presentation, "Doctoring without borders: diagnosing stressors in watershed ecosystems," at **Eastern Washington University's Seminar Series in Biological Sciences**, Cheney, Washington, February 26, 2010.

The following professional presentations were given at the **Annual Meeting of the Idaho Chapter of The Wildlife Society** March 2010 in Boise, Idaho. **Kevin Monteith** received the **Outstanding Presentation Award** for a student.

- **K. L. Monteith**, K.B. Monteith, J.A. Jenks, L.E. Schmitz, **R.T. Bowyer** and D.M. Leslie, Jr. Fecal nitrogen as an index to diet quality: sex-specific effects.
- R.A. Long, M.P. Atwood, **R.T. Bowyer**, P. Zager, and **J.G. Kie**. Resource selection by mule deer: winter severity and competition with elk.
- M.P. Atwood, P. Zager, J. Millspaugh, M. Matocq, **R.T. Bowyer**, and **J.G. Kie**. Fecal indices in mule deer: effects of competition with elk.
- **R.T. Bowyer**. Misconceptions concerning the ecology of large herbivores: implications for management. (Invited)
- **Bill Akersten**. Wee beasts and the late Quaternary paleoecology of North America. (Invited)

The Department of Biological Sciences was strongly represented at the **Annual Meeting of the Idaho Chapter of the American Fisheries Society** March 3-5, 2010, Pocatello, Idaho. This year, **Dr. Ernest Keeley** is serving as the chapter president. **Ryan Bellmore's** presentation earned the "**Best Student Paper Award**" at this year's meeting.

- **Bellmore, J.R.** and **C.V. Baxter**. 2010. The function of floodplain vs. confined segments in an Idaho river network: organic matter dynamics and invertebrate production.
- **Donner, K.C.**, S.E. Zahn, **C.V. Baxter**, E.J. Rosi-Marshall, W.T. Cross, T.A. Kennedy, S. Rogers, R.O. Hall. 2010. Two native suckers in a dammed river: a tale of persistence.
- **Collins, S.F.**, **C.V. Baxter**, A.M. Marcarelli, and M.S. Wipfli. 2010. Riparian insect response to experimental salmon carcass additions to Idaho streams.
- **Benjamin, J.R.**, **C.V. Baxter**, and K.D. Fausch. 2010. Does replacement of a native salmonid by a nonnative reduce subsidies to riparian consumers?

Students from **Dr. Gene Scalarone's lab** who presented four posters at the **Annual Meeting of the Idaho Academy of Science** on March 12, 2010, include: Undergraduates: **Amanda Hill, Tamara Salazar, Daryl Norris, Madeline Fasen, Kevan Mikesell**, and **Wesley Harris**. Graduates: **Caroline Zelent** and **Wayne Hatch**.

TRAVEL

Dr. Tim Magnuson will attend the **Center for Advanced Energy Studies Bioenergy Meeting** in Boise, Idaho, **April 1, 2010**.

Dr. Tim Magnuson will travel to the **Pacific Northwest National Laboratory, Richland, Washington**, on **April 6, 2010**, to give an invited presentation on current collaborative projects between ISU and PNNL.

GRANTS AWARDED

Ryan Long received \$16,500 from the Berryman Institute for his proposal, "Mitigating wildlife conflicts on the Idaho National Laboratory: elk versus agriculture."

PUBLICATIONS

Ray, A.E., S.A. Connon, **P.P. Sheridan**, J. Gilbreath, **M.S. Shields**, D.T. Newby, Y. Fujita, and **T.S. Magnuson**. 2010. Intragenomic heterogeneity of the 16S rRNA gene in strain UFO1 caused by a 100 bp insertion in helix 6. *FEMS Microbiol. Ecol.* In Press (Accepted March 7, 2010).

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

The Berryman Institute-East, in cooperation with USDA/APHIS/WS National Wildlife Research Center, offers summer internship opportunities in the human-wildlife conflicts field to undergraduate students. Positions are open only to students enrolled in a natural resources, bachelor's degree-granting program, who have not received a bachelor's degree at the time of the internship. All Internships pay \$12.57/hour and cover costs of travel to work sites. **Apply by midnight (CST) March 31, 2010**. E-mail resume and letter stating why you are interested in and qualified for the position to: landrews@cfr.msstate.edu. If you have questions, call Laura Andrews at 662-325-6694. **For more information about the internships go to:** <http://www.berrymaninstitute.org/news/index.html#intern>.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Washington State Lake Protection Association (WALPA) announces scholarships to support undergraduate and graduate students in their pursuit of degrees specializing in the fields of **Environmental Science**. WALPA will award one \$1000 scholarship and one \$750 scholarship in May, 2010. Scholarship funds may be used by recipients to cover the costs associated with education and/or

research expenses. Eligible applicants must be enrolled as a part or full time, undergraduate or graduate student in an accredited college or university and be completing course work or research related to biology, hydrology, ecology and management or restoration of lakes and watersheds in Washington or Idaho.

Guidelines for applying: Both scholarship recipients will additionally receive a one-year membership in WALPA and a waiver of registration fees for the 2010 or 2011 conference. Scholarship recipients will also be invited to give a presentation on their research at the annual conference. Winning applications will be chosen based on the quality of research topic, its significance to the fields of Environmental Science, particularly limnology and hydrology, and relevance to the applicant's interests and career goals.

Application Procedure: Applicants must provide a statement of interests, including: research interests and explain why their research is of importance to the field of limnology and/or watershed management, career goals, and intended use of scholarship funds (one-page limit); a one-page resume; and recent transcripts of all college/university course work. A recommendation from someone in the applicant's field of study is encouraged, but not required. **All application materials should be sent to the WALPA Scholarship Program Committee by April 16, 2010;** email submission of the application as a PDF file is preferred. The scholarship recipients will be contacted by the Scholarship Program Committee in May 2010, and announced at the 2010 WALPA conference. Please send the completed application packet to Frank M. Wilhelm, Department of Fish and Wildlife Resources, University of Idaho, P.O. BOX 441136, Moscow ID 83844-1136. Email: fwilhelm@uidaho.edu. **Please use your name to identify your application in the filename – e.g., FwilhelmWALPA2010.pdf.**

PAYROLL INFORMATION

Our pay period ends Saturday, April 3. Please be sure to **submit your time by Monday, April 5, at 12 NOON.** This gives **your approver time to approve your time card and fix any problems by Tuesday, April 6,** 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.