ACADEMIC PROGRAMS OFFICE HAPPENINGS

The Relationship and Sexual Violence Prevention Center (R.S.V.P.) will be presenting the final SNR Brown Bag Lunch and Learn for the semester on Wednesday, April 5 from 12-1 pm in 210 ABNR. They will be presenting on the Green Dot Program, which is a bystander program which encourages people to act when they see someone in a situation that could lead to sexual assault or some other type of violence.

AWARDS and HONORS

Julia Guyton is the recipient of this year’s student award which reimbursed a student member of the Wetlands Working Group for early registration costs to attend the 2016 Wildlife Society conference. She gave a research presentation: What lies Beneath? which identified the most effective method to sample fish and amphibian communities in Missouri wetlands. Julia is currently a graduate student (M.S., Natural Resources, emphasis in Fish and Wildlife Science) at the University of Missouri, Missouri Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit where she is developing a rapid assessment protocol for monitoring fish and amphibian populations in Missouri wetlands. Julia earned her Bachelor of Arts at Birmingham-Southern University in Urban Environmental Studies. She has always enjoyed tromping through wetlands and is excited to pursue a career that conserves wetland-dependent species and the habitats in which they live. (Photo courtesy of Julia Guyton.)
Brandon Kuhn was named Forest Conservationist of the Year. Brandon is a professional and leader in the field of forestry. He is a forester, manager, teacher, prescribed fire team leader, and an expert in both oak and pine management. As Chief Forester for Pioneer Forest, he leads technicians, intern, and contractors, collaborating on all aspects of delivering excellence in forest management. Brandon has also been an extremely engaged forest educator. He has given tours with the University of Missouri-Columbia, the Missouri Coalition for the Environment, the Forest Stewards Guild, the Shortleaf Pine Initiative, and the International Union of Forest Research Organizations (IUFRO). The IUFRO tour on Pioneer Forest was primarily organized and led by Brandon and included forest researchers from countries all over the world. This tour included the Head Forester for the Duchy of Cornwall (the Estate of Prince Charles). He has also spoken at his hometown high school in Licking, Missouri promoting both the forestry and logging professions. Brandon also worked closely with staff and logging crews, helping to solve issues in the field and correctly implement best management practices. His ability to teach across such a wide and diverse set of backgrounds is truly remarkable. He consistently brings new information and technology to Pioneer Forest, making operations more effective and efficient. Brandon now shares the title of Chief Forester for Pioneer Forest and is the third generation of foresters to work on the land since the founding in 1951.

Congratulations to Cindy Greenwood, Executive Assistant to the Director of the School of Natural Resources (SNR) on winning the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources Above and Beyond award this quarter! A Michigan native, Cindy came to Mizzou several years ago with her spouse Keith, who is a faculty member in The MU School of Journalism. Her daughter Kayleigh is a student at DePaul University in Chicago. She will celebrate two years with SNR in June and previously worked in the College of Education. Jack Jones, Professor Emeritus and former Interim Director of The School of Natural Resources in his nomination said, “Cindy is remarkably smart, astonishingly organized, comprehensively informed, articulate, refined, cooperative and disarmingly funny.” We all thank Cindy for her tireless efforts on behalf of SNR.
PRESENTATIONS/PUBLICATIONS/RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Francisco Aguilar was the featured speaker at the International Day of Forests’ Celebration on 21 March at the United Nation's European Headquarters in Geneva. He discussed the opportunities and risks associated with wood energy.


Ph.D. candidates Wenchi Jin (advisor Hong He) and Michael Sunde (advisor: Hong He and Jason Hubbart) successfully defended in fall of 2017. Wenchi is working as a postdoctoral fellow on the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration project funded by USDA Forest Service and Mike will start to work for MORAP while finishing his appointment in SNR.


Dr. Ranjith Udawatta and crew from the Center for Agroforestry spent a day working on the riparian buffer along a stream in Callaway County. They planted 300 black walnut trees and 250 elderberry plants. Next planting will consist of cottonwood saplings and more elderberries. From left to right: Dr. Ranjith Udawatta, Lalith Rankoth; volunteering for the day Dr. Zhen Cai; and Chathuri Weerasekara.
UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

SNR Seminar sponsored by the MU Climate Change Research Center on Monday, April 10, 2017 @ 4:00 p.m., 123 ABNR – “Impacts of beetle-caused tree mortality on water and carbon cycles at a high elevation site in the Rocky Mountains of southern Wyoming”. The speaker is Dr. Bill Massman, a meteorologist with the USDA-Forest Service from Fort Collins, Colorado. Bill hails from Moberly, Missouri and is a Mizzou alumnus, having earned a BS in Physics, prior to attending graduate school at the University of Wisconsin-Madison (MS Mathematics, MS Meteorology, PhD Meteorology). The general theme of his research concerns the quantification and modeling of biosphere-atmosphere interactions. Bill is currently the PI of an AmeriFlux site located at the Glacier Lakes Ecosystem Experiment Site (GLEES) in the Snowy Range of Medicine Bow National Forest (southern WY).

Plan to attend the 3rd Annual Agroforestry Workshop at the Allen Project Site located east of Laurie, Missouri. This outdoors workshop will feature: growing ginseng, shiitake mushrooms, other forest products; forest management; control of invasive species in fields & forests; birds of prey & eagle nest viewing; glade restoration & management. A hot lunch is served for $10.00. For more information and to submit payment and reservation contact Caroline Todd, 203 Anheuser Busch Natural Resources building, toddcs@missouri.edu; 573-884-2874. Event is open to the public.

Conservation Day - April 12, 2017 @ 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Join conservationists from across Missouri at the State Capitol for a day of celebrating and supporting conservation and natural resources. Broadcasting Live: The Morning Shag with Shags and Trevor: 6 a.m. - 10 a.m. The 3rd floor Rotunda will be filled with booths hosted by CFM affiliate organizations. Learn about diverse conservation organizations and how we all work together to protect and preserve our natural resources. Meet your legislators and tell them how much conservation and natural resources matter to you. For an affiliate booth contact: Laurie Coleman at LColeman@confedmo.org or 573-634-2322.
Last August, 16 members of the Forestry Class of 1966 gathered on campus to celebrate their 50th class reunion. Hank Stelzer assisted Shelby Jones in putting together the event. The alumni gathered at the Courtyard Inn and then headed over to campus where Hank welcomed the Class and gave them a brief update on the School and in particular all the happenings within the forestry program. Old Missouri Logs were on display, as were images and reports from University Forest. The Mizzou Alumni Association presented each alum with a commemorative Golden Tiger medallion that they proudly wore. Afterwards, Hank gave them a tour of ABNR and the Ag Building where the School of Forestry once called home. They even sat in THE SAME chairs in 2-6 whereby they immediately began telling tales of the School’s first Director, Dr. R.H. Westveld. Following a self-guided walkabout campus, everyone gathered at the Heidelberg for lunch… and more tall tales. The day wrapped up at Rock Bridge Memorial State Park for, what else, more food (and fermented libations) and yet more stories, tall tales and other unbelievable anecdotes. All agreed that Connie Rehagen had the most complete resume in that department. Overall, it was a wonderful day. The School is looking forward to hosting future 50th Class Reunions of not just Forestry, but all the disciplines that now call the School home.

The Conservation Laboratory (pictured above) was the original home of one of the first Cooperative Wildlife Research Units in the country. The fish and wildlife component of the School of Natural Resources started out in this building (located on the northeast corner of the campus) in 1937, which was built in 1936 as a part of a seven-building project on campus funded by the Works Progress Administration and the State of Missouri. The cost was $46,000. Early on it was named the Wildlife Conservation Building, but later changed to the E. Sydney Stephens Hall. Soon after it was built, Dr. W. C. Curtis of the University approached the Missouri Conservation Commission about developing a Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit at the University. The Commission agreed and pledged an annual commitment not to exceed $6,000 annually. This led to the development of the Missouri Cooperative Wildlife Research Unit in 1937; one of the first in the nation, and the only one with their own building. At that time, the staff consisted of Dr. Rudolf Bennitt, Chairman of the Unit’s Administration Committee; Dr. Paul D. Dalke, representing the U.S. Bureau of Sport Fisheries and Wildlife; and Mr. Werner O. Nagel, Research Associate of the University of Missouri. In 1998, fisheries and wildlife moved into the newly built Anheuser Busch Natural Resources Building to join up with the other components of the School of Natural Resources. E. Sydney Stephens Hall was renovated in 2002 and is now the home of the Membrane Group; a combination of research groups headed up by Gerald Hazelbauer and Lin Randall. Both study phenomena related to biological membranes.

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IN MEMORIUM

Ivan Lee Sander, 89, of Vancleave, Mississippi, passed away Thursday, March 16, 2017 after a brief illness. Ivan was for decades a leader in management and silviculture of oak forests in the Central Hardwood region. Ivan received his bachelor’s and master’s degrees in Forestry from the University of Missouri, graduating in 1950. After graduating with a master’s degree from the University of Missouri in 1953, Dr. Paul Burns was his advisor, he worked as a scientist with the U.S. Forest Service in Berea, Kentucky, and Athens, Ohio. He subsequently returned to Columbia where he was the Project Leader and Director’s Representative for the Forest Service research until his retirement in 1989. He conducted ground-breaking research on quantitative methods to predict the probability of oak regeneration success for sites where regeneration harvests were being considered. While stationed at Columbia he also managed the research program on the Sinkin Experimental Forest near Salem, Missouri. There he established and maintained long-term studies on oak regeneration and thinning. Those studies continue to provide valuable data and insights for the current generation of forest scientists and graduate students. Perhaps Ivan’s greatest legacy (the one we appreciate daily) is the years of work he put in with former SNR Director Al Vogt to arrange the federal funding component that enabled the construction of the Anheuser-Bush Natural Resources Building as a University/State/Federal/Private partnership. Said Bob Rogers, another MU graduate and Forest Service scientist who worked with Ivan, “Ivan was a good leader of our group and I appreciated what he did for our research team. More than that he was a great human being who treated everyone with dignity and respect.”

To read full obituary: http://www.semissourian.com/story/2395186.html

To read full obituary: http://www.columbiatribune.com/obituaries/ivan-lee-sander/article_b89de63e-0a8c-11e7-b19e-d729dba7e096.html

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