The School of Natural Resources celebrated an evening of appreciation and awards (winners listed below) with more than 100 guests enjoying this inaugural event. (Picture front row left to right: Laura Hertel, Jenna Fusinatto, Jannice Newson, Rachel Owen; Back row left to right: David Murphy, Peter Motavalli, Sonja Wilhelm Stanis, Chung-Ho Lin, Shibu Jose; Photo by Keith Greenwood.)

SNR Outstanding Citizen Staff Award – Jenna Fusinatto
The TIGER Staff Award – Laura Hertel
The SNR Outstanding Research Faculty – Chung-Ho Lin
The SNR Excellence in Teaching Faculty – Peter Motavalli
The SNR Exceptional Service Faculty – Sonja Wilhelm Stanis
The SNR Outstanding Undergraduate Student – Jannice Newson
The SNR Outstanding Graduate Student – Rachel Owen
The SNR Black & Gold Distinguished Alumni – David Murphy
Al Vogt Award – Shibu Jose
PRESENTATIONS/PUBLICATIONS/RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Li, C. J., Monroe, M.C., Ritchie, T. 2017. Integrating Social Science Research to Advance Sustainability Education. In Filho, W. L et al. (eds.) Handbook of Sustainability and Social Science Research, World Sustainability Series. Springer International Publishing.


Dr. Sonja Wilhelm Stanis (pictured left) was an invited speaker at the 2017 Greenway Symposium in St. Charles, Missouri. Her presentation was on the role of parks and greenspace in public health. (Submitted by Sonja Wilhelm Stanis; Photo by Seth Treptow, Great Rivers Greenway.)

Parks, Recreation and Sport student and SNR Student Ambassador Alexis Kerman was featured in an article published in VOX Magazine. The article (link below) highlights Mizzou’s female Frisbee team for building a community through the sport. Alexis is a co-captain of the team.  http://www.voxmagazine.com/magazine/mu-s-female-frisbee-team-builds-community-through-sport/article_4887bf2-bf33-11e7-9661-376806c25d89.html

Keith Goyne, Professor and Associate Director (pictured left) and Kristen Veum, Research Soil Scientist, U.S. Department of Agriculture-Agricultural Research Service; (pictured second left) participated in a panel discussion entitled “Building Interagency Partnerships” that occurred as part of the 25th National Science Foundation, Experimental Program to Stimulate Competition Research (NSF EPSCoR) National Conference. (Submitted and Photo by Pat Market.)
SNR graduate students Lisa Groshong (PhD, Human Dimensions of Natural Resources emphasis; Advisor Sonja Wilhelm Stanis) and Ryan Dibala (Natural Resources PhD student with the Center for Agroforestry) participated in the 2017 Mizzou 3MT competition presenting their research in just 3 minutes. Pictured: 2017 Participants, left to right: Nettie Brock, Communication; Zach Rubin, Sociology; Lisa Groshong, Human Dimensions of Natural Resources; Alex Howe, Philosophy; Freddie Jennings, Communication; Susheel Bhanu Busi, Molecular Pathogenesis and Therapeutics; Liga Wuri, Animal Science; Anna Perinchery, Biological Sciences; and Ryan Dibala, Natural Resources. (Photo provided by MU Office of Graduate Studies.)

Fall 2017 Agroforestry graduate Hannah Hemmelgarn successfully defended her M.S. Thesis. Her graduate committee included: Michael Gold, Hank Stelzer, and Anna Ball. Hannah initiated her graduate program in Fall 2015. Her M.S. project is entitled: “Agroforestry Education for High School Agriculture Science: A Case Study of the Novel Content Implementation Process.” Hannah and her graduate committee are also project members of an ongoing United States Department of Agriculture Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education Professional Program Development (USDA SARE PDP) grant closely linked to her thesis research: “Missouri Agroforestry Summer Institutes: High School Educator Training for Curriculum Delivery.” (Submitted and photo by Michael Gold.)

Grad School 101 Workshop was hosted by Matt Arri (CAFNR Career Services) and Jenna Fusinatto. Laura Page and Terrence Grus presented on the frequently asked questions to over 20 SNR and CAFNR undergraduate students. Students had great questions for the presenters and showed increased motivation to continue their education. (Submitted and photo by Jenna Fusinatto.)
In October, several faculty, staff, and students in the School of Natural Resources attended the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America, and Soil Science Society of America international meeting in Tampa, Florida with the theme “Managing Global Resources for a Secure Future”. Not only did our school present nearly 20 research presentations and posters, but SNR individuals also planned symposia, participated on panel discussions, and served in a variety of leadership roles. **Dr. Kristen Veum** served as lead organizer and moderator of The Nature Conservancy’s *Innovative Soil Health Research* cross-divisional symposium and the *Next Generation Soil Health Assessment* symposium, as well as organizer of the *National and International Policy and Incentives for Soil Health* session, among others. The Nature Conservancy’s symposium highlighted talks by Dr. Kate Scow (UC Davis), Dr. Nick Goeser (NCGA/ Soil Health Partnership), and Dr. Jennifer Dungait (Rothamsted Research, UK) on integrating ecosystem services into soil health assessments. The talks were followed by interactive, roundtable discussions where participants had the opportunity to share their ideas and perspectives on this topic. The symposium was well attended, with standing room only! **Rachel Owen**, (PhD – SEAS), served as the incoming graduate student representative to the SSSA board of directors and helped plan several events for graduate students, including a Career Paths Panel, SSSA Graduate Student Town Hall, and the Graduate Student Leadership Conference. In addition, she served on a panel at the Graduate Student Science Policy Luncheon with Andy Knepp (Monsanto), Marcia DeLonge (Union of Concerned Scientists), and Jimmy Zumba (ASA-CSSA-SSSA Congressional Science Fellow). Dr. Kristen Veum was elected as the 2018 Chair of the ASA Land Management and Conservation Section. Several members from SNR Agroforestry participated in and planned a cross divisional symposium titled “Agroforestry for Sustainable Resource Management and Food Security”. The symposium was moderated by **Gregory Ormsby** (PhD -Agroforestry). **Dr. Ranjith Udawatta** moderated a technical session titled “Agroforestry for Soil Health and Water Quality Benefits”. **Niranga Wickramaranthe** (former MS – SEAS) was awarded 2nd place in the graduate student poster contest for her poster titled “Landscape and buffer effects on phosphorus transport in groundwater under rotational grazing”. (Photo above by Kristen Veum: Attendees at The Nature Conservancy’s *Innovative Soil Health Research* symposium.)
Presentations:


Kristen S. Veum (2017) Labile C and N Methods; PMN as a Soil Health Indicator


Posters:


Top left photo: Chelsey Beringer presenting her poster as part of the soil chemistry general session for graduate student posters. Bottom left photo: Niranga Wickramarante presenting her poster during the student poster contest. She was awarded 2nd place in her division! Top right photo: Soil science undergraduate, Lindsey Anderson, presenting a poster on her summer 2017 research internship where she worked with a post-doc from the University of Nebraska-Lincoln on research in Western Nebraska. (Photos by Rachel Owen.)
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