PRESENTATIONS/PUBLICATIONS/RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Matt Gompper and MS student Lauren Toivonen took part in the Red Wolf Science and Conservation Workshop sponsored by the Smithsonian Conservation Biology Institute in Front Royal, Virginia. The workshop brought together top wolf biologists and wildlife ecologists from across the country to discuss future conservation efforts and recovery planning for the federal endangered species. Lauren gave an invited presentation to the group on results from her research on range-wide habitat suitability analyses for the red wolf. (Submitted by Matt Gompper.)

Dr. Bob Kremer, adjunct professor of soil microbiology, was a member of a review team evaluating sugarcane agronomic programs for Magdalena Sugar Mill in La Democracia, Guatemala. Magdalena is the largest sugar mill in Central America and oversees a plantation of about 52,000 hectares of sugarcane. Dr. Kremer held workshops and field visits with the Magdalena agronomics team on the current status of their plant nutrition, weed management and soil health programs and contributed to recommendations to improve sugarcane productivity. (Pictured): Magdalena farm managers gather around a soil pit dug in a sugarcane field to examine root patterns and soil properties. (Submitted and photo by Bob Kremer.)
Ela Carpenter (pictured right) gave a poster presentation at the Ecological Society of America's 2018 annual meeting in New Orleans. Poster Title: Investigating environmental and socioeconomic predictors of bat activity in Baltimore, Maryland. Co-author was Dr. Charlie Nilon. Sebastian Moreno (pictured left) also presented his poster titled Bird Diversity in Urban Vacancy in North City St. Louis.

EVENTS/MEETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Melissa Lockwood (BS Parks, Recreation & Tourism, '05) is the Operations Director at Yas Waterworld Abu Dhabi where she leads a team of more than 180 colleagues in the park’s 365 day operation. She moved to Abu Dhabi in 2012 to join the pre-opening team of Yas Waterworld. Since then she’s also spent time working at Yas Waterworld’s sister park, Ferrari World Abu Dhabi, in both Operations & Guest Services. Before relocating to Abu Dhabi, Lockwood held management positions for municipalities in Texas and Missouri in parks and recreation. She began her career as a lifeguard in 1998 and worked in several different roles at aquatic facilities and ice arenas throughout high school and college. Lockwood is an Ellis & Associates Instructor Trainer, a Certified Parks and Recreation Executive, an IAAPA Certified Attractions Leader, a Certified Pool Operator and a Professional Pool & Spa Operator. She has delivered educational sessions at conferences for the Missouri Park and Recreation Association, the Texas Recreation and Park Society, the Texas Public Pool Council, the International Association of Amusement Parks and Attractions, International Aquatic Safety School – East, and the World Waterpark Association, as well as published articles for Aquatics International. Lockwood holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Parks, Recreation and Tourism from the University of Missouri and a Master of Science degree in Recreation and Leisure Studies from the University of North Texas.
On August 14, 2018, the first group of Missouri Master Naturalist volunteers from the Hannibal, Missouri area graduated from the 40 hour core Master Naturalist training that was conducted by MU Extension and the Missouri Department of Conservation. The program was conducted at the Hannibal LaGrange University Campus in Hannibal, Missouri. This charter group of 21 participants will make up the new Missouri Master Naturalist Chapter (as yet to be named) that is being organized and is the first Chapter to be located in the northeast portion of the state, according to Bob Pierce, State Extension Wildlife and Fisheries Specialist. On the front row left is Kathi Moore, MDC Educational Consultant and Chapter Advisor and on the back row right is Wyatt Miller, MU Extension Agronomist and Chapter Advisor. The new Chapter will be conducting a variety of conservation and natural resource educational projects within the local community in association with local partners in that area of the state. The Missouri Master Naturalist program is conducted and sponsored as a partnership between MU Extension and the Missouri Department of Conservation. (Submitted and photo by Bob Pierce.)
Chestnut Roast Festival
Saturday, Oct. 6th, 2018
MU Horticulture & Agroforestry Research Center (HARC) New Franklin, MO

Family friendly, FREE, and open to the public 10:00am - 4:00pm

Celebrate the fall harvest
- Fresh roasted chestnut samples
- Cooking demo by Ben Hamrah of Peachtree Catering
- Kids’ activities, wagon rides
- Pumpkin picking, walking tours
  - Sunflower maze
- Seminars & demonstrations
- Live music, food, art, plants
- Historic Hickman House tours
- NRCS Rain simulator demo

Service animals only
Please leave pets at home
The Goyne family recently visited the Dogwood Canyon and the Wonders of Wildlife National Museum & Aquarium in southwestern Missouri courtesy of tickets provided by Mr. Johnny Morris. If you have not had a chance to visit these wonderful attractions, please make time to do so. You will not be disappointed! (Pictured): SNR Associate Director Keith Goyne and his daughter (Lucinda) near the entrance of Dogwood Canyon.

**THIS WEEK IN SNR FROM DIRECTOR JOSE**

Met with Division Directors about finalizing the Big Ideas as part of CAFNR’s Strategic Plan
Met with Forestry Faculty about a potential collaboration with Peter Millier, Director Landscape Services and Mizzou Botanic Garden
Met with Dr. Donald Tillitt, Branch Chief (Research Toxicologist), Columbia Environmental Research Center
Monthly meeting with Dean Daubert
Attended the Faculty Chair’s Retreat attended by Interim Provost Spain, new Provost Ramchand and Chancellor Cartwright
Attended the Ham Breakfast and the Farm Bureau/Senator Blunt’s Agriculture Advisory Council Meeting at the Missouri State Fair
Gave welcome remarks and attended the SNR New Student Breakfast
SPOTLIGHT

New SNR students attend an orientation breakfast to meet faculty, staff, and other students, learn more about their major and the School of Natural Resources. (Photos by Jason Young and Cindy Greenwood.)
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