PRESENTATIONS/PUBLICATIONS/RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

Four members of the MU Limnology Lab participated in the International Society of Limnology XXXIV Congress in Nanjing, China. Jack Jones, Rebecca North, Dan Obrecht (top right photo), and Tony Thorpe (bottom right photo) presented research findings on Missouri reservoirs. It was a memorable meeting as Dr. Jack Jones became Editor Emeritus for the flagship journal Inland Waters after serving as the Editor of the journal for 14 years. Janice Faaborg is continuing in her role as Copyeditor and Rebecca North is serving as an Associate Editor. In total, Jack and Janice have handled 1,150 manuscripts for the journal. (Submitted by Rebecca North.)

The National Weather Association (NOAA) hosted the WeatherReady Fest at the St. Louis Science Center. SNR students/alums participated in the Fest: pictured top left, L-R: Pat Market, Jon Bongard, Taylor Solter (BS 2018), Paula Sumrall, and Adam Hirsch. (Submitted by Pat Market.)

The MU School of Natural Resources was well represented at the International American Fisheries Society Annual Meeting in Atlantic City, New Jersey. The following oral presentation and posters were presented by MU students and faculty (in bold):


Brant, J., C. Paukert, D. Lobb. 2018. Habitat limitations in spawning site selection for Hornyhead Chubs.


Chilton, J. Habitat associations of endemic crayfishes in the Meramec River Drainage: The Freckled Crayfish and Belted Crayfish.


Holtwarth, J., K. Key, G. Lindner, and A. Rosenberger. Assessing the transferability of a freshwater mussel habitat suitability model to Ozark river drainages

Moore, M. J., C. P. Paukert. 2018. Seasonal Habitat Selection of Lake Sturgeon in Missouri River Tributaries.


In addition, several MU students received awards at the meeting. **Cheyenne Stratton** (pictured top right) (B.S. student) received the Skinner Memorial Award and Ph.D. student Corey Dunn received an Honorable Mention. This award is only given to 10 winners (and 5 Honorable mentions) each year for promise as a future fisheries professional, and is considered one of the most prestigious student awards AFS provides. MU was the only university that had more than one student represented this year. In addition, Cheyenne was the only undergraduate to receive the award. Cheyenne also was one of four undergraduate that received the Undergraduate Travel Assistance Award. Elisa Baebler (M.S. student) received an Equal Opportunities Section Travel Award. **Michael Moore** (pictured top left) (Ph.D. student) won the AFS Student Writing Contest, which is awarded to one student for writing about their research to a nonscientific audience. Elisa Baebler received Honorable Mention for Best Student Poster at the meeting. Cheyenne Stratton and M. S. student **Joe Chilton** (pictured middle right; photo by Amanda Rosenberger) were finalists for the award. This is the third year in a row that a MU student received first or second place for their posters at these international meetings. Pictured below (photo by J. Brant): Craig Paukert, Corey Dunn, Elisa Baebler, and Cheyenne Stratton with their award at the American Fisheries Society Meeting in New Jersey. (Submitted by Craig Paukert.)
Faculty and graduate students from SNR attended a workshop titled, "Adaptations and Responses of Plants and Ecosystems and Changing Environments" in Beijing and Minqin, China. Workshop goals included gaining international insights on drought and water stress, building a partnership with China Agricultural University (CAU), and providing graduate students with networking and presentation opportunities. The workshop was composed of two parts, with the first two days consisting of scientific publications. Dr. Noel Aloysius presented on "Sustainability challenges in integrating ecosystem services in landscape planning and decision making"; Dr. Jeffrey Wood gave a presentation titled, "Forest ecosystem responses and resilience to drought in a forest-grassland transition zone"; and Dr. Alba Argerich spoke on "Stream health and water quality in agricultural landscapes". Rachel Owen (PhD Candidate) gave a presentation titled, "Response of ephemeral wetlands to changing climate in the semi-arid Great Plains, USA" and Erin Petty (MS Student) participated in the workshop. The latter half of the workshop consisted of a field trip to the Gansu Province in Northwest China to visit an experiment station, agricultural production sites, and ecological restoration projects. Dr. Christopher Daubert, Vice Chancellor and Dean of the College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources, as well as faculty and students from the MU Interdisciplinary Plant Group (IPG) also attended the workshop. While not at the workshop, participants were able to visit The Great Wall and two historic temples and explore the cities of Wuwei and Beijing. (Submitted by Rachel Owen.)
EVENTS/MEETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

UM System Advisor Development Program: Congratulations to Laura Hertel and Jenna Fusinatto from the SNR Office of Academic Programs on being selected to participate in the inaugural UM System Advisor Development Program! This program recognizes and further develops successful advising and academic coaching professionals who propel student success strategies at the four UM System Universities. The SNR Office of Academic Programs looks forward to implementing new strategies learned by Laura and Jenna to help assist our undergraduate student body. (Submitted by Keith Goyne.)

SNR IN THE NEWS

Natural Resources professor (Michael Byrne) studies Chernobyl’s unlikely transition from disaster zone to thriving wolf habitat:
https://www.popularmechanics.com/science/animals/a22011471/chernobyl-turning-into-wildlife-preserve-wolves/?dm_i=48WP.2ZOC.221N1C.BNBR.1

THIS WEEK IN SNR FROM DIRECTOR JOSE

Met with Pete Millier, Director Landscape Services and Mizzou Botanic Garden, about a potential collaboration
Met with spousal candidate Jennifer Blesh and attended her research presentation
Met with Dean Daubert about updates
Discussed edits on the SNR 5-year assessment plan with Matt Martens, Faculty Fellow for Academic Programs, Office of the Provost
SPOTLIGHT - Welcome new SNR Faculty

Robin Rotman is a new Assistant Professor focusing on Sustainable Energy and Environmental Law, Policy, and Justice. She is excited to be joining the SNR team and has appreciated the warm welcome she has received, and looks forward to continuing to meet SNR students, faculty/staff, alumni, and friends in the coming weeks and months. She grew up in Chicago, Illinois and attended college at the University of the South in Sewanee, Tennessee, where she majored in Geology. She then completed an MS in Water Science, Policy, and Management at the University of Oxford in England, where she was a Rhodes Scholar. She then attended Yale Law School in New Haven, Connecticut, where she earned a JD in 2009. She began her legal career at the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, serving as Assistant General Counsel and Special Assistant to the Director. In 2011 she moved to Washington DC, and for the past seven years was in private legal practice focusing on energy and environmental law. During that time she also taught at Georgetown University’s School of Foreign Service as an Adjunct Professor in Science, Technology, and International Affairs. Robin says it feels great to be back in central Missouri, and she is honored to have been selected for this position. She looks forward to discussing teaching and research ideas and potential for collaboration related to energy, environmental, and natural resources law and policy.

Kenneth Whisenhunt, after receiving his Master’s in Parks, Recreation, and Tourism, spent a year teaching courses in the Sport Management emphasis. He developed curriculum in Legal Aspects of Sport, Sports Economics and Finance, and Global Sporting Environments. He volunteered and worked for the Leonard Hamilton Youth Basketball Camp at Florida State University. He completed his internship for the Athletic Program at Lincoln University in Jefferson City, working with the men’s baseball teams, as well as men’s and women’s basketball. He served as the Professional Development Chair in Rho Phi Lambda, an honorary fraternity of Parks, Recreation, and Tourism students. He has worked closely with the School of Natural Resources for nearly 7 years as a Teaching Assistant, Graduate Assistant, Adjunct Faculty, and now full time Instructor. He has the goal of coming in as a new faculty member and making an impact on the quality and development of curriculum within his field. He intends to help continue to facilitate the School of Natural Resources rise to the top of nationally recognized programs. He is currently pursuing a Doctorate in Educational Leadership and Policy Analysis.
As an Instructor in the School of Natural Resources, **Jason Young** teaches the Parks, Recreation and Sport pre-internship courses as well as the 12 credit hour capstone internship course. Jason was previously the Internship Coordinator and Career Specialist for Parks, Recreation and Sport since 2013. In this role, he coordinated numerous professional development events, including employer panels, mock interviews, resume workshops, the Kansas City Sport Excursion, The St. Louis Rams Career Fair student trip, St. Louis Sport and Recreation Trip, Industry Trip to Oklahoma City and Indianapolis, PRT Career Day/Symposium, the (Missouri Park & Recreation Association (MPRA) Student Workshop, and many more. In addition, Jason has served on numerous committees including the MPRA Annual State Conference planning committee, CAFNR’s Executive in Residence Committee, MU Career Services Council, and served as the faculty/staff advisor for the student organization Sport, Parks, Recreation and Tourism Association (SPRTA). Prior to returning to his alma mater 5 years ago, Jason spent nearly 5 years working in minor league baseball in Kansas City, specifically in corporate sponsorships and ticket operations as the Director of Ticket Sales. With the Kansas City T-Bones, Jason increased revenue in season ticket sales for the first time since 2006. Under Jason's direction, ticket package sales increased by over 25% and online web sales increased by 50% after the implementation of numerous e-mail marketing campaigns. As the Director, Jason was also in charge of recruiting, hiring, training, and managing interns and seasonal staff for the organization. Jason, a 2009 MU PRT alum, emphasized in Tourism Development. He is originally from California, MO.

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