MISSOURI PARK & RECREATION ASSOCIATION NAMES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Jefferson City, MO – On September 14th, the Missouri Park and Recreation Association Board of Directors unanimously approved Gary Gates as the third Executive Director of the association. The association conducted a nationwide search and numerous interviews before selecting Gates, who has been the Assistant Executive Director of the association since July 2008.

Gates is a graduate of the University of Missouri – Columbia with a degree in Parks, Recreation, and Tourism with an emphasis in Leisure Service Management. He has been involved with municipal recreation since the age of 16 as a seasonal worker in his hometown of Jefferson City. After serving in the United States Army, Gary returned to Missouri and began working with the Springfield-Greene County Park Board.

Gates is a graduate of MPRAs 2nd Annual Lyle B. Beaver Leadership Development Institute. He has been a member of the association since 1999 and was active with the SPARTA organization at Mizzou. Gates is a 2011 graduate of Leadership Jefferson City. He has maintained his Certified Park and Recreation Professional certification with the National Recreation and Park Association since 2009.

About the Missouri Park and Recreation Association:
The Missouri Park and Recreation Association, whose 2,000+ members work to provide opportunities for all state’s citizens to enjoy quality leisure activities, is dedicated to promoting public support for parks and recreation and public awareness of the contribution of recreation to a balanced life. The association works to ensure the growth and improve the quality and accessibility of urban and rural parks, open spaces and recreation lands, facilities, and programs for all Missourians. It promotes research and information dissemination on parks, conservation, recreation, and leisure issues.

(Submitted by Sarah Veile, Membership & marketing Specialist, Missouri Park & Recreation Association)

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James Hawkins (pictured center), an Australian scholar and land manager, visited the School of Natural Resources to discuss soil management and soil health with Steve Anderson (pictured left) and Ranjith Udawatta (pictured right). James was selected as a 2018 Australian Nuffield Scholar (one of 24 selected from 420 applicants). James farms with his extended family in Neuarpurr, Victoria, Australia. His farm is called Brippick Property on the Victoria and South Australia border. This farm has about 30,000 sheep and also grows wheat, barley, canola, and lucerne. During 2018, he is investigating the amelioration of clay soils to overcome soil productivity limitations through profile modifications by placement of organic material as a means of increasing biomass production, crop yield and improving water use efficiency. James was interested in learning about Missouri’s soil modification research for improving soil hydraulics by integration of trees and perennial shrubs. James is traveling through the US, Canada, United Kingdom, the Netherlands, France and Germany during 2018. (Submitted by Steve Anderson and Ranjith Udawatta; Photo by Angela Carey.)

Alba Argerich just came back from a workshop in Ovronnaz, Switzerland: “Respiration Regimes in River Networks: A cross-biome perspective”. Funded by NSF Macrosystems and the Swiss National Foundation, it brought together scientists from Europe, US, Australia, and Israel. One of the workshop objectives was to evaluate the frequency, duration, and extent of hypoxia in rivers, highly relevant to understand recurrent fish kills. (Submitted by Alba Argerich; Photo by Amber J. Ulseth, Ecole Polytechnique Federale de Lausanne.)

The School of Natural Resources welcomes a short-term visiting student from Brazil. Ms. Daiana Polli is a student at the Universidade Estadual Paulista "Júlio de Mesquita Filho" (UNESP) in Sao Paulo, where she is conducting research on giant anteater ecology and conservation under Dr. Rita Bianchi (herself a former visiting doctoral student to SNR nearly a decade ago). These animals, which as adults weigh 75-100 pounds, are highly threatened throughout their native range. Daiana will be working with the Gompper lab, focusing on the diet of these endangered mammals, with a specific goal of better understanding the extent of their specialization on a diet of ants and termites. (Submitted by Matt Gompper; Photo by Daiana Polli.)
EVENTS/MEETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Laura Hertel, Sarah Humfeld, and Jenna Fusinatto attended the annual Missouri Academic Advising Conference at Camden on the Lake Resort. This conference brings together advisors from across the state to share best practices and network. The theme this year was the “Many Hats of Academic Advisors” to showcase the variety of roles advisors play, such as coach, celebrator, and sometimes magician. Our keynote speaker (pictured right) was Kathy Davis from Missouri State University who shared core competencies advisors should work towards. Sarah presented with colleagues from St. Louis University and Ozarks Technical Community College on dual roles of teaching and advising. Her panel was met with curious questions on how to transition between the roles. Additionally, Jenna will be president of the organization for the 2018–2019 year. Visit macada.wildapricot.org for more about the professional organization. (Submitted by Laura Hertel; Photo by Jenna Fusinatto.)

The SNR Conversation Club had its first gathering. SNR faculty, staff, and students are invited to mingle over coffee and donuts. The Club meets once a month during the fall semester. (Pictured left to right: Hong He, Noel Aloysius, Ranjith Udawatta).
One visitor at the 2018 SNR Open House said: “It’s great to see the passion these students have for their work”…
Honorary Coach for MU Football Team: Dr. Keith Goyne, Associate Director of SNR, was one of two honorary coaches for the MU Tigers football team during the game against the University of Georgia Bulldogs. Dr. Goyne indicated that it was extremely fun to stand on the sidelines and cheer on the Tigers. In particular, it was enjoyable to watch a number of SNR students seeking degrees in Parks, Recreation and Sport compete on the field. (Contrary to rumors being spread by one of CAFNR’s Senior Associate Deans, Dr. Goyne did not call any plays during the game.) Many thanks to MU Athletics for inviting SNR to participate in this wonderful event. Pictured above: Honorary Coaches enjoying the game with MU Athletics staff (left to right): David Bergin (Honorary Coach, College of Ed.), Keith Goyne (Honorary Coach, SNR), Martin Soloman (MU Athletics, Academic Coordinator), Will Franklin (MU Athletics, Coordinator of Football Player Development), and Ron Moses (MU Athletics, Director of Football Academics). Pictured bottom right: MU Tigers quarterback, Drew Lock, preparing to lead the Tigers on a touchdown scoring play.
How is climate change affecting our national parks?

A seminar presentation by Brian Ettling
4-5 pm Wednesday, October 10, 2018
123 Anheuser Busch Building

Originally from St. Louis, Brian Ettling worked as a seasonal park ranger for 25 years at Crater Lake National Park, Oregon, and Everglades National Park, Florida. After he saw firsthand how climate change negatively impacted these national parks, Brian spent the last 10 years communicating, writing, and lobbying on climate change as a park ranger, blogger, Toastmaster, Climate Reality Leader, and volunteer for Citizens’ Climate Lobby. He has given over 200 climate change talks in over 10 U.S. states, Washington D.C. and Ottawa, Canada. He even used comedy as a way to promote climate change awareness and action by appearing on Comedy Central’s Tosh.o in August 2016.
The Mizzou Soil Judging Team (photo below on competition morning) competed at the Region 5 Soil Judging Competition in Manhattan, KS. The team was comprised of 7 undergraduate students: Sarah Higgins, Environmental Science; Luke Eaton, Environmental Science; Lindsey Anderson, Soil Science; Willow Dean, Animal Science; Evelyn Mann, Soil Science; Layah VerDught, Soil Science; and Grant Gould, Soil Science. Rachel Owen, Ph.D. candidate in Natural Resources, and Dr. Kerry Clark, research associate in the Division of Applied Social Sciences, co-coached the team. The team spent three days looking at soil pits in northeast Kansas to get acclimated to the area, and then competed in a one day competition. Sarah Higgins (So. Environmental Science) placed 10th individually; Grant Gould (Sr. Soil Science) placed 9th; and, Layah VerDught (Sr. Soil Science) placed 6th. The team finished in 4th place overall, qualifying them for the 2019 National Collegiate Soil Judging Competition in San Luis Obispo, CA. (Submitted by Rachel Owen; Team photo by Rachel Owen; Beautiful Kansas soil photo by Lindsey Anderson.)
Science Cafe is bringing it back to basics this fall with speakers who explain how their work relates to the elements of Earth, Wind, Water and Fire.

Join us Monday, October 8, 6 p.m. at Broadway Brewery with Dr. Michael Stambaugh, Associate Research Professor of Forestry (Fire Science) and director, Missouri Tree-Ring Laboratory. He will tackle our FIRE topic, with a talk:

"Fire in the U.S.: What once was lost must now be found"
The date of drawing the winner is October 6th, 2018

**THIS WEEK IN SNR FROM DIRECTOR JOSE**

Discussion with Keith Goyne and Joe Parcell about a Sustainability collaboration  
Attended the CAFNR Greater Leadership Team Meeting  
Met with Dean Daubert about faculty hires  
Attended Lunch and the Open Forum with the first Associate Dean for Research Candidate  
Attending the SNR Advisory Council Fall Meeting  
Attending South Farm Showcase

**SNR #1**

Congratulations to SNR which is the #1 unit on campus in AAU grant expenditure!!! #1 on MU campus (and of course, in CAFNR))!! It’s all because of your dedication and hard work. THANK YOU for everything you do for our School of Natural Resources!
**SPOTLIGHT**

Joe G. Dillard, Room 47 Archivist; Amanda Rosenberger, Assistant Unit Leader of the Tennessee Cooperative Fishery Research Unit; and Emily Tracy-Smith, SNR Ph.D. student, proudly announce the publication of a book about the first 50 years of The Missouri Chapter of the American Fisheries Society (MOAFS).

“The more you know about the past, the better prepared you are for the future.” Teddy Roosevelt

What Teddy said about knowing the past to prepare for the future also applies to MOAFS. In that regard, we are pleased to announce the publication of *Still Hooked: Our First Fifty Years*, a compilation of the history of the Missouri Chapter of the American Fisheries Society from 1964-2014. It is the result of many years of work by our own Room 47 Archivist, Joe G. Dillard, to collect, compile, organize, and summarize thousands of pages of documents, and hundreds of photographs, into a single volume. Later, Joe was assisted by MOAFS History Committee members Amanda Rosenberger and Emily Tracy-Smith to finish the project and get it published. In *Still Hooked*, you will find records of the beginnings, officers, subunits, awards, and annual meetings of MOAFS. In addition, major milestones and significant accomplishments are summarized on a year-by-year basis. The book culminates with a summary of the 50th anniversary celebration and a reflection on the future of MOAFS by Greg Pitchford, a former president and guest author. As E. Sydney Stephens, one of the Missouri Department of Conservation’s founding fathers and early supporter of our school, said, “No organization, whether governmental or public-private, is worth a damn unless it develops a history, a philosophy, and guiding ethics.” By delving into this volume, you can gain insight into all three regarding MOAFS. For information about the availability of this book, please contact Joe G. Dillard at Dillardj@missouri.edu or 3535 West Arbor Way Columbia MO 65203.

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