HONORS and AWARDS

Honoring our Veterans: Emily Holman, (pictured right) Mizzou Air Force ROTC cadet and Environmental Science major, participated in a detail and vigil held at the Boone County Courthouse war memorials. Emily was one of the 24 cadets selected to spend one hour marching near the memorials between November 2 and 3. She is studying Environmental Science with an emphasis in Water Quality. The photo below is a group of people Emily volunteered with to clean up the Missouri River with Missouri River Relief. (Submitted by Keith Goyne.) A photo of Emily marching can be found on the Columbia Tribune website: http://www.columbiatribune.com/news/20181102/marching-in-their-memory.
The School of Natural Resources celebrated its 2nd Annual SNR Appreciation and Awards Dinner on November 6. Awards were presented to SNR faculty, staff, students, and alumni. From left to right starting in the front row: Ranjith Udawatta, Outstanding Research (Faculty); Lisa Groshong, Outstanding Graduate Student; Mike Griggs, Black & Gold Distinguished Alumni Award; Bruce Loewenberg, Black & Gold Distinguished Alumni Award; SNR Director Shibu Jose; Tony Lupo, Excellence in Teaching (Faculty); Angela Carey, Tiger (Thoughtfulness, Inclusion, Greatness, Equity, Responsibility) Award (Staff); Back row left to right: Chung-Ho Lin, Master’s Advisor Award and accepting Outstanding Thesis Award on behalf of Danh Vu; Jamie Coe, accepted the Black & Gold Distinguished Alumni Award on behalf of Hilda “Pat” Jones; Mark Morgan, Exceptional Service (Faculty); Jacob Fraser, Outstanding Dissertation Award; Greg Rotert, Outstanding Citizen Award (Staff); Keith Goyne, Al Vogt Award (Faculty); Not pictured: Jehnna Azzara, Outstanding Undergraduate Student; Hong He, Doctoral Advisor Award; Hilda “Pat” Jones, Black & Gold Distinguished Alumni Award; Drew Fowler, Diana L. Hallett Fellowship (presented by Craig Paukert and Lisa Webb); Danh Vu, Outstanding Thesis Award. (Photo by Gina Gerstenecker.)
PRESENTATIONS/PUBLICATIONS/RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS

David Diamond and the staff of the Missouri Resource Assessment Partnership (MoRAP) were recognized at a meeting of BiomeStl at the Missouri Botanical Garden in St. Louis. Over the course of five-plus years of cooperative work, MoRAP mapped ecological systems and wetlands in the region and ranked areas in terms of ecological significance. They also provided fine-resolution urban land cover maps using Lidar and air photos. This information is now being used by many partners (cities, counties, private conservation groups) to help make decisions related to urban and suburban planning. Jenny Reimion (pictured) of the East-West Gateway Council of Governments anointed David Diamond “Wizard of the Data” during the meeting. (Submitted by David Diamond.)

Jenny McCarty (pictured right), M.S. student in Human Dimensions of Natural Resources, presented at the Missouri Folklore Society’s annual meeting. She and her advisor, Dr. Mark Morgan, made a presentation on one of Missouri’s most mysterious mischief-makers: The Ozark Karkhagne. Several SNR forestry faculty members have won the Karkhagne Award, given annually by the Missouri Chapter, Society of American Foresters. Recent winners include: John Kabrick, Dave Larsen, Steve Shifley, and Don Dey. Each of them have a hand-carved replica of the beast. (Submitted and photo by Mark Morgan.)
Tony Lupo was nominated as an invited science delegate representing the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR) to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCC) 24th Conference of the Parties to be held in Katowice, Poland.

The National Drought Information System (NIDIS) – (drought.gov) held a Long Range (Weather) Forecasting Rodeo for one year (from May 2017 to May 2018) to make temperature and precipitation forecasts for the 3-4 week and 5-6 week timeframe. The sponsor was the US Bureau of Reclamation under InnoCentive Challenge Grants Inc. The forecasts are made for the Western half of the USA. A team led by the SNR Global Climate Change Group (Tony Lupo) won second place overall in the category of 3-4 week precipitation forecasts and 3rd place overall in the 5-6 week precipitation forecasts. There were about 200 teams that played. The result is a prize of $25,000.00. (Both items submitted by Tony Lupo.)

Naresh Thevathasan is an Associate Professor of Agroforestry and Ecosystem Ecology in the School of Environmental Sciences at the University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada. His research program focuses on understanding system (aboveground, belowground and soil) level carbon dynamics resulting from land-use change from agriculture to perennial systems including agroforestry, herbaceous, and woody biomass systems. He is currently working on riparian buffer systems and their potential role in climate change mitigation. He has also successfully established agroforestry systems in sub-Saharan African countries in order to derive food and income securities and ecosystem services to resource-poor communities. He delivered a graduate seminar on “Degraded and low productive agricultural land-use change to perennial systems and carbon dynamics” to SNR faculty and students. (Submitted by Ranjith Udawatta.)
Shannon King, Rachel Owen and Bob Sharp (with contributions from Jon Stemmle [Journalism] and Shaozhong Kang [China Ag University]) just returned from Baltimore, where they gave a joint presentation in the Global Plant Council (GPC) workshop “Enhancing Global Collaborations in Crop Science”, which was held in association with the American Society of Agronomy, Crop Science Society of America (ASA-CSSA) annual meetings. The presentation (also a Broader Impacts activity on the NSF root/drought grant) focused on the Science Communication aspects of our recent China workshop --- the title was “Interdisciplinary Science Communication Experiences in China: A Graduate Student Perspective”. Shannon (pictured above right) and Rachel (pictured above left) did a great job representing the team, and the presentation was very well-received. Bill Davies, President of the GPC, indicated that he would like to put some form of the presentation on the GPC web site (http://globalplantcouncil.org/), which will give great exposure to our programs. Other speakers were from the UK, Australia, and Mexico (CIMMYT). (Submitted by Keith Goyne.)

EVENTS/MEETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alana Kirkpatrick Mesenbrink, F&W class of 1998, sent a picture of herself from beautiful Montana: “Excited to have her first School of Natural Resources sweatshirt!”
THIS WEEK IN SNR WITH DIRECTOR JOSE

Attended the Graduate Seminar of Dr. Naresh Thevathasan, Associate Professor of Agroforestry and Ecosystem Ecology in the School of Environmental Sciences at the University of Guelph, Ontario, Canada
Attended the Henry Rowe Schoolcraft Reenactment by Dr. Robert Kipfer
Attended the 2nd Annual SNR Appreciation and Awards Dinner
Attended the Meet & Greet for Jessie Tribble, Alumni Relations and Annual Giving Officer Candidate
Attended the CAFNR Emeriti and New Faculty Luncheon
Attending the Michael Chapman, Division Director of Biochemistry, Welcome Reception
SPOTLIGHT

John Faaborg Ornithology Field Experience Fund

Dr. John Faaborg’s passion for birds and natural habitats was sparked by his oldest brother at the young age of 7. Bird-watching trips the pair took led John to his career path and life’s work in ornithology. For over 40 years at MU, John led students into the field to experience birds in their natural habitat in Mexico, Puerto Rico, and for 25 years to Nebraska to see up to 500,000 Sandhill Cranes roosting along the Platte River, one of the most impressive gatherings of large birds in the world. Field experiences are the very core of the critical skills our students need for real-world work in the areas of natural resources, ecology, and ornithology, but tightening budgets make their future uncertain. More information and giving opportunities can be found at this link https://tinyurl.com/FaaborgOrnithologyTrip

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