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HONORS and AWARDS

SNR Associate Professor Dr. Mark Morgan is the recipient of the University of Missouri South African Education Program (UMSAEP) award for funding his project: Trash to Treasure. This study will use wild-caught Asian carp to determine if invasive fish can address some nutritional deficiencies of women and children in South Africa. Secondary aims of the project include identification of value-added, Asian carp products for medicine or cosmetics. These goals will be achieved with help from domestic and international partners. Initial processing will occur in Peoria, IL after catching silver carp from the Illinois River. A liquid extraction process will be supervised by Ms. Hoa Dinh (Thai Nguyen University / Vietnam). Metabolomic analysis will be conducted by Drs. Chung-Ho Lin (SNR / Forestry) and Namrita Lall (University of Pretoria). World-class researchers will use cutting-edge technology to address two important, but unrelated issues – invasive species and malnutrition. Let’s go fishing for some innovative solutions! Funding for this study was provided by the Office of Research and Economic Development, in collaboration with the UM South African Partnership Program. (Submitted by Mark Morgan.)

Several members from the Wildlife and Fisheries Sciences Graduate Student Organization (WAFSGSO) surprised Dr. Jodi Whittier with an Outstanding Fish & Wildlife Faculty Member plaque for 2019-20 during an impromptu Zoom call. Jodi was selected from one of several nominees. WAFSGSO usually recognizes recipients at the group’s annual spring picnic held in May, however, it was cancelled due to the pandemic. So…the group got creative and conspired to get Jodi’s award to the Paukert-Whittier residence. In keeping with the online times, several WAFSGSO members met with Dr. Craig Paukert over Zoom, who then requested Jodi step into the frame to provide input on a fictitious question. The graduate students then told Jodi the real reason for the Zoom meeting, and Craig awarded the plaque with an in-pod handshake. Jodi is an Assistant Research Professor in SNR. She provides a lot of, often behind the scenes, graduate student support. She serves on committees and always makes time to sit down and provide constructive feedback on research ideas and questions. Jodi also leads a weekly writing group for SNR graduate students to provide peer feedback on their research writing. She’s a great example to graduate students of a faculty who not only does highly relevant and cooperative research with agencies, but also emphasizes the importance of service and mentoring within both academic and community settings. (Submitted by Hadley Boehm.)
The 2020 Bill T. Crawford Prairie Professional of the Year Award honored **Chris Newbold**. Newbold has worked for 21 years for the Missouri Department of Conservation in a number of capacities, including his current role as Natural History Biologist in the Department’s Central Region. He has been instrumental in the reconstruction and stewardship of hundreds of acres of prairie habitat at the Department’s **Prairie Fork Conservation Area** and other sites. Newbold was the lead author of an article published last fall in the journal *Restoration Ecology*, which documents the success of different prairie planting techniques and the irreplaceable nature of original prairie remnants. Newbold has taken the initiative to organize intensive regal fritillary butterfly surveys on Missouri prairies and has painstakingly compiled data that compare regal butterfly counts with prairie management. This is important work for the survival of this prairie-dependent species. (Reprinted from the MPF website.)

**PRESENTATIONS/PUBLICATIONS/RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS**


**Dr. Robin Rotman**, SNR Assistant Professor, was selected to participate in the UM Teaching Scholars Program for 2020-2021. This cohort program brings together faculty from across the UM System to receive training and share ideas on issues such as curriculum development, student engagement, and scholarship of teaching. Professor Rotman reports that the Fall 2020 UM Teaching Scholars Conference included a workshop on trauma-informed teaching, which will be useful for helping to address the challenges that many students are now facing due to COVID-19 and other factors. She looks forward to applying the knowledge she gains through this program to her classes on environmental and natural resources law and policy.
Each year, the Horticulture and Agroforestry Research Center (HARC) and University of Missouri Center for Agroforestry (UMCA) host the family-friendly and educational Missouri Chestnut Roast event. This year is going to look a little bit different. Instead of offering an in-person event at the Research Center, located in New Franklin, MO, HARC and UMCA will go virtual this year, along with the rest of the University of Missouri College of Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources (CAFNR) Agricultural Research Centers during the annual field day season.
https://harc.missouri.edu/chestnut-roast/

The Baskett Wildlife Research and Education Center, a 2,266-acre facility located five miles east of Ashland, MO on Highway Y, is an integral part of the School of Natural Resources mission of teaching, research, and extension. The Baskett Center is used as an outdoor laboratory for more than a dozen courses each year, including forest ecology, silviculture, and principles of wildlife management. It is an active site for graduate student research and is the source of over 300 publications. Students and faculty work together on a variety of projects, including the development of strategies to mitigate invasive species, wildlife population research, ecological restoration of abandoned agricultural land, and carbon dynamics in forests. The Baskett Center is the primary site for the forestry summer field studies program, where students spend several weeks conducting forest inventory and developing forest management plans. In addition, each year students, faculty, staff, and friends work together at the Baskett Center to make our own maple syrup! (Submitted by Ben Knapp.)
https://baskett.missouri.edu/
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Enjoy a Picnic on an MPF Prairie: In place of our annual Evening on the Prairie in October, this year we offer you Picnics on the Prairie! At five different MPF prairies on October 24 and 31, an MPF board member, technical advisor, and/or staff member will greet you to answer questions. In some cases, socially distanced guided hikes will be offered, and self-guided activities (coming soon!) will be available online. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy an afternoon on an MPF prairie. Free. Register here. (Reprinted from the MPF website.)

IN MEMORIUM

At the link below is a story celebrating Karen Chandler’s (pictured here with her husband and son) life and commitment to Columbia Parks and Recreation. She was a longtime employee of Columbia Parks and Recreation and a Mizzou Alum graduating alongside Columbia Parks and Recreation Director Mike Griggs. (Submitted by Justin Young.)

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Joe G. Dillard announces yet another new book! Hot off the French press, *A Full Cup of Joe: Refilled with New Stories* by Joe G. Dillard, is now available! *A Full Cup of Joe: Refilled with New Stories* is a humorous autobiographical collection fully filled with Chock-Full-of-Nuts fun-filled anecdotes from Joe’s life (modestly embellished of course). Just like turning water into wine, or fresh-brewed coffee in this case, Joe has revamped his 2012 book called *A Full Cup of Joe*. He has added more than 30 new stories, and numerous photographs, to go along with Doug Ross’s humorous drawings. If you don’t have Joe’s original book, this is a real “twofer” bargain. Even if you HAVE the original book, grab a copy of this “refilled” edition, pour a real cup of joe, sit back, relax, and join Joe in reliving his funniest life experiences. It probably won’t prevent, nor cure, the COVID virus, but it will provide a welcome morning wake-up relief from it! You may not squirt your favorite hot beverage out of your nose laughing, but his humorous stories will bring a smile to your face, and leave you wondering about the meaning of life. As Joe says, “Life can be, and often is, funny. All you have to do is watch for it, or sometimes just experience it.” To get your flavorful copy, or copies (they make wonderful inexpensive gifts for friends and family), send a check for $15 each (that includes mailing costs) to Joe G. Dillard at 3535 West Arbor Way, Columbia, MO 65203. Please include the address you want it mailed to, if it isn’t on the check. $3 of each sale will go to the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life. Joe’s goal is $1,000, and has already given $700 from the sales of the first “Cup of Joe” book. And listen to Joe’s interview with Paul Pepper at the link below.

Social distancing and mask wearing during Forest Ecology class. (Photo by Ben Knapp.)

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