A little piece of Zen in the ABNR courtyard
DIRECTOR MARKET – SNR ACTIONS

- Attending virtually the MU/CAU (China Agricultural University) Joint Center for Water, Plants and the Environmental Spring 2021 Seminar Series
- Working on digitizing Sanborn Field records
- Welcomed our new Plant Sciences Division Director Heike Buecking
- Gave welcome remarks and joined in virtually for the W.A. Albrecht Lecture which focused on Indigenous Reciprocal Relationships with the Land and Soil
- Welcomed new SNR Ambassadors
- Meeting at MDC headquarters in Jefferson City to discuss the Bass Pro proposal
- Dedicated a bench for the class of 2020 (see p. 9)
- Discussion about possible Great Rivers CESU membership with Washington University

HONORS AND AWARDS

MU junior named 2021 Truman Scholar: Claire Shipp was selected as one of 62 recipients of the nationwide, competitive award. In 1975, shortly after Harry S. Truman had passed away, the U.S. Congress created the Truman Scholars award to support and inspire the next generation of public service leaders. Now, nearly 50 years later, the honor is awarded annually to a select group of college juniors, providing them with up to $30,000 to pursue graduate studies and access to annual leadership training with other Truman Scholars. For more of her story:

https://showme.missouri.edu/2021/mu-junior-named-2021-truman-scholar/

2021 Truman Scholars: https://www.truman.gov/whats-new/2021-truman-scholars?fbclid=IwAR0ouH0EVuJgx4SmKMo6L7VaMZTrd10gm0hL7lFYEossjdAzT4Dn1ksxoi4


Truman Video Announcement: https://fb.watch/4U8cUhzmmq/

My social media announcement: https://www.facebook.com/claire.shipp.14/posts/4001548469867432
A number of Mizzou students and faculty were recognized at the 2021 Missouri Park and Recreation Association Conference. Top photo, L-R: Jason Young, **David Vaught** (MPRA Retiree Award), Gary Gates. Middle left center L-R: David Curtis, **Jerry Hitzhusen**, (2021 Inductee to the Missouri Recreation and Parks Hall of Fame), Jim Kent. Middle right: six Mizzou students were awarded the MPR Charitable Trust Scholarship for their academic achievements and passion for parks, recreation and sport: L-R: **Nicole Smythe**, **Adam Miller**, **Emma Boxx**, **Natalie Lay**, **Danny Norman**. Not pictured: **Avanu Barber**. Bottom left: **Mike Griggs** pauses for his trademark pose while addressing the delegates during the awards banquet. For more about the award recipients David Vaught and Jerry Hitzhusen: https://cafnr.missouri.edu/accolades/two-retired-cafnr-professors-receive-2021-awards-from-missouri-park-and-recreation-association/
Top left photo L-R: Miki McKee Koelsch is presented with the MPRA President’s Award by Phil Stiles for her dedication and service as MPRA President 2020-2021. Top right photo David Ostlund second from right is a 2021 Inductee to the Missouri Recreation and Parks Hall of Fame. Middle left L-R: Paul Kettenbach, James Hurley (Region 4 Outstanding New Professional), Gary Gates. Middle right L-R: Aarica Stephenson (Park Resource Outstanding New Professional), Gary Gates. Bottom L-R: Angie Toebben, Alexis Kerman (Region 2 Outstanding New Professional), Gary Gates. (Pages 3-4 submitted by Jason Young.)
PRESENTATIONS/PUBLICATIONS/RESEARCH HIGHLIGHTS


Bob Kremer participated in a virtual Agro Expert Conference in Dnipro, Ukraine that included a presentation, “Field Results and Recent Findings on Biostimulant Research with Maize”.

Bob Kremer and farmer-cooperator Linda Hezel of Clay County, Missouri were interviewed by High Plains Journal for an article, “Permaculture Improves Soil Health, Adds Value to Small-scale Farm,”. https://www.hpj.com/crops/permaculture-improves-soil-health-adds-value-to-small-scale-farm/article_79e64bfe-7241-11eb-9058-d3d1b0c110a1.html

Damon Hall, Engaging communities to discover environmentally and socially optimal waste management decisions, 7/1/21-6/30/24, $490,845, National Science Foundation.

Hannah Warner’s field work takes her around the Missouri Ozarks region where she has found some very interesting results from game cameras as well as some up close and in-person friends (Hannah and her friends pictured left and below include little bears, bobcat, spotted skunk, a bigger bear and gray fox). Her research was spotlighted in the April 2021 Missouri Conservationist which you can read more at the link below:

https://lsc-pagepro.mydigitalpublication.com/publication/?m=39199&i=699658&p=6&fbclid=IwAR1cn3tEp0BOGtpjIgKPb9gy1utaTAKNAy5npml2atb_yG27BGLddFtBj0
One of the pieces that is mounted in the ABNR hallway (first floor near room 124), made the cover of Fire Management Today. Also in this edition are articles on page 12 (Can Targeted Browsing Be a Useful Surrogate for Prescribed Burning?/Gina Beebe, Lauren S. Pile, Michael Stambaugh, Brian Davidson, Daniel Dey), page 40 (Past to Present Human Influences on Fire Regimes: Lessons Learned from Missouri/Michael Stambaugh, Daniel Dey), page 43 (Coproducing Science on Prescribed Fire, Thinning, and Vegetation Dynamics on a National Forest in Alabama/Callie Schweitzer, Daniel Dey), and page 52 (Learning to Live With Fire: Managing the Impacts of Prescribed Burning on Eastern Hardwood Value/Daniel Dey, Michael Stambaugh, Callie Schweitzer.) (Submitted by Michael Stambaugh.)


EVENTS/MEETINGS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Natural Resources Alumni Association held its annual trivia event virtually this year with host extraordinaire, Zach Paul (KRCG Chief Forecaster). This year’s shortened format provided all the best parts of Trivia in the Wild (3 rounds, raffles, and a side game) without the Zoom fatigue. A huge shout out to those who made this event possible: alums (Greg Snellen, Zach Paul, Ellen Young, Amber Edwards, Jason Young, Jenna Fusinatto) and honorary alums (Laura Hertel, Greg Rotert, Sharon Burnham, Sarah Jones). Additionally, thank you to those who attended, made donations, and participated in the raffles. We raised $1,589 for the Laura J. Hertel Scholarship. Want to support student scholarships as well? Go to https://mizzougivedirect.missouri.edu/ and search for Laura J. Hertel or Mizzou PRS Alumni Scholarship Funds. (Submitted by Jenna Fusinatto.)
**Recruitment Update:** When in-person visits for prospective students were halted, the CAFNR recruitment committee adapted to share our amazing programs. As a result, we hosted “major nights”. Committee members, **Michael Byrne**, **Morgan Davis**, **Jenna Fusinatto**, and **Laura Hertel**, along with current SNR students, held live Zoom sessions to go over the three-degree programs. Students from cities across the state and country learned about courses, student organization, and the CAFNR RISE Experience (Research, International, Service-Learning, and Experiential). These major nights will continue in addition to in-person visits and events to reach more future Mizzou Tigers! (Submitted by Jenna Fusinatto.)

**Summer in the Academic Programs Office:** The incoming fall 2021 class will have the opportunity to choose in-person or virtual orientation, each lasting only one day versus the traditional two-day experience. In the SNR Academic Programs Office, advisors are preparing for the virtual advising session (no matter if the student chose in-person activities or virtual activities). Each Zoom session will include a review of the major and its requirements. Then, the advisor and student will solidify a fall 2021 schedule. We look forward to meeting all of the incoming freshman and transfer students! (Submitted by Jenna Fusinatto.)

**SPOTLIGHT ON SNR FACULTY, STAFF AND STUDENTS**

Mizzou Parks, Recreation & Sport (PRS) Alumni Social and Live Auction took place at Burford Shelter in Cosmo Park in Columbia, Missouri. During this socially distanced outdoor event, approximately 50 alumni and students raised scholarship money through a raffle, live auction and donations. Following MU and Boone County Health Department guidelines and with approval, the event was planned and executed by **Anna Cheng**, with additional help from the student organization SPRTA, led by Faculty Advisor **Jason Young**, and **Dr. Jennifer Wentz’s PRST 2115 Practicum students**. Mizzou PRS Adjunct Faculty member **Gabe Huffington** acted as emcee for the event. During the event, over $1,500 dollars was raised for the Mizzou PRS Alumni Student Scholarship Fund. Additional donations were collected online through the new Mizzou Give Direct website for the scholarship fund. If you would like to contribute to the Mizzou PRS Alumni Student Scholarship Fund, you can do so by visiting this website: [https://mizzougivedirect.missouri.edu/fund.aspx?item_id=768](https://mizzougivedirect.missouri.edu/fund.aspx?item_id=768) (Submitted by Jason Young; Photo by Anna Cheng.)
In 2020 we had one big anniversary – CAFNR’s 150th – and one big surprise – the pandemic – and one big celebration that looked different because of the pandemic was graduation. Our call was then to celebrate both our CAFNR Anniversary and our 2020 graduates. Our first thought was something permanent that would stand the test of time and have meaning to our graduates. What better than a hand-made bench that will forever sit in our building’s lobby? Under the direction of Greg Snellen, the wood for the bench was harvested from our very own Baskett Center (https://baskett.missouri.edu/) and the plaque on it says it all: “Dedicated to the class of 2020 for completing their course of study during a turbulent semester amidst the corona virus pandemic.” We hope you’ll stop by and perhaps sit on the bench and reflect on your time in the School of Natural Resources. https://www.flickr.com/photos/cafnr/sets/72157719005976442/
The PRST 2115 Practicum course this spring partnered with the Missouri Parks and Recreation Association to room host, volunteer and gain networking experience at the MPRA state conference and expo held at the Holiday Inn in Columbia. Attached are a few photos from the students’ experiences. This class gives students hands-on experience with public speaking, event organization, networking, knowledge and education on specific topics related to the Parks and Recreation field. (Submitted by Jennifer Wentz; Photos by Anna Cheng.)

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