



Animal Sciences News

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October Calendar

- 10/2 **ANS Welcoming Event**, back lawn of Withycombe, 5:00 p.m. Hosted by Peer Advisors
Free food provided by Clark Meat Science Center. All welcome!
- 10/7-9 **Pacific NW Animal Nutrition Conference**, Tacoma, WA.
- 10/8 **Diamond Pioneer Luncheon**, CH2M Hill Alumni Center, 11:45 a.m.
- 10/10 **Birthday Cake and Coffee**, Staff Lounge, 2:30 p.m.
- 10/23 **CAS Faculty and Staff Day**, CH2M Hill Alumni Center, 12:00-2:00 p.m.

Welcome New Faculty

The Department is delighted to welcome four new faculty this academic year.



ANS grad **Matt Kennedy** is our new instructor for the ANS 121 labs. He will also

co-coordinate the Steer-A-Year program with Brianna Panter and Jim Males, and work with Nancy Ferguson at Hillside Ranch. Matt graduated from OSU Animal Sciences with a B.S. in '03 and an M.S. in ruminant nutrition with Jim Males in '05. After leaving OSU, he taught the animal

science curriculum at Casper College in Casper, WY – an experience he thoroughly enjoyed, and which prompted his return to teaching here. Matt has also worked with 4H Extension in Malheur County, Oregon.



ANS grad, '06, **Mary Meaker** is our new faculty research assistant in Fred Stormshak's lab. Mary

was born in Roseburg and grew up in Corvallis. Originally interested in veterinary medicine, she took Dr. Tom Savage's genetics class, and became passionately interested in that field of study. She plans to take classes soon toward a Ph.D.

degree, and eventually go into teaching and research.



New Instructor **Brianna Panter**, ANS grad '07, is teaching the livestock judging class series

(231, 331 and 415). Brianna is also continuing as assistant coach for our livestock judging team. Brianna was a member of OSU's team as an undergrad, and acted as assistant to Coach Clint Sexson last year, as she completed her M.S. degree in Ag Education. She will also help with Steer-A-Year, and manage the Swine and Campus Beef Units. Brianna is a native of Petaluma, CA, where she grew up on a small family farm.



Many in the Department will recognize Giovanna Rosenlicht, DVM, new instructor in the area of Companion

Animals. Giovanna actually came on board last winter, to help with our teaching load, by teaching ANS 280, Introduction to Companion Animal Management. She will be developing courses specific to the Companion Animal area of study, beginning with ANS 280. She will also be advising, and developing internship experiences for our undergrads that will introduce to them potential employment opportunities.

Dr. Rosenlicht's position represents a significant expansion of the focus of the Department into Companion Animals. Because the vast majority of our student body has a primary interest in companion animals, and the companion animal industry in the United States is the fastest growing segment of those industries that support animal production, our faculty decided last year to dedicate an Instructor position to this area. Watch for additional announcements later this fall from the Department about our expansion into this exciting area.

Travel/Presentations

Jim Hermes will travel to UC Davis on October 4 to participate in Avian Science Day on campus. His presentation is titled "Breeding and genetics for exhibition poultry." Avian Science Day is a statewide program in California for Poultry 4-H leaders and members.

Welcome New Grads



Chao Chen has come to OSU from China to begin a Ph.D. program with Mark Camera. Chao will be taking

classes this year in Corvallis, and then begin research in breeding oysters at the Hatfield Marine Science Center. Born in Weihai, China, Chao earned his B.S. degree in Biology at the Ocean University of China in Qingdao.



ANS grad '08 **Erica (Zaworski) Ramsing** is beginning an M.S. program with Jim Males. This first year, Erica will

continue work on a sub-contract air emissions project that she began as an OSU Honors College student with Jill Davidson. The project, modeling diet influence on emissions of swine, broilers, layers, and dairy cows, is headed by Wendy Powers at Michigan State. Erica's actual M.S. research will focus on dairy cattle nutrition.

Record Number of Students Enroll

Head Advisor **Tom Savage** informs us that ANS enrollment numbers for fall term, as of 9/24, is a whopping 416. That total includes 380 ANS majors, 6 double majors, and 30 dually enrolled with LBCC - altogether a record number of

students enrolling in Animal Sciences!

Grants Awarded

Jim Hermes has received \$7,500 from the Oregon Fryer Commission to have the water quality on all of Oregon's broiler farms tested.

Fred Stormshak has received a five-year renewal grant of \$703,569 from the NIH for his project, "A Ram Model of Neuroendocrine Function."

News and Notes

Dorothy Miller, wife of our former Department Head, Jack Miller, called from her home in Texas to say that the recent hurricane had not damaged her place. It was nice to hear from her and to know that the storm had missed her.

New in the Library

The American Society of Animal Science has provided us a copy of "Change, An illustrated History of the American Society of Animal Science, 1908-2008." It is displayed in the general "Animal Science" section of the library (NW corner).



October Birthdays

Ben Krahn	1
Howard Meyer.....	2
Tom Nichols.....	4
Dodi Reesman	10
Lloyd Swanson.....	16
Peter Cheeke.....	19
Hokie Adams.....	30