



AUGUST 2019 PLP BULLETIN

Graduate Student News

The department is happy to welcome thirteen **(13)** new graduate students this fall term.

Student	Degree	Advisor(s)
Vicken Aknadibossian	Ph.D.	Svetlana Folimonova
Niki Barber	MS	Frank White
Mayara Bolognesi De Morais	MS	Natalia Peres & Phil Harmon
Manoj Choudhary	Ph.D.	Mathews Paret & Jeff Jones
Matthew Cullen	Ph.D.	Rotation
Andy Gitto	Ph.D.	Rotation
Joshua Konkol	Ph.D.	Rotation
Ben Lemmond	Ph.D.	Matt Smith
Eva Mulandes	MS	Megan Dewdney Host - Jeff Rollins
Paulo Pinto de Mello	MS	Natalia Peres Host – Carrie Harmon
Jessica Torres	Ph.D.	Ozgur Batuman
Wenting Wang	Ph.D.	Nian Wang (CREC)
Salih Yilmaz	Ph.D.	Ozgur Batuman Host – Svetlana Folimonova



Congratulations to graduate students [Warda Boukari](#), [Qiurong Fan](#), [Arthur Grupe](#), [Caroline Land](#), [Turksen Shilts](#), [Naweena Thapa](#), who all successfully defended and graduated during the Summer 2019 term. **Good luck in your future endeavors!**



Special thanks to **Qiurong Fan** for the wonderful job she did on the display case by room 1308. She was able to use her creative talents and show some of the hard work and fun to be had by the PPGSO. We appreciate her time and effort in completing this before she left for her new adventure.

Congratulations on a job well done! *Zunaira Afzal, Ricardo Alcala-Briseno, Kelsey Andersen Onofre, Deanna Bayo, Shaheen Bibi, Rodrigo Borba Onofre, Kellee Britt, Andre Bueno Gama, Yi Huang, Fernanda Iruegas-Bocardo, Mustafa Jibrin, Jeannie Klein-Gordon, Nattapol Kraistudomsook, Brett Lane, Ying-Yu Liao, Marcus Marin, Michelle Oliveira, James Orrock, Egem Ozbudak, Carolina Rebello, Anuj Sharma, Sadikshya Sharma, Naweena Thapa, Peiqi Zhang, Adrian Zuniga* [were all recipients of the PPGSO/John R. Edwardson travel award for the APS conference in Cleveland, OH. Each recipient was awarded \\$200.00 for travel expenses.](#)



Carrie Harmon, with the assistance of Devlin Yorker, developed a “**one-stop shop**” website for plant health resources at UF. <https://florida.growingamerica.com/news/2019/07/new-website-simplifies-connection-uf-experts-plant-health>

HURRICANE SEASON IS UPON US!

JUNE 2019

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UF Emergency Management
Division of Public Safety
UNIVERSITY of FLORIDA

DISASTER SUPPLY CHECKLIST

Hurricane season lasts from June 1 to November 30. You should always have a fully stocked disaster supply kit throughout hurricane season. A basic disaster supply kit includes a minimum of 3 days' worth of supplies. A kit should be customized to your specific needs and situation. Below are general guidelines to follow in creating a kit.

1

WATER

Minimum guidance is 1 gallon per day, per person with half for drinking and half for sanitation. Before the storm, fill large containers (such as clean soda bottles) with water for drinking and cooking, and fill the bathtub for cleaning and flushing.

2

SHELF-STABLE FOOD

Store food that does not require refrigeration or preparation such as canned goods or shelf-stable meals.

3

MANUAL CAN OPENER

Keep a manual can opener on hand even if you have an electric can opener in case the power goes out.

4

BATTERY-POWERED RADIO

It is important to monitor local media and a battery-powered radio can be used when electrical service is out (some even come with cell phone charging attachments).

5

FLASHLIGHT

Have a flashlight in case the power goes out and always keep extra batteries on hand.

6

BATTERIES

Have extra batteries on hand in order to power your radio, flashlight, and other supplies in the event that the power goes out. Some power outages can last for days, even after the storm has passed.

7

FIRST AID SUPPLIES

Check your supply of non-prescription pain relievers, band-aids, antibacterial ointment, insect repellent, sunscreen and other items.

8

TOILETRIES

Store extra hygiene items, including feminine hygiene products, hand sanitizer, and toilet paper.

9

SPECIAL NEED ITEMS

These items could include prescription medications, infant formula or any other specific needs you or your family may have.

10

IMPORTANT DOCUMENTS

Store copies of key documents, including your insurance policy, driver's license, birth certificate, Social Security card, and passport.

11

CASH

With the power out, some stores may not be able to take credit cards, debit cards, or other forms of electronic payment. Always have some cash on hand.

12

PET CARE ITEMS

If you have pets, make sure you have emergency supplies for them as well!

Alachua County Division of Emergency Management
UF Police Department
UF Emergency Management (emergency.ufl.edu)

352-264-6500
352-392-1111
352-273-2100



Positions in Plant Pathology

Current job listings can now be found via the JOBS button on the front page of our website.

<http://plantpath.ifas.ufl.edu/job-postings>

Recent listings below -

Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission is seeking an OPS Biological Scientist II in the Ecosystem Assessment and Restoration department. Additional information is available at this link- [Apply now »](#)

Position# 77907051

The University of California Davis is seeking an Assistant Professor of Teaching in Disease Biology for the department of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. Additional information is available at this link-

<https://recruit.ucdavis.edu/JPF02978>

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Upcoming Holidays and Events

August 3-7

APS Annual Meeting – Cleveland, OH.

August 9

Coffee Break ☕ **Hosted by Rollins, Polston, Dufault**

August 9

Summer 2019 classes end

August 13

Annual CALS Teaching Enhancing Symposium – UF Hilton 8:30 am – 3:00 pm

August 18-23

Food System Impacts of Pest Pathogens in a Changing Climate Workshop – Aspen, CO. The link for this workshop: <https://www.agci.org/event/19s3>

August 19

New Graduate Student Orientation

August 20

Fall 2019 classes begin

September 2

Labor Day - UF Closed



Greenhouse Reminders

For all new personnel and annually for all others, the Worker Protection Standard (WPS) video **must be** viewed **BEFORE** gaining access to any greenhouse. **Please contact Mike Stilwell if you are uncertain of when your renewal is due.**



Wednesdays are “**Spray Days**”. If special arrangements are needed, your P.I. must send your request via e-mail to mstilwel@ufl.edu by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.



Biohazard Waste – Environmental Health & Safety (EH&S) Protocol



- **Autoclave Bags – please follow ALL steps below**

- Use only autoclave bags that are rated for at least 132* Celsius for plant material and soil
- DO NOT overfill
- Please secure bag with the twist ties provided, DO NOT use autoclave tape to secure bag or tie in knots!
- Please place a piece of 3-4-inch autoclave tape on a flat surface of the bag in a place that is easy to see
- DO NOT include items that will puncture bags
- DO NOT leave bags on the floor. This will result in citation from EH & S
- Use a permanent marker to identify each bag with name of principal investigator and lab room number

If you have questions, or need assistance, call Mike Stilwell at (352) 392-4478.