



# FEBRUARY 2019 PLP BULLETIN

*Welcome!*

A very warm welcome to Dr. Jeremy Brawner who has officially arrived. As a reminder, he is joining the Plant Pathology Department and the ProForest community as an assistant professor. Please stop by and introduce yourself to him in room 1445.

*- Dr. Loria*

## **February Seminars**      **\*\* All held in 2318 Fifield Hall at 4:05 p.m. \*\***

- February 5      **Mike Jeger, Imperial College London, Silwood Park, UK**  
Emerging risks to plant health: limits to predictability
- February 12      **Philippe Rott, Plant Pathology, University of Florida**  
Investigations into sugarcane diseases in Florida.
- February 19      **Mathews Paret, NFREC, University of Florida**  
Imparting knowledge on plant pathogens and vegetable disease management in West Africa: A snapshot of experiences and opportunities
- February 26      **Renato Carvalho, Plant Pathology, University of Florida**  
Bacterial activity of copper-zinc hybrid nanoparticles on *Xanthomonas perforans* and effect on xanthomonadin.
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**Our Annual graduate student recruitment event will be on February 21-23.**

**This year the department will be hosting five prospective Plant Pathology graduate students for interviews and other activities. We will have a small continuation for two additional prospects on March 1 because of conflicting dates for them.**





## Recognition and Announcements

**Dr. Jeff Jones, Distinguished Professor of Plant Pathology, has been named Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS).** Professor Jones, a plant pathologist at UF/IFAS, was cited for distinguished contributions in research and training in the field of bacterial disease control in fruits and vegetables and toward an improved molecular understanding of bacterial disease processes. Jeff is one of only three IFAS Faculty elected this year! There are about 11 current AAAS Fellows in IFAS, and two of those reside in the Department of Plant Pathology - Frank White is also a AAAS Fellow.

**Plant Pathology was recognized in APS Phytopathology News.** The article written by Jeannie Klein-Gordon with Dr. Erica Goss regarding the last four teacher workshops that were held right here in our department in May & June. With these workshops they are trying to help spread awareness of Plant Pathology and its importance by teaching science teachers from more than 50 schools across Florida.



## **POTLUCK LUNCH**



**Friday – February 15, 2019 at NOON  
Fifield Hall – Rooms 1304, 1306 & 1308**

**\*\*Sign up sheets are located in the mailroom\*\***



## **Vehicle and Room reservations are now online-**

**VEHICLE:** <https://plantpath.ifas.ufl.edu/resources/plant-pathology-vehicle-reservation/>

**ROOM:** <https://plantpath.ifas.ufl.edu/resources/plant-pathology-room-reservation/>

## Dates to remember



February 1	Coffee Break ☕ Hosted by the lab groups of <b>Rollins, Polston, Dufault</b>
February 6	CALS Career Expo – J. Wayne Reitz Union Grand Ballroom
February 12	The 40 <sup>th</sup> Florida Agricultural Hall of Fame Banquet – FL State Fairgrounds in Tampa
February 14	Valentine's Day 💕
February 15	PPGSO "We <b>LOVE</b> Science" Potluck Lunch – Fifield Hall, Rooms 1304, 1306 & 1308
February 18	President's Day 🇺🇸
February 21-23	Graduate Recruitment Weekend
February 26	4 <sup>th</sup> Annual Florida Agricultural Policy Outlook Conference
February 26	Gator Nation Giving Day - "STAND UP & HOLLER"
March 1	Additional Day for Graduate Recruitment
March 4-8	UF Spring Break ☀️
<b>March 15</b> Date Change	Coffee Break ☕ Hosted by the lab groups of <b>Jones, Smith &amp; Gabriel</b>
March 17	St. Patrick's Day 🍀



### Summer science camp sign-ups underway (UF/IFAS CALS)

<http://www.claytodayonline.com/stories/community-briefs-013119,15270>



The **CALS Career Expo** is a great opportunity for students interested in full-time jobs, internships, professional/graduate school, volunteer opportunities and building relationships with potential employers. It will take place on **February 6, 2019** in the J. Wayne Reitz Union Grand Ballroom. [www.cals.ufl.edu/careerexpo](http://www.cals.ufl.edu/careerexpo)

-Visit <http://www.cals.ufl.edu/students/career-expo-faculty-staff-info.php> to view the participant list.



### 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Florida Agricultural Policy Outlook Conference

UF-IFAS Gulf Coast Research & Education Center, 14625 Co Rd 672, Wimauma, FL 33598

Registration: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/florida-agricultural-policy-outlook-conference-2019-tickets-54723017017>





## 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, you must send your request via e-mail to [mstilwel@ufl.edu](mailto:mstilwel@ufl.edu) by 4:30 p.m. Tuesday.

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



- **Waste Containers**
  - Located in 1311F near loading dock
  - Available after 1pm on Wednesdays
  - Removed at 9am **sharp** on Fridays
  - DO NOT leave bags on the floor. This will result in citation from EH & S
- **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
  - 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.**