November Seminars

**All held in 2318 Fifield Hall at 4:05 p.m.**

November 6  Peter S. Ojiambo, Plant Pathology, NCSU
Dynamics of Spatio-temporal Spread of Cucurbit Downy Mildew in Eastern United States.

November 13 Wayne Jurick II, Food Quality Laboratory, USDA-ARS
Breaking the “blue” mold fungus with multiple omic’s-based approaches.

November 20 Xiaoen Huang, Plant Pathology, University of Florida
XB3-mediated drought tolerance in rice.

Date: November 29, 2018
Time: 12:00 PM
Where: Fifield Hall, Rooms 1304/1306/1308

The department will provide the meat/meatless main course, paper products, silverware, and drinks. Please plan to bring your favorite casserole/side dish.

**More information coming soon on when and where to sign up.**
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 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.**
Email from Jack Payne:

Dear Colleagues:

For those of us who do not live and work on the Panhandle, it’s time for us to support those who do.

Our Panhandle colleagues have plenty of grit. What they can use from the rest of us are chainsaws, generators, gas cans, money, and helping hands.

The surest way to connect your giving to the actual needs of people harmed by Hurricane Michael is to visit www.ifashurricanerelief.com. There you can give directly to your co-workers or to the wider community. You can also enlist as a volunteer through the website by connecting with UF/IFAS Extension agents Amy Mullins and Kendra Zamojski.

If you have supplies to donate, please bring them to the UF/IFAS Bookstore on Mowry Road. That will put your support into a pipeline of assistance run by county emergency operations. It’s important that we cooperate with our county partners to avoid the confusion, duplication, or waste of well-intended but uncoordinated support.

If you’re not in Gainesville, contact your District Extension Director to coordinate how to get your donations to the Panhandle.

We’re nearing the end of the beginning. That is, we now know that none of our colleagues were seriously injured. Nor are any of them any longer barricaded into their homes by fallen trees.

There have been real acts of courage and determination. Already many of UF/IFAS employees are assisting producers and other community residents. We’ve begun assessing damage to our own properties and to local farms and ranches.

This is going to continue for some time. In some counties the prediction is that it will be weeks before rural areas get reconnected to reliable electric and sewer service.

We know that it can take some time for federal dollars to arrive. UF/IFAS has not yet received any of the FEMA money for which it qualifies from Hurricane Irma 13 months ago. Nor have any of the state’s citrus growers received federal Irma relief payments through the Wildfires and Hurricanes Indemnity Program, or WHIP.

Our Panhandle people can’t wait that long. I hope we’ll someday be able to look back on this disaster proud of how we responded. For now, we just need to respond.

Sincerely,

Jack

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For information on Aid-A-Gator click on the following link: https://benefits.hr.ufl.edu/gatorperks/aid-a-gator/

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To donate: click here
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 -

The Department of Plant Pathology at the University of Wisconsin-Madison is seeking an ASSISTANT PROFESSOR. Additional information is available at the department’s website: https://www.ohr.wisc.edu/weblisting/External/PVLSummaryPrint.aspx?pvl_num=96133

The Department of Plant Pathology at Montana State University is seeking an ASSISTANT PROFESSOR. Additional information is available at the department’s website: https://jobs.montana.edu/postings/13990

The USDA-ARS lab in Salinas, CA is seeking a RESEARCH PLANT PATHOLOGIST. Additional information is available can be found here: https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/512971900

The Department of Plant Pathology and Environmental Microbiology at Penn State University is seeking an ASSISTANT PROFESSOR. Additional information is available at the department’s website: https://psu.jobs/job/83442

The Puyallup Research and Extension Center at Washington State University is seeking an AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH TECHNOLOGIST III. Additional information is available at the department’s website: https://www.wsujobs.com/postings/40249

Upcoming Events

November 1 Coffee Break 🍼 Hosted by the lab groups of Harmon (x2), PLP Admin, Greenhouse. **HOMECOMING THEME**

THURSDAY 10:00 a.m. in 1306 and 1308 Fifield Hall

November 29 PLP Holiday Party – 12:00 pm Room 1304, 1306, 1308 – Fifield Hall

December 7 Coffee Break 🍼 Hosted by the lab groups of Garrett, White, Spakes-Richter
10:00 a.m. in 1306 and 1308 Fifield Hall
Dates to remember

November 2       UF Homecoming – UF Closed
November 4-6     24th International Pepper Conference – Ft. Myers, FL.
November 7       50th Anniversary of the UF/IFAS MFREC – Apopka, FL.
November 12      Veterans Day – UF Closed
November 22-23   Thanksgiving Holiday – UF Closed
November 29      PLP Holiday Party - Noon
December 5       Last day of classes
December 6-7     Reading Days (No classes)
December 6-7     EH Poinsettia Sale https://sites.google.com/site/ufhortclub/poinsettia-sale
December 8-14    Exam Week
December 14-16   Commencements
December 25-31   Holiday Break – UF Closed
January 1        New Year’s Day – UF Closed