



SEPTEMBER 2018 PLP BULLETIN

From the Chair's Desk

A very warm welcome to our new graduate students that have arrived for the Fall 2018 semester. My door is always open if you would like to stop by. Jeff Jones, Jessica Ulloa, Treva Damron, Karri Bishop and I are here to help in any way that we can.

WELCOME



Dr. Jeremy Brawner will be joining the Plant Pathology Department and the ProForest community as an assistant professor. His office and laboratory will be in Fifield Hall, and he is expected to arrive in late January or early February.



GREAT NEWS!! The AV equipment installation for Room 1301 in Fifield Hall has been completed. Reservations can be made in the same manner as the other conference rooms.

September Seminars

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

- September 11 **Zhao Peng, Plant Pathology, University of Florida**
Xanthomonas translucens directly induces abscisic acid biosynthesis to enhance disease susceptibility in wheat.
- September 18 **Ko-Hsuan Chen, NFREC/University of Florida**
Functional ecology of moss-associated fungi – linking environmental and experimental re-synthesis metatranscriptomics.
- September 25 **Hillary Mehl, Virginia Tech -Tidewater AREC**
Interactions between stink bugs and mycotoxigenic Fusarium spp. Infesting corn fields in the mid-Atlantic U.S.



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.



Recognition and Announcements

Congratulations on a job well done! *Nicole Reynolds* won the Elsevier Poster Prize for outstanding poster contribution at the International Mycological Congress in Puerto Rico. The title of her poster was “Revealing metagenomic methodological biases that limit the detection of parasitic fungi in the Zoopagomycotina”. It won the “Environment Theme” which is the most competitive theme out of eight categories.

Two of our own were recently recognized for the discovery of two new species of truffles discovered near UF. To read more about Dr. Smith and Arthur Grupe's research, click on the following links –

https://www.alligator.org/news/two-new-species-of-truffles-discovered-near-uf/article_677b8b16-a997-11e8-82d7-ff62bac8d993.html

<https://www.morningagclips.com/new-truffle-species-discovered-in-fla-orchards/>

<https://www.floridamuseum.ufl.edu/science/two-new-truffle-species-discovered-in-florida-pecan-orchards/>

Hurricane season is here!

June 1 marked the official start of the season that extends until November 30. Here are a few tips for being prepared if a storm is predicted to affect our area. Stock up now on bottled water, non-perishable food, (manual can opener could be handy), flashlight(s) and batteries, personal care items, medications and cash. Do not forget to have extra pet food and pet care items. It is also recommended to have important documents on hand such as insurance policy, ID and proof of residence. Keep a list of important phone numbers handy, and inform your family and friends of your emergency plan.



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

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

Alert Alachua. Similar to the UF Alert, Alachua County Emergency Management has a notification service. Employees and off-campus students are encouraged to participate in order to receive emergency notifications involving the community. Sign-up is available at www.AlertAlachua.com



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 -

Crop Management Specialist at Glades Crop Care Inc. Additional information is available at the department's website, <https://www.gladescropcare.com/>

Research Plant Pathologist (Postdoctoral Position) at USDA in West Lafayette, Indiana. Additional information is available at the department's website, <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/508081100>

Upcoming Events

September 7 **Coffee Break**  Hosted by the lab groups of Rollins, Polston & Dufault. 10 am in 1306 and 1308 Fifield Hall.

Dates to remember



September 1	1st Football Game of the Season at home - Charleston Southern Buccaneers, 7:30 pm
September 3	Labor Day Holiday – UF Closed
September 17	PLP Faculty Meeting
September 22	First day of Fall
November 2	UF Homecoming – UF Closed
November 12	Veterans Day – UF Closed
November 22-23	Thanksgiving Holiday – UF Closed
December 25-31	Christmas Break – UF Closed

GO Gators !!!