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Faculty member, graduate students honored at annual equine meeting

KEYSTONE, COLORADO – An assistant professor and Extension specialist and two graduate students from the department of animal science were among the award recipients at the Equine Science Society annual meeting held in Keystone, Colo., May 29 - 31, 2009.

Dr. Brett Scott, assistant professor and Extension horse specialist, received the society's Outstanding Educator Award, an award presented to a society member who is involved in teaching, Extension or industry and has demonstrated

excellence in the area of equine education either to students or to industry.

Graduate students Jessica Lucia and Shannon Garey each were recognized in the graduate student paper competition. Lucia received first place in the exercise physiology competition while Shannon Garey earned the third place award in the production and management competition.

The Texas A&M animal science department was strongly represented at the annual gathering. Members of the faculty who attended include Clay Cavinder, Josie Coverdale, Brett Scott, Dennis Sigler and Martha Vogelsang. A&M graduate students in attendance included Shannon Garey, Sicilia Grady (now at CSU), Lexie Hayes, Cassidy Kurtz, Jessica Lucia and Kelly Winsco.

The bi-annual meeting featured scientific research papers on equine nutrition, exercise physiology, reproduction and genetics plus presentations on equine teaching and extension. There were 305 equine research, teaching and Extension people in attendance, and 161 total papers and posters presented, an increase of 24 papers from the 2007 meeting.

Researchers from Texas A&M presented eight papers with four additional papers presented which were co-authored from TAMU. Texas A&M University had the second largest number of presentations by any university, behind the University of Kentucky.



Left, Dr. Don Topliff, West TAMU; Dr. Gary Potter, TAMU professor emeritus; Jessica Lucia, graduate student; and Dr. Brett Scott, assistant professor and Extension horse specialist.

Dr. Guoyao Wu to receive highest award in animal nutrition research

Dr. Guoyao Wu, professor, university faculty fellow, and AgriLife Research faculty fellow in the department of animal science, will receive the 2009 FASS-AFIA Frontiers in Animal Nutrition Research Award from the Federation of Animal Science Societies. The award will be presented during the upcoming American Society of Animal Science annual meeting in July. This award is the highest award in animal nutrition research in the United States and worldwide.

Recent publications

Whitney, T. R., D. F. Waldron, and T. D. Willingham. 2009. Evaluating Nutritional Status of Dorper and Rambouillet Ewes in Range Sheep Production. *Sheep and Goat Res. J.* 24:10-16.

Upcoming events

Texas Pork Leadership Tour (June 14-19, 2009) - For more information, please contact Dr. Jodi Sterle <j-sterle@tamu.edu> at 979-845-2714.

Beef 101 (June 15-17, 2009) - For more information, please contact Dr. Davey Griffin <dgriff@tamu.edu> at 979-845-3935.

Special Seminar (June 17, 2009; 11:30 a.m.; Kleberg Faculty Lounge) - Dr. Michael Naim, professor and visiting scholar from The Hebrew University of Jerusalem, will present "Intracellular inhibition of G-protein-coupled receptor desensitization by sweet and bitter membrane-permeant tastants: possible implications for taste quality." For more information, please contact Dr. Fuller Bazer <fbazer@cvm.tamu.edu> at 979-845-5929.

Texas A&M University Horse Judging Camp (July 8-10, 2009 or July 15-17, 2009) - For more information, please contact Dr. Clay Cavinder <cac@tamu.edu> at 979-845-7731. The entry deadline is July 1, 2009.

Texas Pork Industry Conference and Youth Symposium (July 11, 2009, Kerrville, Texas) - For more information, please contact Dr. Jodi Sterle <j-sterle@tamu.edu> at 979-845-2714.

Aggieland Lamb Camp (July 17-19, 2009) - For more information, please contact Dr. Shawn Ramsey <sramsey@tamu.edu> at 979-845-7616.

Aggieland Goat Camp (July 24-26, 2009) - For more information, please contact Dr. Shawn Ramsey <sramsey@tamu.edu> at 979-845-7616.

55th Annual Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course (August 3-5, 2009) - For more information, please contact Dr. Jason Cleere at 979-845-6931.

NRHA Applicant Seminar (August 29-30, 2009) - For more information, please contact Dr. Clay Cavinder <cac@tamu.edu> at 979-845-7731.



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