



News fEEB

Ecology and Evolutionary Biology Monthly Newsletter



2023 EIS Plenary Speakers & EIS Planning Committee:
(Left to right) Jordan Soloman, Maria Hurtado-Materon, Rodrigo Medellin*, Natalie Aguirre, Water Jetz*, Kelly Zamudio*, Alanna Noland, Breann Richey, Emilia Martins*, Daniel Simberloff*, Hayden Roberts, Griffin Nicholson, Josh Lerner. (Plenary denoted by an *).

2023 EIS Ecological Integration Symposium



The 23rd Annual Ecological Integration Symposium was a huge success! This all-student organized event was attended by over **550** students, faculty & staff, and community members.

Plenary speakers came from across the world and dedicated time to discussing science with our TAMU community. Participants came from 12 distinct Universities within the US, 3 International Universities, and 4 companies or organizations.

We would like to congratulate the following student presentation competition winners:

- Undergraduate: Eli Torrez (Poster) & Jonathan Ellard (Oral)
- Graduate Posters Presentations: 1st – Chelsea Thorn & Megan Copeland 2nd – Sofia Pimenta Oliveira 3rd – Madison Clark
- Graduate Oral Presentations: 1st– Kasuni Daundasekara 2nd – Christopher Peterson & 3rd – Sekinat Atobiloye

Due to high demand, we are opening another [EIS t-shirt order here!](#)

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EEB Seminar Series

April 17th – Elise Zipkin
(Michigan State University)

April 24th – Heather Proctor
(University of Alverta, Canda)

EIS Updates and Photos

Thank you to all who participated in EIS!

EEB Community News & Updates

See below for information on EEB research grants, annual crawfish boil, and EEB student updates!



Annual Crawfish Boil

Saturday April 29th

You are cordially invited to the EEB Crawfish Boil!

Where: The Hamer Home
1000 Howe Drive, College Station
(Street Parking)

Details: This is a family event open to all departments affiliated with EEB. There will be a pool & other activities! BYOB!

Please RSVP [HERE!](#)

EEB Student Spotlight

Congratulations to **Vivian Peralta Santana** (Dr. Song Lab – ENTO department) on being awarded the NSF Graduate Research Fellowship Program (GRFP).

Congratulations to **Rachel Busselman** (Dr. Sarah Hamer Lab – VIBS department & Vet Med Student) for being awarded the P.E.O. Scholar Award, a merit-based award for women pursuing a doctoral-level degree. Rachel was also awarded the Outstanding PhD student in the School of Vet Med & Biomedical Sciences!

If you have any EEB-related special announcements (events, accomplishments, etc.) or would like to contribute something to a future newsletter, email amhelms@tamu.edu. We truly want to hear from you and help you celebrate!

EEB Community News and Updates



Dual Language Event

Graduate students Jorge Medina Duran (ENTO), Maria Hurtado-Materon (WFSC), Daisy Gonzalez (SOSC), Alejandro Atenas Navarrete (SOSC), Natalie Aguirre (ENTO), Selina Uranga (KNSM), and Morgan Thompson (ENTO) went to College Hills Elementary School to give science lessons in Spanish! As part of this dual language experience, students learned about insects, soil and the environment, insect muscles.

EEB (&EEBISO) Chair Nominations

EEB Executive Committee chairs up for election: Communications chair, Outreach and training chair, Seminar chair, and Assessment and reporting committee (ARC) chair. Please email Nick Jacobsen for more information.

EEBISO (EEB's student organization) is requesting student nominations for the upcoming election. Please email Griffin Nicholson for more information.

EEB Research Grant

The EEB Program is requesting proposals for EEB Research Grants (\$1,500 each). The intended objective of these awards is to facilitate preliminary data collection by EEB Ph.D. students. Applications are due by 5pm on Friday, April 21st. Submit your application to nicolas.jacobsen@ag.tamu.edu