

**PLANT SOIL
& MICROBIAL
SCIENCE
DEPARTMENT**



Congratulations to:

- **Siegg Snapp** for becoming a fellow of the Soil Science Society at the Tri-Societies meetings.
- **Karen Renner** for receiving the Crop Science Society Teaching Award at the Tri-Societies meetings.
- **Madeline Henrickson** for receiving the Golden Opportunity Scholar Award at the Tri-Societies meetings.
- **Tom Siler** won 1st position in the graduate student oral competition for Applied Soybean Community within American Society of Agronomy (ASA).
- **Weijia Wang** won best poster at the Bean Improvement Cooperative biennial meeting.
- **Xinyi Tu** received 2nd place in the 2019 ACE Diversity Committee Student Poster Competition.
- **Jingyu Peng** was awarded the John F. Fulkerson Student Travel Award.
- **John A. Schramski** received 2nd place for his poster titled *Tolerance of Tow Horseweed Growth Types to Glyphosate* at the North Central Weed Science Society Meeting.
- **Allyson M. Rumler** received 2nd place in her section of the paper contest. The title for Allyson's talk: *Evaluating the impact of weed competition and water stress on corn hybrids with differing drought tolerance* at the North Central Weed Science Society meeting.



Madeline Henrickson, Sieg Snapp & Karen Renner



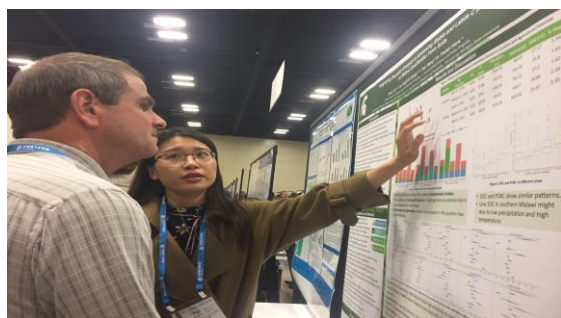
Kaddi Gewirtz, Brianna Wiemer, Hannah Booms & Madeline Henrickson



Tom Siler



Jingyu Peng



Tinyi Tu



(left to right) Jinyi Chen, Erin Hill, Dan Wilkenson, Karen Renner, Allyson Rumler, Jim Kells, Christy Sprague, Kaleb Ortner, Sarah Drumm, Erin Burns, Adam Constine, Gary Powell, Eric Patterson, John Schramski, Brian Stiles
Missing: Don Penner & Jan Michaels

Congratulations to:

- **Rich Lenski** has received the William J. Beal Outstanding Faculty Award.
- **Lisa Tiemann** was named a Global Scholar in CANR international initiative.
- PSM has seven undergraduate students on NSF STEM-FEE (Food, Energy, and the Environment) Scholarships. The STEM-FEE Scholarship Program provides funding for undergraduate research and/or study abroad, attending professional conferences, internships, and other types of professional development. The PSM STEM-FEE scholars are **Andrew Davis, William Keinath, Darla Knuth, Marcus Pennington, Matt Uebbing, Brice Walther, and Brianna Wiemer.**
- **Christiina Donley** was awarded the 2019 PSM Staff Employee of the Year.



Rich Lenski



Lisa Tiemann



Christiina Donley

Funding:

Greg Bonito was recently awarded a joint NSF grant.

Evolution of truffles, morels, and relatives (Pezizales) and their interactions with animals, plants, and bacteria.

Principal Investigator: **Gregory Bonito**

Co-Principal Investigator: **Kevin Childs, Mathew Smith, Rosaria Healy**

Start Date: 02/01/2020

Award Amount: \$603,581.00

Seminar / Webinar Announcements:

January 21, 2020 at 4:10 PM in 1415 BPS

Dr. Janet Jansson, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory

Title: "Multi-omics of soil microbiomes"

<https://mmg.natsci.msu.edu/events-seminars/mmg-seminars-spring-2020/>

January 23, 2020 at 4:10 PM in A149 PSSB

Dr. Rebecca Grumet, Horticulture, MSU

Title: The CucCAP Project - Leveraging Applied Genomics to Increase Disease Resistance in Cucurbit Crops

January 24, 2020 World Potato Congress Inc. Webinar with **Dr. David Douches**: Feed the Future - Biotechnology Potato Partnership: Durable Late Blight Resistance to South East Asia.

Webinar Registration: https://zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_Svl0vOiUQyKZqtjfYCzqpg

When: **January 24, 2020 at 9 AM (EST).**

Register in advance for this webinar: All webinars are recorded and can be viewed via the World Potato Congress Website at www.potatocongress.org.

Plant Biology Faculty Candidate Seminars:

Please see the Department of Plant Biology website at <https://plantbiology.natsci.msu.edu/2020-faculty-candidate-seminars/> for information regarding the 2020 Faculty Candidate Seminars.

Announcements:

Please see the Lansing State Journal article on the potato program's current limited-edition purple potato chip release with the Great Lakes Potato Chip Company.

<https://www.lansingstatejournal.com/story/news/2019/12/11/michigan-state-university-research-purple-potato-great-lakes-potato-chip-co/4384304002/>



USDA Rural Development, Montana State University, and Western Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (WSARE), is announcing the inaugural Soil Health Innovations Conference. This national conference will be held at Montana State University in Bozeman on March 30 and 31, 2020.

If you would like to attend the conference in person, go to <https://soilinnovations.ncat.org/register/> or register online to livestream the conference for your university using this private link: <https://soilinnovations.ncat.org/universities/>.

The MSU Center for Microbial Ecology has recently updated their website. <https://www.canr.msu.edu/cme/>

Thanks to **Lee Dunslayer** for his assistance on these websites!

The 3rd Floor of the Hannah Administration Building is being renovated. The renovation period is expected to run through July 2020.

- Payroll - will be located in Room 110 of the Administration Building (first floor) - effective January 6.
- Accounting, Travel, Tax Services, and Financial Analysis - will be moving to East Akers Hall (Room E229 - adjacent *The Edge* dining hall) - effective January 8.

Professional Development Opportunities:

Current Organization and Professional Development (OPD) courses are available this semester for yourself and/or faculty and support staff in your unit.

<https://hr.msu.edu/professional-development/courses/personal-development/index.html>

Upcoming Professional Development Courses:

January 31	Engaging Teams for Maximum Performance
February 4	New Supervisor Essentials
February 5	From Distracted to Productive
February 5	Creating and Sustaining a Positive Workplace
February 6 & 7	Sustainable High Performance
February 12 & 13	Crucial Conversations
February 12	Managing Meetings
February 13	NEW! Inclusive Culture: A Primer for Leaders
February 19 & 20	Crucial Accountability
February 19	Honing Your Emotional Intelligence
February 19	Emotional Intelligence in Leadership
February 20	Building Capacity for Resilience as a Leader
March 11	Fundamentals of Supervision
March 11	Communicating and Influencing Up

HR / Payroll Notices:

Changes to the Federal 2020 Form W4

Click here for further information

<http://www.ctlr.msu.edu/download/Payroll/Federal-2020-W4.pdf>

December Time Reporting

Due Date Reminders for biweekly payroll (includes labor and student)

Reminder: If your employee's time is not submitted, they will not be paid.

- For the **1/31/2020 pay date** covering the 1/5/2020-1/18/2020 pay period, all time must be approved by **4:00 PM Friday, 1/24/2020**.

MSU Academic Calendar

Monday 1/20	Holiday - University Open, Classes Cancelled
Wednesday, 2/26	Middle of Semester
Monday, 3/2 - Friday, 3/6	Spring Break
Friday, 4/24	Classes End
Monday, 4/27 - Friday, 5/1	Final Exams
Friday, 5/1 - Sunday, 5/3	Commencements

Newsletter submissions can be sent to guldner1@msu.edu
The deadline will be Thursdays by 10 AM.