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WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES



Scott Nelson has joined the Buermeyer Lab as a Research Associate.



Karen Hippchen has also joined the Buermeyer Lab as a GRA.

Marisa Birky is the new office Student Worker. Marisa is in the office from 8-12 each day.



Polly Wegner has joined the NPIC group.

The Morrie Craig Lab has become part of the EMT department and will be housed in the Oak Creek Building. Please help us in welcoming this group to the department.



GOODBYE AND THANK YOU

Jennifer Basile of the Anderson Lab has taken a position with the Cherry Grower's Association of Oregon, located in Salem. Jennifer has been with EMT for two years and will be sorely missed. Good luck Jennifer! Stephanie Schulz of the EMT office will be attending the Klamath Falls campus of OHSU's Nursing school beginning this summer. We will miss her help and wish her the best of luck in her continuing education. Shantibushan Jha of the Kerkvliet Lab. Tony Heimeiyer of the Fish Lab. Wade Trevathon of the Sudakin Lab, who is now with CH2M Hill. Cristobal "Val" Miranda has moved to Claudia Maier Lab in Chemistry. The Whanger Lab has retired from their home in Weniger Hall. Dr. Whanger and his wife Lois are moving to Washington State to be closer to their grandchildren. Judy Butler will remain in Corvallis pursuing that elusive Mother of the Year award and stopping by frequently to make sure we are all behaving.

OF NOTE

Effective immediately the new [PhD Preliminary Exam Guidelines](#) have changed.

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL EVENTS - APRIL-JUNE, 2005



Joel Burchfiel and **Darla & Krystal Kneeland** (pictured with **Judy Butler**), who all served in the Whanger Lab from their Freshman years, graduated as 5th year Seniors this June. Krystal did an OSU study abroad in Morelia, Mexico and now is a paralegal for a firm in Portland while she applies for law school. Darla is working at the Oregon

Regional Primate Center in Beaverton as a research assistant while applying for medical school. Joel, who recently became engaged, is now working at Oregon Graduate Institute in Beaverton with Phil's last Ph.D. student, **Dr. Andrew Bauman**.

Matt Cuda (at sea when the photo was taken), a long-term friend of the trio who worked in the Whanger lab during his last year at OSU, graduated at the end of Fall term and spent the winter semester on a masted ship in the Carribbean as part of the SEA Education Association out of Woods Hole, MA. His ship, with 22 students and 11 crew, was involved in the rescue and transport to Jamaica of a becalmed boatload of 45 Haitian refugees. Matt is currently employed by an environmental consulting firm in Tigard.



OSU/EMT took 2 of 3 graduate student presentation awards at the PNW-SETAC meeting in Port Townsend, WA on April 14-16th, 2005!



Fred Tilton (Tanguay Lab) won the best student poster award and received a \$150 cash prize, one-year free membership to PNW-SETAC, had his name inscribed on a plaque of student winners, and \$500 toward travel to the upcoming National



SETAC meeting in Baltimore MD in November.

Toby Primbs of the Simonich Lab took honorable mention for his poster presentation which came with a \$100 cash prize. He also won the drawing for a very nice (and expensive) piece of metal art depicting a dungenous crab in copper. Toby was also given a one year free membership to the region.

Toby, **Sascha Usenko** (Simonich Lab), and Fred all received travel awards which covered the expense of their travel and registration.

OTHER ACCOMPLISHMENTS, AWARDS, SPECIAL EVENTS - APRIL-JUNE, 2005



Here's the department's softball team, **Running on EMT**, celebrating its great second season! From L to R: Graham Corley-Smith, Dave Williams, Greg Sower, Katie Johnson, Wendy Hillwalker, Angie Perez, Gary Hillwalker, Elisha Wood-Charlson, Lucas Quarles, Kara Warner, and Dave Castro. Teammate Mark Reimers is not pictured.



Former EMT Grad student **Adams Amantana**, and his wife **Vivian**, were the subjects of a Corvallis Gazette-Times article earlier this week. The Amantanans' struggle to bring their adopted daughter, Elita, to the United States from her

home in Ghana is bringing local attention to International Adoption difficulties, and much heartache to this wonderful couple.

The GT article, [Waiting for Elita](#), is available online, and a charitable fund has been set up at Wells Fargo to help the Amantanas with the rising costs of trying to bring their daughter home. The Amantanas are enlisting the help of friends and family in writing letters and raising awareness of their case. We wish them luck!

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