

Department of
**Ecology and Evolutionary
Biology**



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Spring
Graduates

2014

The Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology is proud to announce the program completion of its spring graduates.

Congratulations and best wishes to our alumni.

Master of Arts Graduates



Muhammad Janra

Faculty Mentors: Rob Moyle and Town Peterson

Degree: M.A. in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

Master's Defense: January 1, 2014

Report Title: Phylogenetic Relationships of Niltavinae Using Multi-Gene Analysis



Sofía I. Muñoz Tobar

Faculty Mentor: Caroline Chaboo

Degree: M.A. in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

Master's Defense: April 10, 2014

Thesis Title: Molecular Phylogeny of Leaf Shining Beetles (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae: Criocerinae)

- Has been accepted into the doctoral program at the University of Clemson, South Carolina to work with Michael Caterino



John Sahrman

Faculty Mentor: John Kelly

Degree: M.A. in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

Master's Defense: April 17, 2014

Thesis Title: Integrating Multiple Evolutionary Processes in Models of Captive Breeding.

- Will be a research assistant at the St. Louis Zoo

Doctor of Philosophy Graduates



Anthony Barley

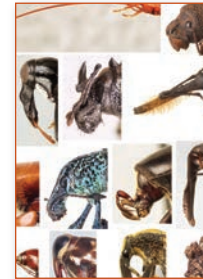
Faculty Mentor: Rafe Brown

Degree: Ph.D. in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

Dissertation Defense: April 14, 2014

Dissertation Title: From Microevolutionary Processes to Macroevolutionary Patterns: Investigating Diversification at Multiple Scales in Southeast Asian Lizards

- Will be a post-doctoral researcher working with Robert Thomson at the University of Hawaii, Manoa



Stephen Ray Davis

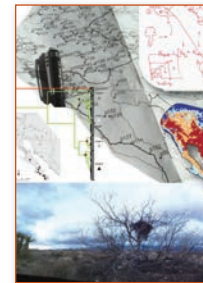
Faculty Mentor: Michael Engel

Degree: Ph.D. in Entomology – Honors

Dissertation Defense: April 14, 2014

Dissertation Title: Morphology, Phylogeny, and Evolutionary Development in the Weevils (Insecta: Coleoptera: Curculionoidea)

- Will be a Gerstner Scholar and Kalbfleisch post-doctoral fellow at the American Museum of Natural History



Andrès Lira Noriega

Faculty Mentors: Jorge Soberón and Town Peterson

Degree: Ph.D. in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

Dissertation Defense: April 8, 2014 – Honors

Dissertation Title: Scale and Ecological and Historical Determinants of a Species' Geographic range: The Case of the Vector-borne Plant Parasite *Phoradendron californicum* Nutt. (Viscaceae)

- Will be working as a post-doctoral researcher with Carlos Martínez del Río at the University of Wyoming



Pete Hosner

Faculty Mentor: Robert Moyle

Degree: Ph.D. in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

Dissertation Defense: April 15, 2014

Dissertation Title: Geographic Drivers of Avian Diversification in the Philippine Archipelago

- Will be a post-doctoral researcher working with Rebecca Kimball at the University of Florida