

Department of
**Ecology and Evolutionary
Biology**



Summer
Graduates

2015

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

Congratulations and best wishes to our alumni.

Master of Arts Graduates



Baca, Stephen M.

Faculty Mentor: Andrew Short

Degree: M.A. in Entomology

Master's Defense: June 30, 2015

Thesis Title: The systematics of the burrowing water beetles (Coleoptera: Adepaga: Noteridae)
Currently a doctoral student in the Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Kansas



Harpel, Desiree

Faculty Mentor: Jamie Walters

Degree: M.A. in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

Master's Defense: April 22, 2015

Thesis Title: Investigating novel traits in Lepidoptera through the use of shotgun proteomics
Currently a doctoral student in the graduate program at Florida State University



Schmidt, Sarah J.

Faculty Mentor: Jim Thorp and Jerry deNoyelles

Degree: M.A. in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

Master's Defense: July 29, 2015

Thesis Title: Structure and function of the phytoplankton community of the Kansas river

Doctor of Philosophy Graduates



Oliveros, Carl H.

Faculty Mentor: Robert Moyle

Degree: Ph.D. in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

Dissertation Defense: July 17, 2015

Dissertation Title: Phylogenomics of Rapid Avian Radiations

Currently a post-doctoral researcher in the Brant Faircloth Lab, Louisiana State University

Shin, Chulwoo (Choru)

Faculty Mentor: Kirsten Jensen and Michael Engel

Degree: Ph.D. in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

Dissertation Defense: July 15, 2015

Dissertation title: Systematics and morphology of Ischyrosomychini, with an investigation of color change in the Geiger tortoise beetle (Coleoptera: Chrysomelidae)

