

Department of
**Ecology and Evolutionary
Biology**



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Summer
Graduates **2016**

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



Rachel Guyer

Faculty Mentor: Kirsten Jensen

Degree: M.A. in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

Master's Defense: June 10, 2016

Thesis Title: Select lecanicephalidean (Cestoda) fauna of the giant freshwater whipray, *Himantura polylepis* (Myliobatiformes: Dasyatidae), from Malaysian and Indonesian Borneo



Kaylee Sophia Herzog

Faculty Mentor: Kirsten Jensen

Degree: M.A. in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology Honors

Master's Defense: July 7, 2016

Thesis Title: Tapeworms of the mangrove Whipray, *Himantura granulata* Macleay, and an investigation of host size as it relates to tapeworm faunal composition
Will be a doctoral student mentored by Kirsten Jensen, Ecology and Evolutionary Biology, University of Kansas



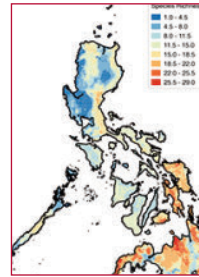
Courtney Masterson

Faculty Mentor: Helen Alexander

Degree: M.A. in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

Master's Defense: April 29, 2016

Thesis Title: Effects of white-tailed deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*) herbivory on remnant tallgrass prairie plant communities



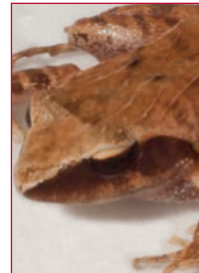
Tashitso Anamza

Faculty Mentor: Rafe Brown and Town Peterson

Degree: M.A. in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

Master's Defense: July 13, 2016

Thesis Title: Analysis of stacked species distribution models provides a new perspective on biogeography and conservation of Philippine amphibians



Kerry Cobb

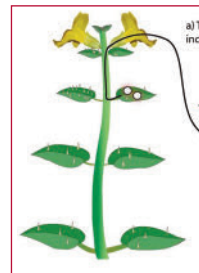
Faculty Mentor: Rafe Brown

Degree: M.A. in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

Master's Defense: July 28, 2016

Thesis Title: Geographic basis of genetic variation in *Platymantis corrugatus*
Will be a doctoral student mentored by Jamie Oaks, Auburn University, Alabama

Doctor of Philosophy Graduates



Jack M. Colicchio

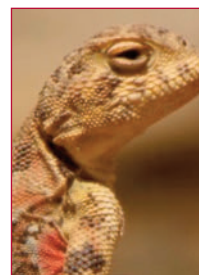
Faculty Mentor: Lena Hileman

Degree: Ph.D. in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

Dissertation Defense: May 24, 2016

Dissertation Title: Lingering wounds: The molecular and evolutionary outcomes of transgenerational plasticity in *Mimulus guttatus*

Currently post-doctoral fellow working with Benjamin Blackman, Plant & Microbial Biology, University of California, Berkeley



Jesse Grismer

Faculty Mentor: Rafe Brown

Degree: Ph.D. in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

Dissertation Defense: June 8, 2016

Dissertation title: The fragmentation of Gondwanaland: Influence on the historical biogeography and morphological evolution within Dragon Lizards (Squamata: Agamidae)

Will be a postdoctoral researcher working with Jamie Oaks, Auburn University, Alabama and Brad Shaffer, University California, Los Angeles, CA