

Department of
**Ecology and Evolutionary
Biology**



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Fall
Graduates **2018**

The Department of Ecology and Evolutionary Biology is proud to announce the program completion of its fall graduates. Congratulations and best wishes to our alumni.

Doctor of Philosophy Graduates



Terra Lubin

Faculty Mentor: Helen Alexander
Degree: Ph.D. in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology
Dissertation Defense: August 30, 2018
Dissertation Title: Context-dependency of ecological restoration strategies

Currently working as a postdoctoral researcher in the Jim Bever Lab, Kansas Biological Survey, University of Kansas



Kathy Denning

Faculty Mentor: Bryan Foster
Degree: Ph.D. in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, Honors
Dissertation Defense: October 8, 2018
Dissertation Title: Examining potential multi-scale drivers of flower visitor communities and plant-pollinator interactions in the context of tallgrass prairie habitat reconstruction

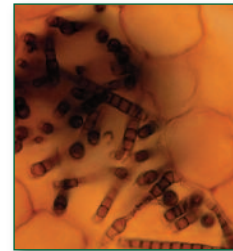
Currently working as the PREP Program Coordinator and collaborating on research projects with Bryan Foster Lab at the University of Kansas



Elizabeth (Sally) Chang

Faculty Mentor: Pauly Cartwright
Degree: Ph.D. in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, Honors
Dissertation Defense: October 26, 2018
Dissertation Title: The genomics of the gelatinous: Genomic insights into major evolutionary transitions within the Cnidaria

Currently working as a Postdoctoral Fellow in Bioinformatics and Evolutionary Genomics; NIH National Human Genome Research Institute, Baxevanis Research Group, Bethesda, Maryland



Ashley Klymiuk

Faculty Mentor: Ben Sikes
Degree: Ph.D. in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, Honors
Dissertation Defense: December 4, 2018
Dissertation Title: Microbiological insights into ecological and taphonomy of prehistoric wetlands

Currently working as a Collection Manager of Paleobotany Collections, Field Museum of Natural History, Chicago, Illinois



Chet Bhatta

Faculty Mentor: Deborah Smith
Degree: Ph.D. in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology
Dissertation Defense: December 11, 2018
Dissertation Title: Foraging difference, potential competition, and resource overlap between Western honeybee (*Apis mellifera* L.) and Asian honeybee (*Apis cerana* F.)

Currently working as a Assistant Professor; Jefferson College of Health Science, Roanoke, Virginia

Masters of Arts Graduate



Jeremy Forsythe

Faculty Mentor: Bryan Foster
Degree: M.A. in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology
Master's Defense: August 20, 2018
Report: Interpreting stability from forest diameter distributions with maximum likelihood

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