



Department of
**Ecology and Evolutionary
Biology**



Summer
Graduates **2017**

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

Michael David Thai



Faculty Mentor: James Thorp

Degree: M.A. in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

Master's Defense: May 30, 2017

Thesis Title: A macroecological approach to understanding drivers of riverine fish community composition

Emily Rae Arsenault

Faculty Mentor: Jim Thorp

Degree: M.A. in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

Master's Defense: June 23, 2017

Thesis Title: Basal carbon sources supporting fish food webs in terminal basin rivers

Currently enrolled in the doctoral program in Ecology and Evolutionary Biology at the University of Kansas



Doctor of Philosophy Graduate

Kayla Marie Kolis

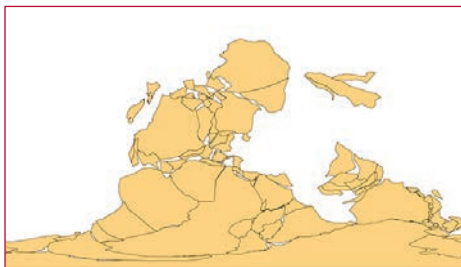
Faculty Mentor: Bruce Lieberman

Degree: M.A. in Ecology & Evolutionary Biology

Master's Defense: June 2, 2017

Thesis Title: The biogeography and macroevolutionary trends of Late Paleozoic Cephalopods in the North American Midcontinent Sea: Understanding the response of marine organisms to changing climate during the Late Paleozoic Ice Age

Seeking employment with the Department of Natural Resources and EPA



Taro Eldredge

Faculty Mentor: Michael Engel

Degree: Ph.D. in Entomology

Dissertation Defense: June 1, 2017

Dissertation title: Morphological and molecular insights into aleocharine rove beetle evolution