

New Gators are Roaming Our Halls



Dr. Seonghee Lee welcomes three additions to his lab. First Dr. Saket Chandra, Postdoc from India. His research will be strawberry genome assembly and providing Bioinformatics service for UF strawberry breeding to develop perfect Florida strawberries. He'll arrive Labor Day weekend. Next we have Ronald Tapia, PhD student (HOS department) from Philippines. His research will be genetic analysis and searching for genes for powdery mildew resistance in cultivated strawberry. And finally, Dr. Youngjae Oh, Postdoc from South Korea. His research will be searching for resistance genes for angular leaf spot which is the only bacterial disease in strawberry.



Two other new faces include Julia Gatto, pictured here on the left. Julia is a student intern working for Dr. Natalia Peres. On the left is a new postdoc working with Dr. Justin Renkema. Dr. Karol Krey is originally from Ocala and received her PhD from Washington State University. Welcome to all our new GCREC staff members!



Congratulations to new parents Nicole Billera and Matt Brown and welcome to their beautiful Layah Jayne. She arrived 8/19 and weighed 7lbs 10oz. You can tell from these photos she already has her doting parents wrapped around her tiny baby finger!

Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere. ~Chinese Proverb

Check out the GCREC Seminar for Postdoctoral Researchers and Graduate Students happening every other week on Thursdays at 11:30 a.m. in the north side of the auditorium. Everyone is welcome to attend. Learn what our PostDocs and grad students are dedicating their lives to during these informative seminars. Keevan MacKenzie is shown here giving his seminar. Great practice for the students as well. Watch for emails announcing the next seminar.



Go Blue and Orange—Homecoming is Friday, October 6 and *we will be closed*. University of Florida Football vs LSU. Snoop Dog in concert...oh dear! And many more Alumni and student events Friday and Saturday. ***Go Gators!***



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This event is coming up in October- registration open now. Camp Bayou will conduct the children's sessions on Saturday:
<http://www.floridabirdingandnaturefestival.org/2017KidsActivities.html>

More Gator Perks for You!

If you enjoy museums when you travel, you should take advance of the discounted membership for the Florida Museum of Natural History at Powell Hall. Employees can get a discount of 10% on Individual Membership through supporting level memberships. Membership grants free admission to the Butterfly Rainforest and Featured Exhibits. To redeem: Present Gator1 ID at time of purchase. Visit <http://www.flmnh.ufl.edu/membership> for more information.

But wait! That's not all! Your membership includes free or reduced admission to more than 300 museums worldwide as a member of the ASTC Passport program. The Association of Science and Technology Centers Passport Program allows members to sample some of the world's most exciting science centers and museums when on vacation or visiting family and friends – and save money while doing it. Florida Museum members receive reciprocal benefits to all other participating ASTC Passport Program science centers or museums around the world – currently more than 300 institutions in more than a dozen countries. What a deal!

Reminder about Human Resources Available to all Faculty and Staff

U Matter, We Care is an umbrella for care-related programs and resources for students and employees. It includes a program to train people to recognize the signs of distress and to provide help and other resources. **Visit www.umatter.ufl.edu for more information.**

The Employee Assistance Program (EAP) provides employees with free and confidential consultation with licensed mental health professionals. The EAP also can facilitate workshops and trainings for groups, addressing topics such as stress management. **To contact the EAP, please call (352) 392-5787, email eaphelp@shcc.ufl.edu, or visit eap.ufl.edu.** Similarly, the University of Florida’s Counseling and Wellness Center is available for students. See counseling.ufl.edu for more information.

UF’s information line, which serves to dispel rumors and provide the latest information and UF news, may be reached by calling **1-866-UF-FACTS**.

In cases of emergency, the university will continue to utilize the **UF Alert system**. To ensure you are receiving news and updates, now is a good time to verify your emergency contact information in the myUFL system. To do so, login to myUFL (my.ufl.edu) and navigate to Main Menu > My Account > Update Emergency Contact. Scroll to the bottom of the page to select the correct UF Alert Preference.

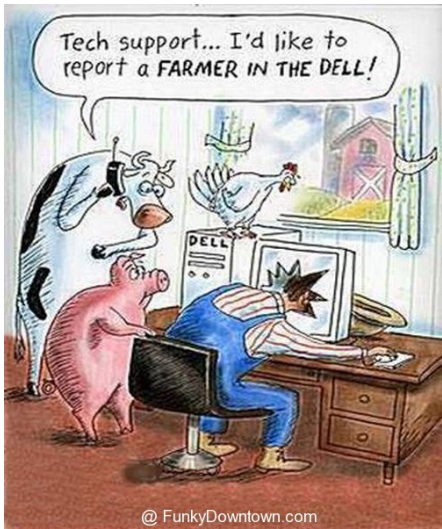
UF’s Emergency Management Office is another great resource for information. The scenarios on its “Take Action” page address a variety of emergencies about which all UF faculty and staff should be informed. **Visit emergency.ufl.edu.**

The university’s **Ombuds program** serves as a confidential resource and neutral party for those who may have a university-related concern, problem, or just want to talk privately about a UF policy or procedure. The Ombuds for students and staff may be reached at (352) 392-1308. Faculty may contact the Office of the Faculty Ombuds at (352) 273-1708 or ombuds-faculty@ad.ufl.edu, and faculty in the College of Medicine may contact the College of Medicine Faculty Ombuds at stonek@ufl.edu.

Faculty and staff who wish to report a specific concern may do so anonymously via the **UF Compliance Hotline at 1-877-556-5356** or online via UF’s Reporting System.

UF Employee Relations also is available to assist with complaints. That office may be reached at **(352) 392-1075** or by emailing hremprel@ad.ufl.edu.

Reports of sexual harassment, sexual assault, sexual misconduct, dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking should be directed to the University’s Title IX Coordinator at rfroman@ufl.edu.



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Boyd and Deng Receive Special Recognition



Congratulations to Drs. Nathan Boyd and Zhanao Deng both have been awarded University Term Professorship awards. These three year professorships are given to recognize and reward faculty achievements. The review committee was impressed with their performances and potential for sustained and future accomplishments.

How did they get this honor? Dr. Boyd’s research program works diligently to find solutions to problems currently faced by the horticultural industry but at the same time develop new technologies and practices for the future that have the potential to improve the environmental and economic sustainability of Florida agriculture.

Over the last 5 years, Dr. Deng’s research and extension program has garnered over \$3.4 million in funds to support research and extension efforts for the benefit of the Florida ag industry. These efforts have generated 12 new cultivars, 21 peer-reviewed publications, 3 book chapters, and 39 published abstracts.

This is just a small example of the many accomplishments and contributions from both of these fine faculty members.

Congratulations to them both!

September Birthdays

- 1 Shaun Sharpe
- 3 Curtis Nagle
- 3 Vinny Nquyen
- 4 Gary Vallad
- 6 Hehe Wang
- 8 Gail Bowman
- 9 Jose Diaz
- 10 Justin Carter
- 17 Xingdong Wang
- 22 Hector Torres
- 24 Deepak Shrestha



- Need something to celebrate this month? September is—***
- Better Breakfast Month
 - Food Safety Education Month
 - National Childhood Obesity Awareness Month
 - Hydrocephalus Awareness Month
 - National Italian Cheese Month
 - Pain Awareness Month
 - National Preparedness Month
 - National Prostate Cancer Awareness Month
 - National Prostate Health Month
 - National Sickle Cell Awareness Month
 - National Yoga Month