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January Calendar of Events

New Year's Day Holiday	Jan	2
Early Registration Deadline for Southern Division APS	Jan	2
Martin Luther King Day – University Holiday	Jan	16
OSU Classes Begin	Jan	17
Faculty Meeting	Jan	20
Paper and Poster Deadline for Joint NCB/SWB ESA Meeting	Jan	25

February Calendar of Events

Candidate Interviews for Horticultural Plant Pathologist	Feb	9-10
Southern Division APS Meeting	Feb	13-16
Candidate Interviews for Horticultural Plant Pathologist	Feb	13-14
Candidate Interviews for Horticultural Plant Pathologist	Feb	16-17

Special Notices

Sincere sympathy is expressed to **Yang Wang** whose mother died in December from an extended illness.

Sincere sympathy is expressed to **Gideon Morris** on the unexpected death of his brother, Noah Morris, who died on December 17 in his dorm room on the OSU campus. Noah was a sophomore majoring in creative writing.

New Face

Dr. Maira Duffeck is the new Row Crop Pathologist with a 70% Extension and 30% Research appointment and began her position on January 9. She will initially work on soybeans and peanuts, eventually including other field crops except wheat. Dr. Duffeck received her B.S. degree in Agronomy from the Instituto Federal Catarinense in Santa Catarina, Brazil in 2014 and her Ph.D. degree in Plant Pathology from the Federal University of Viçosa, Viçosa, Minas Gerais, Brazil in 2020. She was a Visiting Scholar in Plant Pathology at Pennsylvania State University, State College, Pennsylvania from 2019 to 2020, and was a Postdoctoral Scholar in Plant Pathology at The Ohio State University, Wooster Campus prior to coming to OSU.

New Graduate Students

Augustine Bosomtwe is beginning his Ph.D. candidacy with **Dr. George Opit**. His research will focus on the biological control of psocids using the warehouse pirate bug, *Xylocoris flavipes*. Augustine received his B.S. in Agriculture and his M.S. in Crop Protection (Entomology), both from Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology in Kumasi, Ghana, in 2014 and 2018, respectively. He was most recently a Researcher for the Council for Scientific and Industrial Research – Plant Genetic Resources Research Institute (CSIR–PGRRI), in Bunso, Ghana, since March 2019.

Meg Gilliland is beginning her M.S. degree with **Dr. Bruce Noden**. Her research will focus on the identification of tick and potential tickborne pathogen hotspots in sites important for the Chickasaw tribe. Meg received her B.S. degree in Entomology from OSU in December 2022.

Lauren Vidal is beginning her M.S. degree with **Dr. Kris Giles**. Her research will focus on aphid natural enemy ecology. Lauren received her B.S. degree in Entomology from OSU in December 2022.

Rajat Sharma is beginning his M.S. degree with **Dr. Meriem Aoun**. His research will focus on stripe rust resistance in hard red winter wheat. Rajat received his B.S. degree in Agriculture and his M.S. degree in Genetics and Plant Breeding, both from Chaudhary Charan Singh Haryana Agricultural University in Hisar, India, in 2019 and 2021, respectively.

New Position

Dr. Melissa Reed is beginning her new position as a Postdoctoral Fellow in Scholarship of Teaching and Learning. This spring semester, she will be teaching ENTO 3001 Introduction to Entomological Research, ENTO 4484 Aquatic Entomology, and ENTO 4800 Entomology Practicum. Melissa received her B.S. degree in Biology from Rogers State University in Claremore, Oklahoma in 2009, her M.S. degree in Environmental Science from OSU in 2017, and her Ph.D. degree in Entomology and Plant Pathology from OSU in 2022 under the direction of **Dr. Wyatt Hoback**.

January Birthdays

Emmily Hood	January 6
Chao Xiong	January 6
Alex Harman	January 9
Mason Taylor	January 9
Jamie Eastep	January 10
Bob Hunger	January 14
Wyatt Ringer	January 17
John Damicone	January 21
Ken Jackson	January 22
Elizabeth Smith	January 22
Marietta Hoisington	January 29
Jack Milligan	January 29
Faith England	January 30
Finn Bergbower	January 31