

# HLA Happenings

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## Jeanine Arana Successfully Defended MS Thesis



Jeanine Arana and committee members Wenjing Guan (HLA), Stephen Meyers (HLA) and Bill Johnson (BTNY)

## Faculty Promotions Announced

A graphic with a dark background and gold text. At the top, it says "CONGRATULATIONS!" in large, bold letters, followed by "PROMOTED FACULTY MEMBERS" in smaller letters. Below this are three headshots of faculty members, each with their name and title underneath.

**DR. ELIZABETH MAYNARD**  
CLINICAL ENGAGEMENT PROFESSOR

**DR. KRISHNA NEMALI**  
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

**DR. AARON THOMPSON**  
ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR

Congratulations to our newly promoted faculty members!

**Dr. Elizabeth Maynard** to Clinical Engagement Professor

**Dr. Krishna Nemali** to Associate Professor

**Dr. Aaron Thompson** to Associate Professor

**Jeanine Arana** successfully defended her M.S. thesis entitled "Morningglory Interference with Triploid Watermelon and Cucurbit Tolerance to Fomesafen" on April 11. Congratulation, Jeanine!

## Ross Braun and Aaron Patton Published Two Research Articles

**Ross Braun** and **Aaron Patton** published two research articles now available:

Braun, R. C., & Patton, A. J. (2022). Species, clover-inclusion, and nitrogen fertilizer effects on sod tensile strength of fine fescue taxa. *Agronomy Journal*, online.

<https://doi.org/10.1002/agj2.21039>

Braun, R. C., Watkins, E., Hollman, A. B., Mihelich, N. T., & Patton, A. J. (2022). Management, harvest, and storage characteristics of low-input cool-season turfgrass sod mixtures. *Agronomy Journal*, online.

<https://doi.org/10.1002/agj2.21051>



## Wenjing Guan Presented at AeroFarms Cafe

**Wenjing Guan** is invited by AeroFarms to present at AeroFarms Café on April 19, 2022. AeroFarms is an indoor vertical farming company. AeroFarms Café is a forum where scientists from the company discuss ideas and technologies. Wenjing is invited to share her research about growing strawberries in high tunnel conditions.

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## HLA's Spring Fest

On a windy, chilly Saturday HLA's Spring Fest tent was abuzzed with excited attendees. Children and adults were lined up to get our famous plant necklaces. Our Purdue Extension Master Gardener Volunteers from Tippecanoe County recorded 350 educational contacts and 134 people taking the "Lawn Weed Challenge." Children of all ages learned about landscape architecture through models and coloring activities. And people took advantage of the plant sale in the HORT Greenhouse.

Thanks to the Purdue Student Farm Organization and the Purdue Horticulture Society for organizing the plant sale. Thanks to John Orick, Karen Mitchell, and the Tippecanoe County Extension Master Gardeners for organizing the "Lawn Weed Challenge," container gardening demonstrations, and answering lawn and garden questions from the public. Thanks to PASLA for organizing the modeling and coloring activities. Thanks to Dr. Linda Prokopy and our graduate student volunteers for helping out with the plant necklaces: Liang Tang, Xiaojin Wang, Patrick Oelschlager, Jeanine Arana, Vera Vukovic, Emmanuel Cooper, Katherine Pivaral, Sanchez Philocles. And thanks to Jamie Moffatt & Pam Fisher for organizing everything.



Sanchez Philocles, Katherine Pivaral, and Dr. Linda Prokopy helping out with the plant necklaces.



PASLA members teaching children about landscape architecture.



Purdue Extension Master Gardener's weed quiz set-up.



## Miranda Purcell Presented at the Commercial White Wine Workshop



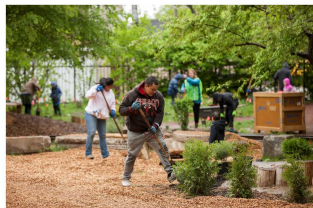
**Miranda Purcell** presented 'Spring Frost Mitigation Strategies' at the Commercial White Wine Workshop held by the Purdue Wine Grape Team at Mallow Run Winery in Bargersville, IN on April 11<sup>th</sup>.

## HLA Seminar Series – Dr. Ghulam Rasoul Samadi

Thursday, April 21 at 3:30pm via Zoom. Dr. Ghulam Rasoul Samadi – Kabul University; Professor of Horticulture. "Horticulture Industry in Afghanistan: The Current Situation and the Uncertain Future."

## 2022 Olinger Lecture

### SOCIALLY RESPONSIBLE LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE in CHICAGO



### 2022 Olinger Lecture

Guest Lecturers  
Rob Reuland & Camille Applewhite

Deans Auditorium PFEN 241  
April 21 @ 5:30 pm



The 2022 Olinger Lecture featuring Rob Reuland and Camille Applewhite will be on April 21 at 5:30 pm in the Dean's Auditorium, PFEN 241.

## College of Ag Food Drive

### 2022 COLLEGE OF AG FOOD DRIVE



HLA will be collecting food for the College of Ag Food Drive. There is a bin located outside the Main office for donations. We will be collecting items until April 22. A financial donation can also be made online at <https://www.gofundme.com/f/horticulture-and-landscape-architecture?fbclid=IwAR1WFZOZUq9xChuBbd4r7S2PkqXOay9081Hjxo-Mwv-gBZbj1Bz0zExikvo>.

## Diversity Lunch and Learn Series – Rwanda

### Diversity Lunch and Learn series is back!

Experience Culture and Culinary Diversity  
RSVP for the next event on April 18, 2022 (11:30 am to 1:00 pm, HORT 222) using this link [https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_eevTYvh08Sizjpc](https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eevTYvh08Sizjpc) before April 14



The event is organized by HLA Diversity Committee. Contact Krishna Nemali or Lori Jolly-Brown for questions

# Strawberry Field Day



## STRAWBERRY FIELD DAY

### Strawberry Field Day & Open House

Thursday, May 12, 2022, 1:30-4:00 pm EST

Southwest Purdue Ag Center,

4369 N. Purdue Road Vincennes, IN 47591

The tour is free, register  
[https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_dgK5N8VIs9m2cJWC](https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_dgK5N8VIs9m2cJWC)  
or call 812-886-0198  
If you have any questions, please contact  
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- Visit strawberry research at Southwest Purdue Agriculture Center; see strawberry production on a plastic culture system, in high tunnels, and in bench systems.
- Discuss season extension in strawberry production, and understand challenges faced by each production system.



This Strawberry field day is sponsored by Purdue University and North-Central Sustainable Agriculture Research and Education (NC-SARE). Project number LNC21-454.



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