

HLA Happenings

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Louisiana State University, and her Master of Science in Environmental Management and Science from Carnegie Mellon University. Among the places Erin has lived and worked include New Jersey, south Louisiana, Italy, Bhutan, and Australia. Her practice has been strongly influenced by the study of cultural phenomena on design, ecosystem services, and land stewardship in rural and urban environments. She emphasizes thoughtful discourse, scientific inquiry, and creative spirit as critical aspects for the design of meaningful places in the face of increasing pressures from climate change and biodiversity loss. She is a licensed landscape architect (NYS) and a writer for the Landscape Architect Registration Examination, which assesses the ability of prospective licensees to protect public health, safety, and welfare. Her past built projects include on-structure landscapes, historic properties, farms, urban waterfronts, and cultural institutions, and have been featured by Architectural Record, Landscape Architecture Magazine, Landezine International, and the Cultural Landscape Foundation. Her professional and academic work has been recognized by the Landscape Architecture Foundation, the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation, and national and state chapters of the American Society of Landscape Architects.

Welcome Erin Percevault!



The Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture welcomes **Erin Percevault**, Assistant Professor of Practice in Landscape Architecture.

Erin Percevault joins Purdue University as the Assistant Professor of Practice in Landscape Architecture. Before moving to the Midwest, she was based in New York City. She earned her professional degree, a Bachelor of Landscape Architecture, from

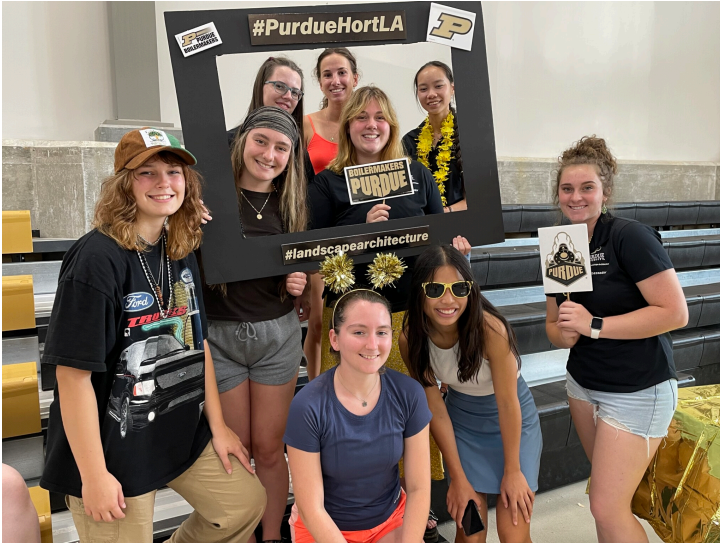
Welcome Back Taco Thursday



The HLA Department hosted the Welcome Back Taco Thursday Celebration on August 24 to welcome back our undergraduates

for the new school year. Students played corn hole, bingo, had photos taken at the Purdue-themed photo booth, and enjoyed a taco bar. Special guest, Associate Dean of Agriculture Christine Wilson joined in welcoming back our undergraduates as well.

Special thanks to **Robin Tribbett** for organizing the event. Thanks to Dr. **Linda Prokopy**, Dr. **Mike Dana**, Dr. **Kathryn Orvis**, **Sean Rotar**, and **Pam Fisher** for helping with set up. Thanks to Dr. **Cale Bigelow**, Dr. **Aaron Thompson**, **Erin Percevault**, and **Yiwei Huang** for joining in welcoming our students back.



HLA at the College of Agriculture's BGR Carnival



HLA members joined others from the College of Agriculture in welcoming incoming students at the College of Agriculture's Boiler Gold Rush Carnival. **Gloribel Rosales-Burdin**, Dr. **Mike**

Dana, and Dr. **Kathryn Orvis** gave away goodies and answered any questions about the department.

Bidding Farewell to Jamie Moffatt



On August 10, HLA bid farewell to **Jamie Moffatt**, who left for a new position at the College of Pharmacy's Office of Graduate Programs and Research. We wish her all the best in her new position.

Becky Stevenson Recognized as College of Ag Superhero

College of Agriculture's Dean Bernie Engel recognized **Becky Stevenson** last week as the College of Ag Superhero. Dean Engel wrote:

Colleagues point to her attention to detail, willingness to ask questions and ability to be proactive as great assets as building deputy, especially during the construction currently taking place in Whistler.

Thank you, Becky, for your commitment to ensuring faculty, staff and students have a safe and productive work environment.

Nemali Lab Published New Article

Nemali lab published an article titled "[Connecting the dots: Path model to identify key phenotypic traits for screening plants with tolerance to nitrogen deficiency](#)" in Plos One.

The published research compared several physiological traits at the cellular, leaf, and whole-plant scales in nitrogen sensitive and tolerant poinsettia cultivars exposed to both optimal and N-deficient conditions, and developed path models that sequentially connect the traits at different scales for identifying key trait(s) with positive effects on tolerance to low nitrogen fertilizer

application rates.

HLA Graduate Students Awarded with Dr. Stephen Weller Travel Grants

Congratulations to the following HLA graduate students for receiving the Dr. Stephen Weller Travel Grant:



George Meyer (Widhalm Lab) - \$500 to attend the 2024 American Society for Horticulture Science in Honolulu, HI.



Jeanine Arana (Meyers Lab) - \$1,000 to attend the 9th International Weed Science Congress in Jerusalem, Israel in 2024.



Josue Cerritos (Meyers Lab) - \$500 to attend the Weed Science Society of America Annual Meeting in San Antonio, TX in 2024.



Emmanuel Cooper (Meyers Lab) - \$500 to attend the North Central Weed Science Society Annual Meeting in Minneapolis, MN in 2023.



Vera Vukovic (Patton Lab) - \$1,000 to attend the 9th International Weed Science Congress in Jerusalem, Israel in 2024.

HLA Graduate Student Cookout



The HLA Graduate Students hosted a welcome back barbecue on August 17.



Welcome Mya Hagerty and Alessandra Baravaglia!



Yiwei Huang's Lab welcome two new members, a Master of Science of Landscape System and Design student, **Mya Hagerty**, and a visiting scholar from Tuscany, Italy, **Alessandra Baravaglia**.

Mya graduated with an undergraduate degree in Brain & Behavioral Sciences this past spring from Purdue University and is excited to combine her interests in a unique way in HLA. Alessandra holds a master's degree in economics science - Production Systems Territory and Sustainability. She has an in-depth understanding of environmental issues in the local economic system, and she is passionate about ecosystem services, green urban areas, and urban food production. Welcome to HLA, Mya and Alessandra!

Welcome Lidysce Andrea Mata!



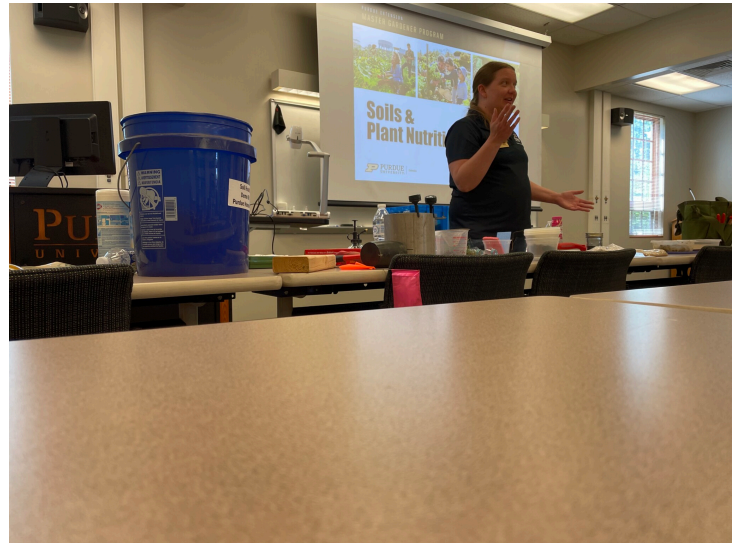
Lidysce Andrea Mata is a new visiting scholar in the **Meyers' weed science lab**. She was born and raised in Honduras, where she's currently senior undergrad student at Zamorano University. She joined the Meyers' lab to fulfill a "professional experience" requirement to graduate from the Agricultural Sciences and Production major at Zamorano University, but also because she is deeply passionate about Horticulture production. In the near term, she aims to get all the possible knowledge in all aspects of weed science, collaborating closely with the weed science lab team. Her ultimate aspiration is to pursue a graduate degree in Horticulture, while nurturing a vision to make a meaningful scientific contribution that extends to her homeland, benefiting both her country and the realm of science.

Purdue Wine Grape Team Hosted USDA Managers



The **Purdue Wine Grape Team** hosted the USDA District 1 Managers for a vineyard harvest demonstration followed by a campus tour.

Purdue Extension Master Gardener Program Hosts Train-the-Trainer



John Orick, Karen Mitchell, and Pam Fisher hosted a **Purdue Extension Master Gardener** Train-the-Trainer for Extension Educators August 25, 2023 at the Daniel Turfgrass Center. Laura Ingwell and Elizabeth Long from Entomology went over their presentation on Insect ID and Control for Master Gardener Basic Training, and Karen Mitchell and Carey Grable (Marion County Horticulture Extension Educator) explained the presentation on Soils and Plant Nutrition.

2024 HLA Fall Seminar - Dr. Petrus Langenhoven and Chris Adair - "Activities and Updates at the Purdue Student Farm"

2023 HLA Fall Seminar

Dr. Petrus Langenhoven
Director, Purdue Student Farm

Horticulture/Hydroponic Crop Specialist, Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, Purdue University
and Chris Adair

Student Farm Manager, Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, Purdue University

Thursday September 7th, at 3:30pm, HORT117
or join via Zoom.



“Activities and Updates at the Purdue Student Farm”

Abstract:

The Purdue Student Farm, managed by the Department of Horticulture and Landscape Architecture, has come a long way since it moved from its original location to Cherry Lane in 2017. Today, the farm occupies 3.5 acres of land. We sustainably produce food for 100 CSA (Community Supported Agriculture) members while educating the next generation of vegetable producers. The Student Farm is the outdoor lab for the Sustainable Food and Farming Systems major in HLA, and we also host several other classes during the semester. We facilitate the research of several Extension Specialists and Graduate Students and host the annual Small Farm Education Field Day. We have great partnerships with the Cultural Centers on campus and work diligently with ACE and FoodFinders in support of the campus community. The Student Farm truly embodies the three missions of a land-grant university. The seminar will highlight the farm's successes, challenges, and opportunities.

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