

HLA Happenings

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Staff Promotions



We are delighted to announce 3 staff promotions effective January 1. Please join us in congratulating them all!

Chris Adair has been promoted from Farm Operations Manager to Senior Farm Operations Manager in recognition of his leadership at the Purdue Student Farm, including overseeing the successful CSA program, leading applied research at the farm, mentoring other small farmers in Indiana, and teaching and mentoring undergraduate students.

Kyle Daniel has been promoted from Lead Extension Administrator to Principal Extension Administrator in recognition of his incredible expertise and leadership in the nursery and landscape industry both in Indiana and regionally.

Lori Jolly-Brown has been promoted from Senior Events Coordinator to Lead Events Coordinator in recognition of her seamless execution of numerous Extension events and her essential role in the department's Extension programming.

Li and Dudareva Lab featured in two recent Purdue Agriculture Press Releases

Purdue Agriculture Communications released two stories on the work of Dr. **Ying Li**, Dr. **Natalia Dudareva**, and their labs.

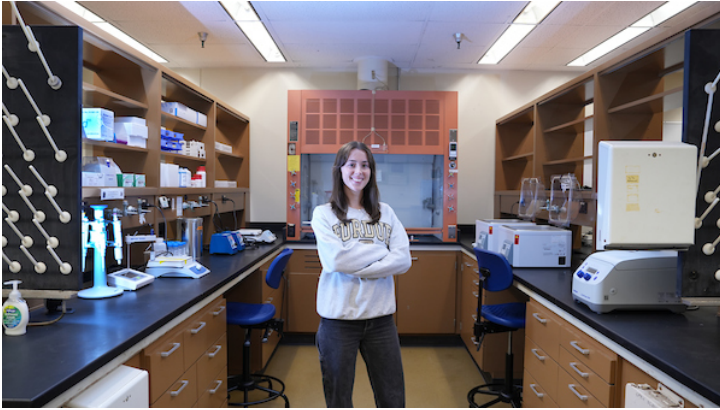


["Plant metabolism proves more complicated than previously understood"](#) highlights the recent opinion piece published in Trends in Plant Science with co-author Erich Grotewold (Michigan State University): ["Enough is enough: feedback control of specialized metabolism."](#)



["Stop and smell the volatile secondary metabolites"](#) features the recently published research in New Phytologist: ["Rhythmic histone acetylation acts in concert with day-night oscillation of the floral volatile metabolic network."](#)

HLA Undergraduate Student Lauren Harmon Featured in Purdue Ag Story



HLA Undergraduate student **Lauren Harmon** was featured in a Purdue Agriculture story about how her access to research labs helped overcome her lack of agriculture experience and how it helped her decide to major in Horticulture: [Access to research helps undergraduate student find her fit.](#)

Kyle Daniel Receives NACTA Teaching Award



Kyle Daniel was awarded the Teaching Award of Merit from the North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture (NACTA).

Dr. Moriah Bilenky Awarded Grants



Moriah Bilenky and her team was awarded an organic center grant to study the relationship among above and belowground diversity and farm economics as affected by integrated crop-livestock systems.

Her team was also awarded an internal grant to write a review paper on integrated crop livestock systems.

Karen Mitchell Interviewed by Indianapolis Star



Karen Mitchell, consumer horticulture extension specialist, reassures gardeners in an Indy Star article, "[Here's what Indiana's sub-zero forecast means for your garden.](#)" Mitchell emphasizes the resilience of Indiana perennials to extreme cold, but mentions that winter injury may occur and should be assessed in April and May. She advocates a

proactive prevention strategy for protecting plants from winter injury, such as keep plants well-watered until the ground freezes and maintaining mulch to a depth of 2-3 inches.

HLA Members Presenting at Indiana Green Expo Next Week

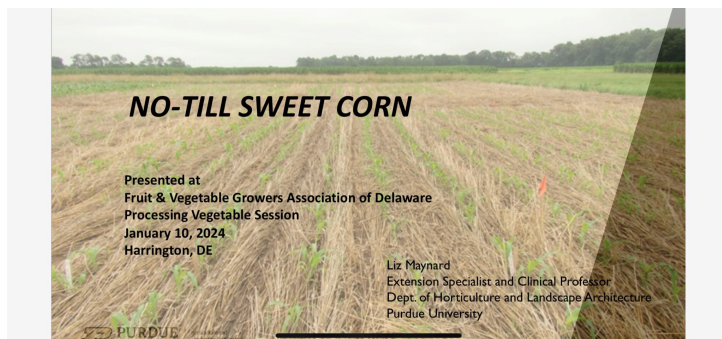
Indiana Green Expo will be held January 17-19, 2024 at the Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis. Many HLA members will be presenting, including Naba Amgain, Cale Bigelow, Kyle Daniel, Maria Camila Ulloa Gomez, Brandon McNally, Aaron Patton, Jada Powlen, Vera Vukovic, and Jean Pierre Zavala. More information on the Indiana Green Expo can be found at <https://indianagreenexpo.com/>.

Katherine Pivaral Presented at International Development Working Group



Katherine Pivaral presented at the International Development Working Group at IPIA on January 10. She presented her experience during her Summer 2023 internship in Honduras and Guatemala.

Liz Maynard Presented at Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association of Delaware Annual Meeting



Liz Maynard presented “No-till Sweet Corn” on January 10th in the Processing Vegetables Session at the Fruit and Vegetable Growers Association of Delaware Annual Meeting in Harrington, Delaware.

Dr. Wenjing Guan Presented at Two Conferences

Wenjing Guan participated in the Kentucky Fruit and Vegetable Conference and gave two presentations on Jan. 2-4 in Bowling Green, KY.

Wenjing will participate in the Great Plains Growers Conference and give two presentations on Jan. 12-13 in St. Joseph, MO.

HLA Bowling Team

Our team **Good Thyme Gang** played against **The PurDudes** Monday afternoon at Mike Aulby’s Arrowhead Bowl for Week 17 of the Purdue Staff and Students league. We won 6 out of the 8 points, moving our team up from 5th to 3rd place and tied with 2 other teams.

In the Women’s category: **Alexandra Jewell** placed 1st with scratch game scoring a 195 and placed 2nd with scratch series scoring a 519.

No placements in the Men’s Category.

Come out and bowl with us!

We bowl 3 games on Monday nights at 6:30pm. All Purdue faculty, staff, students, and retirees are welcome. If you would like to bowl with us for a session during the season, please email **Alexandra Jewell** at jewell4@purdue.edu.

HLA Spring 2024 Seminar Series



College of Agriculture

Department of Horticulture & Landscape Architecture

HLA 2024 Spring Seminar Series

Date & Host	Seminars	
February 1 Widhalm	Dr. Craig Schenck – University of Missouri Assistant Professor, Biochemistry <i>“Evolution of plant chemical diversity : gene co-option, enzyme promiscuity, and pathway sequestration.”</i>	Department of Horticulture & Landscape Architecture
February 8	Olinger Lecture 5:30 PM PFEN 241	
February 15	Dr. Krishna Nemali -Purdue University Horticulture and Landscape Architecture *TBD*	
February 22 Sullivan	Dr. Bryan Pijanowski –Purdue University Professor, Forestry and Natural Resources *TBD*	Spring 2024 Seminar Series
February 29 Li	Dr. Ryan Patrick –Purdue University Research Associate, Li Lab, Horticulture and Landscape Architecture *TBD*	Thursdays 3:30pm to 4:30pm in HORT 117
March 21 Prokopy	Dr. Lailiang Cheng –Cornell University Professor, School of Integrative Plant Science, Horticulture Section *TBD*	Coffee and light snacks will be provided!
March 28 Bilenky	Dr. Kristine Lang – South Dakota State University Associate Professor Horticulture and Landscape Architecture *TBD*	
April 4	Dr. Stephen Meyers -Purdue University Associate Professor, Horticulture and Landscape Architecture *TBD*	Join Via Zoom
April 11 Jairam Danao	Dr. Stanton Gelvin – Purdue University H. Edwin Umbarger Distinguished Professor, Biological Sciences *TBD*	
April 18 Gomez	Drew Koschmann –Walters Gardens Head Grower *TBD*	

Registration is now open: <https://indianahortconference.org/>

Indiana Hort Conference and Expo



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CONFERENCE
& EXPO

Please join us

January 22-23, 2024

REGISTRATION OPENS NOVEMBER 1

Hendricks County Fairgrounds
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TRADE SHOW • SOCIAL & NETWORKING EVENTS
SILENT AUCTION • CIDER CONTEST

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Purdue Small Farm Education Field Day



SAVE THE DATE

**PURDUE SMALL FARM
EDUCATION FIELD DAY**

JULY 25, 2024
at the Purdue Student Farm
<https://www.purdue.edu/hla/sites/studentfarm/events/>

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Purdue Landscape Report: <https://www.purduelandscape.org>

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