

HLA Happenings

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LA Career Fair a Resounding Success



The annual landscape architecture career fair was held on February 09 in the South Ballroom of the Purdue Memorial Union. With 42 firms from 13 different states in attendance and over 300 student interviews scheduled, the event was a resounding success. The majority of firm representatives are alumni of the LA program so the event felt like a homecoming celebration.

[View more photos](#) from the career fair.

Meyers Lab Featured in New AgComm Article



Stephen Meyers and the **Horticulture Crops Weed Science Lab** were featured in an article released on February 15. Thank you to Lindsey Berebitsky for writing the piece, Tom Campbell for the accompanying photos, and Joshua Widhalm for suggesting the story to AgComm.

The article is available here: [Returning to his roots: Stephen Meyers and the land-grant mission \(purdue.edu\)](#)

To learn more about Meyers' views on the importance of the Land Grant Mission, be sure to attend his HLA Seminar "Research, Teach, Extend... Repeat" on April 4 at 3:30 PM.

HLA Members Attend Midwest Cover Crop Council Meeting

Petrus Langenhoven, Nathan Shoaf, **Liz Maynard**, **Ashley Adair**, **Stephen Meyers**, **Jeanine Arana**, and **Emmanuel Cooper** attended and presented at the Midwest Cover Crop Council meeting, which took place on February 13-14, 2024, in Indianapolis.

Oral presentations for the Specialty Crops session. Presentation titles and authors:



"Sweet Pepper Variety Performance in Response to Soil Health Management" – P. Langenhoven & N. Shoaf



"Cover Crops For Weed Management in Vegetables" – S. Meyers

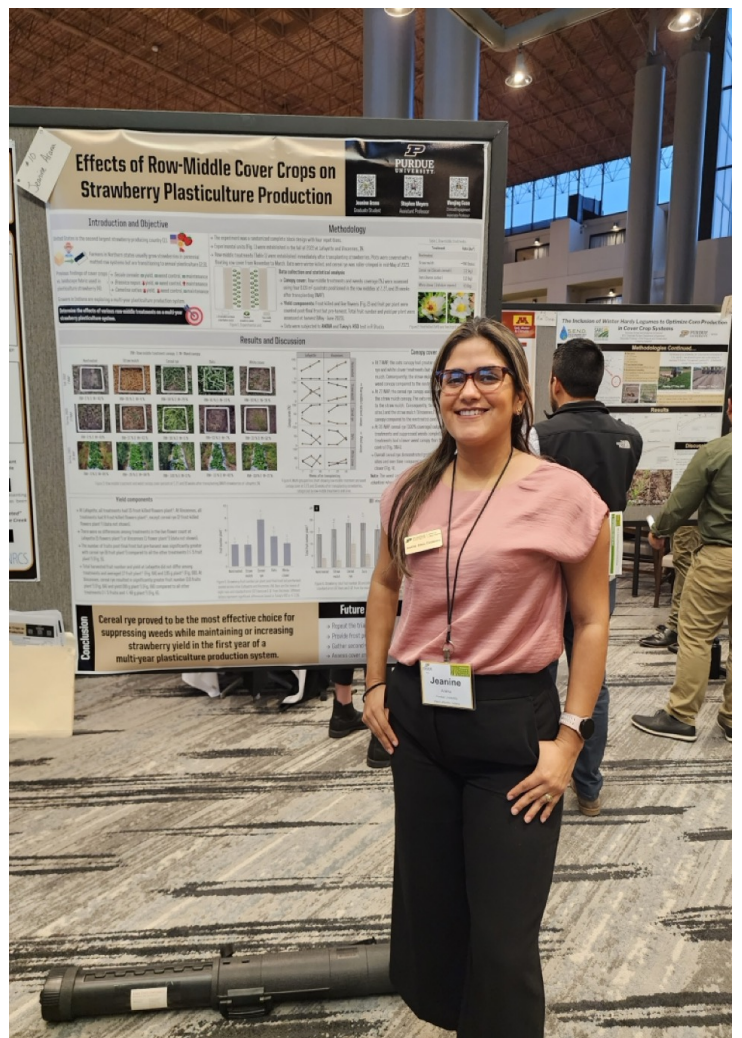


"Managing No-Till Pumpkins with Cove Crops" – L. Maynard & N. Johanning

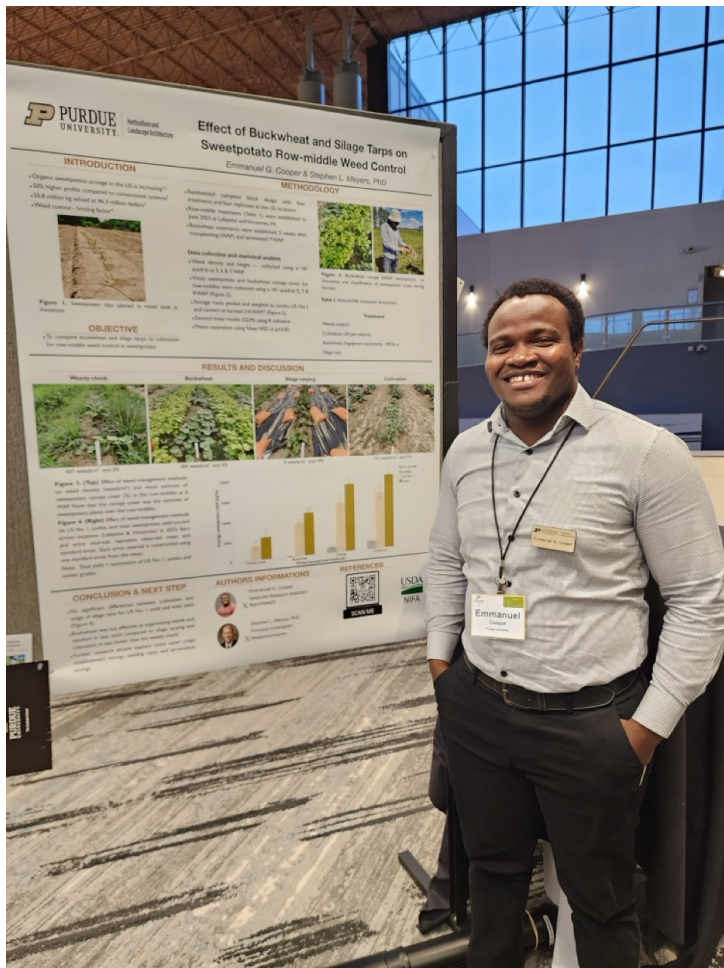


"Getting the Best of Your Cover Crops Strategy" – A. Adair

Poster presentations for the Grad Students poster session.
Presentation titles and authors:



"Effects of Row-Middles Cover Crops on Strawberry Plasticulture Production" – J. Arana, S. Meyers & W. Guan



“Effect of Buckwheat and Silage Tarps on Sweetpotato Row-Middle Weed Control” – E. Cooper & S. Meyers



Congratulations to Emmanuel Cooper for his remarkable achievement as the exclusive \$500 grand prize recipient, the ultimate recognition in the poster session competition!

Purdue Ag Published Interview with Karen Sullivan



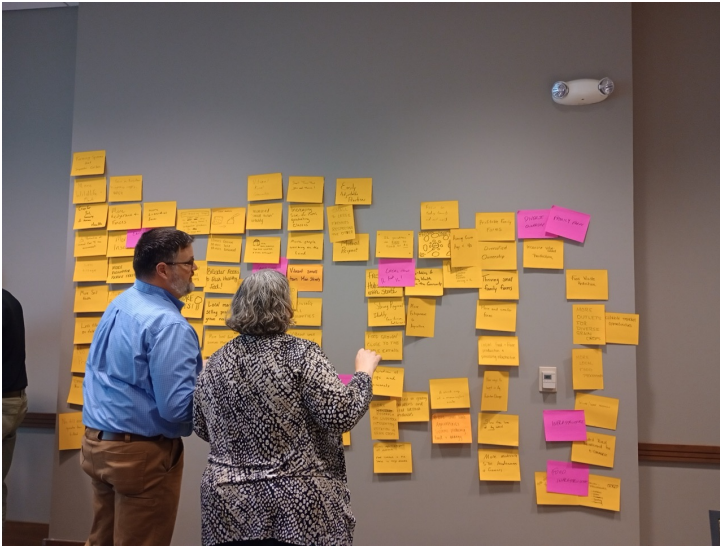
Purdue Agriculture published an interview with **Karen Sullivan** in the lead up to Valentine’s Day. In the interview Karen offers tips on crafting the perfect in-season flower bouquet: [The art and science of crafting a flower bouquet: Q & A with Karen Sullivan.](#)

HLA Senior Stephen Mills Featured in Purdue Ag Story



Purdue Agriculture published a story and video on undergraduate Stephen Mills non-traditional route to HLA: [The benefits of going back — Stephen Mills’ nontraditional transfer experience.](#)

Diverse Corn Belt Team Conducted Meeting in Illinois



HLA's **Diverse Corn Belt Team (Linda Prokopy, Aaron Thompson, Ishraq Awashra, Lauren Asprooth, and Emily Usher)** conducted a successful "Reimagining Agricultural Diversification" meeting with farmers, advisors and other ag stakeholders in Champaign, Illinois.



Hoagland Lab Presents at North American Plant Phenotyping Network Conference



Hoagland Lab members **Kathleen Zapf, Henrique Feiler, Lily**

Berry and Marian Luis attended the North American Plant Phenotyping Network (NAPPN) Annual Conference at the Purdue Memorial Union this week. Marian, Lily and Henrique presented posters and Kathleen, Lily and Henrique presented 3-minute talks on their research which took place at Purdue's Ag Alumni Phenotyping Facility (AAPF).

Peter Hirst Presented at the International Development Working Group Meeting



Peter Hirst presented at the International Development Working Group meeting on the topic "Support to Traditional Cultural Practices in Northern Iraq" on February 14. The International Development Working Group (IDWG) is a collection of faculty, staff and students who share an interest in international development. Meetings of the group are hosted by IPIA and provide an informal venue to share news and information about projects in progress, issues of shared interest, and opportunities on the horizon. It is a chance to brainstorm about projects and proposals, and simply meet and connect with others who share an interest in international development. Anyone from the campus community is welcome to attend. Click here to join the mailing list:

https://purdue.ca1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_bDuhrZQ9j4zjdMq

Nemali Lab Published Research Article



Nemali's lab published a research article in the Journal of the Science of Food and Agriculture titled "Minimizing Escherichia coli O157:H7 contamination in indoor farming: effects of cultivar type and ultra-violet light quality". The article is open access and

available for download at this link:
<https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/jsfa.13303>.

Peter Hirst Co-Publishes Paper



Along with colleagues at Purdue and the University of Duhok in Iraq, **Peter Hirst** published the paper:

M'Sadeq, S.A., F.A. Omer, H.M. Abdullah, N.I. Mohammed, N.S. Mizzouri, M.A. Russell, A.J. Dickson and P.M. Hirst. 2023. The reality of agricultural extension activities in the Nineveh plain region post liberation (2017-2023). *Mesopotamia Journal of Agriculture*. 51:22-36. [10.33899/MJA.2023.142005.1257](https://doi.org/10.33899/MJA.2023.142005.1257)

HLA Grad Students Climb to the Top



HLA Graduate students went rock climbing at the COREC thanks to the HLA Social Committee. They had a challenging and fun time!

Grad students said that "HLA Rocks!"



HLA's Coffee and Conversation



HLA's Social Committee hosted the first coffee and conversation of the year on February 14. In addition to coffee from Tom's Traveling Coffee Truck, there were games and craft activities provided as well. Many thanks to the Social Committee

for organizing the event.

HLA Bowling Team

1-Good Thyme Gang			Week 22 Lane 21				
Avg	Name	HDCP	1	2	3	Total	
177	Alexandra Jewell	47	213	177	165	555	
125	Ashley Adair	94	138	158	144	440	
168	Chris Adair	55	147	168	148	463	
128	Robert Luecke	91	129	123	126	378	
114	Emily Usher	104					
97	Wil Brown	119					
Won		Total	627	627	626	583	1836
Lost		Handicap	287	287	287	287	861
		HDCP Total	914	913	870	2697	

Our team **Good Thyme Gang** played against **Bowling Problem** Monday afternoon at Mike Aulby's Arrowhead Bowl for Week 22 of the Purdue Staff and Students league. We won 6 out of the 8 points, resulting in a tie for 2nd place.

In the Women's category: **Alexandra Jewell** placed 1st in scratch game scoring a 213, placed 1st in scratch series scoring a 555, and placed 3rd in handicap game with a 260.

Ashley Adair placed 3rd with handicap series scoring a 722.

No placements in the Men's Category.

Only a few weeks left!

We bowl 3 games on Monday nights starting 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.

2024 HLA Spring Seminar Series Schedule (Updated)

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 - Lydia Gikas Cook Senior Associate, Reed Hilderbrand LLC, Landscape Architecture 5:30 PM PFEN 241	
February 15	Dr. Krishna Nemali - Purdue University Horticulture and Landscape Architecture *TBD*	Spring 2024 Seminar Series
February 22 Sullivan	Dr. Bryan Pijanowski - Purdue University Professor, School of Natural Resources *TBD*	
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 <small>Unless otherwise noted</small>
March 21 Prokopy	Dr. Liliang Cheng - Cornell University Professor, School of Integrative Plant Science, Horticulture Section *TBD*	
March 28 Bilenky	Dr. Kristine Lang - South Dakota State University Assistant Professor, Horticulture and Landscape Architecture *TBD*	Coffee and light snacks will be provided!
April 4	Dr. Stephen Meyers - Purdue University Assistant Professor, Horticulture and Landscape Architecture <i>"Research, Teach, Extend... Repeat"</i>	
April 11 Jairam Danao	Dr. Stanton Gelvin - Purdue University H. Edwin Umbarger Distinguished Professor, Biological Sciences *TBD*	Join Via Zoom Contact Rebecca Stevenson (stevendra@purdue.edu) for Zoom Link.
April 18 Gomez	Drew Koschmann - Walters Gardens Head Grower *TBD*	

The February 22 Seminar with Dr. Bryan Pijanowski has been canceled.

Fruit Pruning Workshop



PURDUE UNIVERSITY Extension

PRUNING WORKSHOP

Fruit Diseases - Grape Pruning - Apple/Pear Pruning - Bramble Pruning

FEBRUARY 28TH, 2024 1:00-4:30
MARCH 20TH, 2024 1:00-4:30 (WEATHER DATE)

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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/>

PRESENTED BY:
PURDUE UNIVERSITY Horticulture and Landscape Architecture

Purdue Fruit and Vegetable Field Day

SAVE THE DATE

Purdue Fruit and Vegetable Field Day

THURSDAY, JULY 18, 2024
Purdue Meigs Ag Center
9101 S 100 E, Lafayette, IN 47909



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Newsletters:

Facts for Fancy Fruits: <https://fff.hort.purdue.edu>

Vegetable Crops Hotline: <https://vegcropshotline.org/>

Purdue Landscape

Report: <https://www.purduelandscapeport.org>

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