Animal Sciences Graduate Seminar – Kim Vonnahme, Coordinator

Speaker: Dr. Greg Lardy, Animal Sciences Department Head and ANSC Faculty Panel

Topic: Use of Social Media and Panel Discussion on Ethics

Date/Time: Tuesday, September 10, 2013; 10:00 a.m.

Place: Hultz 104

This seminar is dedicated to showcasing professionalism in the Animal Sciences to our graduate (and undergraduate) students. Dr. Lardy will give a presentation on use of social media. Then we will have a faculty panel for questions and answers to address thoughts, concerns, and ideas with professionalism in our discipline – all are welcome to attend.

Interview Seminar

Candidate: Dr. Kimberly Greer, Assistant Professor, NDSU Center for Life Sciences and Applications

Topic: Application of Molecular Genetics in Research of Domestic Animal Production and Performance

Date/Time: Wednesday, September 11, 2013; 2:00 p.m.

Place: Hultz 104

Dr. Kimberly Greer received her B.S. (1992) degree, as well as her M.S. (1996) and Ph.D. (2002) degrees in genetics from Texas A&M University. She is currently with the NDSU Center for Life Sciences and Applications since December 2012. Her research centers on the role of genetics in canine aging.
**Animal Sciences Ag Olympics a Splash!**

*(photos by Eric Berg/Greg Lardy)*

The second Animal Sciences Ag Olympics and welcome back picnic event for students in Animal Science, Equine Science, and Veterinary Technology was held Wednesday, September 4, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at Shepperd Arena.

Approximately 160 students and a number of faculty and staff attended. Seven student organizations hosted events: Pre-Vet Club, Rodeo Club, Horsemen’s Association, Vet Tech Club, Saddle and Sirloin Club, Judging Club, and Collegiate Cattlewomen. Overall Ag Olympics winners were Wyatt Thompson (male) and Heather Kuntz (female).

A number of door prizes were handed out. Ipod winners were Aryn Parker, Katelyn Tharaldson, and Aaron Friedt.

A good time was had by all, especially those participating in the dunking booth!
Variety of Tools Available for Checkout from Ag Communication –  
Let’s Communicate newsletter, NDSU Ag Communication, September 2013, No. 212

If you’re looking for equipment to borrow, Ag Comm may have what you are looking for.

Two popular pieces are the **sound systems**. The sound systems are easy to use and set up. However, the Anchor audio system is a little easier to work with. Both systems produce high-quality sound. We can give you a quick lesson on the operation of both systems.

- The Fender audio system has two excellent speakers that can be set on the floor or mounted on tripods. The system has one plug-in microphone and one wireless. Extra microphones can be added for panel discussions. The sound quality is excellent and can be used in large- and small-crowd settings.
- The Anchor audio system is ideal for outdoor use because it runs on a battery that can last almost 16 hours. The system also can be plugged in. It has one speaker and two wireless microphones (hand-held and lavaliere).

The **business card scanner** also is a great tool that can automatically put information from business cards into your Outlook contacts.

Also available are video and still cameras, a laptop computer, easels, power strips, a telephone amplification unit, laser pointers, a printer, LCD projectors, overhead projectors, projector screens, slide projectors, projector stands, a public address system, tape recorders, tablecloths and table runners.

**Pull-up banners, tabletop displays, table runners and other displays and exhibits** also are available for checkout.

Check out the complete list at [http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/agcomm/equipment-checkout-list](http://www.ag.ndsu.edu/agcomm/equipment-checkout-list). Contact Linda McCaw at 231-7881 or linda.mccaw@ndsu.edu for more information or to check out equipment.

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Animal Sciences Faculty and Students Attend Perinatal Biology Symposium – Joel Caton and Kim Vonnahme (photo used with permission from Charles A. Ducsay, Associate Director, Center for Perinatal Biology)

Several ANSC graduate students and faculty attended the Aspen/Snowmass Perinatal Biology Symposium, “Fetal adaptations to maternal and placental dysfunction,” held in Snowmass, CO, August 24-27. This conference focused on developmental programming in livestock and humans. There were 87 people in attendance from all over the U.S. and world, including Canada, Netherlands, Norway, Sweden, and the United Kingdom.

Dr. Anna Grazul-Bilska served on the organizing committee, and Drs. Larry Reynolds and Kim Vonnahme served on the international scientific steering committee.

Several Animal Sciences graduate students received USDA travel awards for their presentations; including Casie Bass (advisors Grazul-Bilska and Redmer), Ely Camacho (advisor Vonnahme), and Derek Jia (advisors Caton and Reynolds).

The following poster presentations were presented by animal scientists from NDSU:


Dr. Sean Limesand (BS ’95, NDSU animal sciences) from the University of Arizona was also on the organizing committee and his lab presented posters and an oral presentation.

The next Perinatal Biology Symposium will be in 2016 and Dr. Kim Vonnahme is a member of the organizing committee.

**Anderson Presents Research**

Vern Anderson, Animal Sciences adjunct faculty member, presented feedlot research findings from studies at the Carrington Research Extension Center in Lethbridge, Alberta, on August 21, 2013, at a U.S. Grains Council meeting for cattle feeders and feedlot consultants in Western Canada.

The meeting focused on reduced fat in distiller’s grains and its use in barley based feedlot diets. The North Dakota Corn Council was a co-sponsor of the meeting attended by multiple ethanol manufactures, commodity brokers, cattle feeders and beef researchers.

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