PUBLICATIONS  The following are recent departmental publications:


TRAVELS  Amy Ganguli was in Washington, D. C. on September 2-7 to participate in NIFA review panel.

Derek Bailey presented several lectures/seminars on his research at Chico State University in Chico, California on September 7-12. He also met with Kasey DeAtley, NMSU alumnus, to discuss potential research collaboration.

Traveling to Gomez Palacio, Durango, Mexico on September 9-11 was Sergio Soto-Navarro. It was Ag Week at the Universidad Juarez del Estado de Durango and he gave an invited talk on the use of distiller grains on livestock feeding.

Ryan Ashley was invited to give a seminar on his laboratory research to the Animal Science Department at the University of Connecticut, Storrs, CT on September 11-13.

“Connectivity of coupled hydrologic and human systems as the basis of resilience in traditional irrigation communities,” is the title of paper to be presented by Sam Fernald at the International Acequia Irrigation Conference in Valencia, Spain on September 23-28. He will represent NMSU at the Irrigators Ceremony that is associated with the Irrigation Society Landscape.

USDA GRANT  Laura White, along with April Ulery, Barbara Chamberlin and Jeanne Gleason, recently received funding for their USDA Hispanic-Serving grant, “Raising the gates: Addressing gaps in students’ understanding of math and chemistry in the animal and plant sciences.” Purpose of the project is to improve students’ understanding of chemistry and math in an agricultural context using interactive learning tools and animations.
PAL ASSISTANTS

The Department recently established a new program, Peer Advising/Learning (PAL) Assistants consisting of seniors/recent graduates to assist with a number of departmental efforts. Those participating this semester are:

Claren Wilson - Gaylene Fasenko - (Companion Animal program)
Nizhoni LaFrance – Amy Ganguli (Range Teaching program)
Ashley Gurnea – Sarah Veeder (Therapeutic Riding/Equitation program)
Veronica Alba and Joslyn Beard (assist with undergraduate recruiting and advising)

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Congratulations to Piedad Mayagoitia and Javier Pérez on the birth of their daughter, Victoria del Carmen Pérez Mayagoitia on September 9, 2014. Piedad is a graduate student working with Derek Bailey.

Sympathy is expressed to the family of G. Stan Smith, Emeritus Professor of Animal Nutrition and Toxicology, on his death on September 17, 2014 in Olathe, Kansas. Dr. Smith was a member of the departmental faculty from 1968 until his retirement in 1994.

Congratulations to Becky Tucker, daughter of Calvin and Debbie Bailey, on her recognition as “Young Healthcare Executive of the Year” by the Dallas-FortWorth Hospital Council. Becky serves as Texas Health’s vice president of Integrated Health Campuses.

Welcome to Rosanne Norris, new Fiscal Assistant (Sr.) with Extension Animal Sciences and Natural Resources. She fills the position previously held by Mary Lou Tellez who retired June 1. Rosanne previously worked with the ACES Department of Agricultural Economics and Agricultural Business.