PUBLICATIONS

The following are recent departmental publications:


WATER CONFERENCE

At the 59th Annual New Mexico Water Conference held November 18-19 in Santa Fe, the following faculty/students gave presentations and/or posters:

“New Mexico’s Statewide Water Assessment: Data Collection and Delivery to Meet Stakeholder Needs” – Sam Fernald

“Irrigation water balances of agricultural corridors in Northern New Mexico,” Jose Juan Cruz-Chairez, Sam Fernald, Karina Gutierrez, Carlos Ochoa, and Stephen Guldan (poster)

“Effect of silvicultural operations on water quality and quantity in New Mexico forests,” Onur Beyazoglu, Sam Fernald, Owen Burney, Dawn VanLeeuwen, and Joaquin Gallegos (poster)

“The effect of soil moisture, runoff and infiltration on understory

TRAVELS

Laura White attended the NACTA (North American Colleges and Teachers of Agriculture) board meeting on October 22-24 in Atlanta, Georgia, the site of the 2015 NACTA meeting. She also attended a conference for HIS, USDA grants in Miami, Florida on November 18-22.

Francesca Melgar, animal science undergraduate, attended the Agriculture Future of America (AFA) conference in Kansas City, Missouri on November 6-9.

Sergio Soto-Navarro gave an invited talk on “Management of stressed newly received cattle” at the Beef and Milk Production in Arid Lands Conference in Mazatlán, Mexico on November 12-16.
density in a pinyon-juniper woodland,” Yasser Almalki (poster)

**GAMMA SIGMA DELTA**
The 36th annual Gamma Sigma Delta Initiation Banquet was held November 19 at the Farm and Ranch Heritage Museum. Laura White and Monica Salazar from the department were inducted as new members while Ph.D. student, Laura Goodman received the “Distinguished Graduate Student Award.” Serving as president of the organization is Eric Scholljegerdes and Gaylene Fasenko is president-elect. Immediate past-president is Andrés Cibils.

**CORONA SYMPOSIUM**
NMSU’s Southwest Center for Rangeland Sustainability at the Corona Range and Livestock Research Center hosted a special one-day symposium on “Minerals and their Role in Ranch Sustainability” on November 20. Guest speakers include Mark Branine of Zinpro Corp. (“Overview of minerals and their individual function”); Ted McCollum of Texas Agrilife (“Performance benefits of minerals for livestock”) and Eric Scholljegerdes of NMSU (“Mineral Issues in New Mexico”). Both Mark and Ted are graduates of the NMSU Animal and Range Sciences Department.

**RANCH HORSE TEAM**
The NMSU Ranch Horse Team, coached by Joby Priest, held their first competition on October 25 at Armstrong Equine Services in La Mesa, New Mexico. Jacque Best won the Non High Point All-Around, Katy Kapp won the Green Horse High Point All Around, while Lily Woodall won the Reining Class in the Limited Non Pro Division and Shelby Siegenthaler was Novice High Point All Around. Myelia Mott won the show series High Point in the Novice Division and Braiden Clement placed in several classes in the Novice Division.

**FALL GRADUATES**
Students in the graduating class for Fall 2014 are:

*Animal Science*
- Lauren Aguirre, Veronica Alba (Crimson Scholar, With Honors. Dean’s Award of Excellence), Jacqueline Alford (Crimson Scholar, Hughes Scholar, With High Honors; Outstanding Student in ACES and Animal Science);
- Bethany Bonner, Brittanie Brayman, Jenna Chavez, Deanna Coyle (Crimson Scholar, With Honors), Sara Czmyrid, Natalie Galan, Albert Gonzales, Courtney Gorman, Ronalda Lorenzo, Edwin Maldonado, Oscar Maldonado, Amanda McComb, Kaitlyn Myers, Kaysha Nakamae, Jacqueline Pierce, Chaliray Rael, Nicole Rodriguez, Ashley Rudd, Jacklyn Vasquez

*Range Science*
- Dalyn Myers, Michelle Teter (Crimson Scholar, Dean’s Award of Excellence)

*Graduate Students*
- Colleen Buck (M.S., animal science)
- Clayton Gardner (M.S. animal science, Dean’s Award of Excellence)
- Randy Seeley (M.S. range science)

**ETC.**
Congratulations to the following students and former students who have accepted new job positions:
Whit Stewart, PhD candidate, has accepted the position of Extension Sheep Specialist at Montana State University, beginning in June 2015. This position was previously held by another NMSU graduate, Rodney Kott.

James Graves, who received his M.S. degree in animal science in Spring 2014, has been named Parmer County (Texas) Extension Agent. He is headquartered in Farwell, Texas.

Kali Benson, who received her B.S. and M.S. degrees in animal science from NMSU, is now the Elbert County (Colorado) Agriculture Agent. She is stationed in Elizabeth, Colorado.

DISTINGUISHED ALUMNI

Happy Thanksgiving
