

SUMMER 2024 NEWSLETTER



NEWS & EVENTS

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WHAT'S NEW?

INTRODUCING THE NEWEST MEMBER OF THE POST GRAD AND RESEARCH OFFICE TEAM.

My name is **Krystal Liburd**, and I am the new administrative assistant for the post grad and research office. My role includes providing administrative support as well as room and vehicle bookings. I am happy to be here and happy to help.

5 FUN FACTS ABOUT ME:

What is your favorite season and why?

Hurricane season! I love the stillness and the calm it brings.

What is one thing you've learned that you wish you could tell your younger self?

Trust God. Everything happens for a reason!

What is your favorite place in the world?

Wherever my bed is.

Describe your dream home.

One with family in it, one filled with love and laughter.

What is your favorite ice cream flavor?

Neapolitan





CONGRATULATIONS

TO OUR GRADUATES FOR THE MAY 2024 COMMENCEMENT CEREMONY

Mahmoud Ali

MSc by Coursework in One Health (online)

Indira Rojas Rivera

Dual degree DVM/MSc by Research

Kerry Gainor

Doctor of Philosophy by Research

Jen Schoonmaker

MSc by Coursework in One Health (online)

Alibhe King

MSc by Research

Christa Gallagher

Doctor of Philosophy by Research

Hailey Dodge

MSc by Coursework in One Health (online)

Elizabeth Delage

Graduate Certificate in One Health (online)

Libia Garcia

Graduate Certificate in One Health (online)

Chris Tex

Graduate Certificate in One Health (online)

Leia Gong

MSc by Coursework in One Health (online)

James Fairs

MSc by Research

Saundra Sample

MSc by Research

Lauren Arona

MSc by Research

Eileen McKee

MSc by Coursework in One Health (online)

Ashley Gauze

MSc by Coursework in One Health (online)

Reginald Thomas

MSc by Coursework in One Health (online)

Laura Couch

MSc by Coursework in One Health (online)

Mayra Trujillo

DVM/MSc by Research with Distinction



JOURNAL CLUB SUMMER SEMESTER

Time: 12:10pm–1:00pm

DATES FOR JOURNAL CLUB ARE:

- 22nd May
- 5th June
- 19th June
- 3rd July
- 17th July

Note: Graduate Journal Club will be held next semester for Grad students only (POC: Nicole Herbert, email nherbert@rossvet.edu.kn)

DATES FOR LAB TRAINING

Email RusvmBioSafetyTraining@rossvet.edu.kn

Make your reservation at one of the following sessions:

- 24th May
- 5th July
- 13th June
- 26th July

Out of hours working in the laboratory:

Notify us via forms.office.com/r/yHqgEURvE7



NEW STARTERS TO THE RUSVM GRADUATE PROGRAM FOR MAY 2024

Please give a warm welcome to those starting with us in May!

All current and new graduate students and any DVM students who are interested in Research (as RA's, RV's and undertaking Research Electives) and Graduate programs are invited to join us on **21st May, 2024, 12–1pm, Discovery Meeting Room**



Clara Camargo
(MSc by Research, part time)
Comprehensive study on parasitism and reproductive biology of *Hemiramphus brasiliensis* (ballyhoo) and *H. balao* (balao) in Caribbean waters. Supervisors: Freeman, Dennis. Chair: Knobel.



Ian Branford
(PhD by Research, part time)
Antigenic determinants of antibody responses against *Staphylococcus pseudintermedius* in colonized and infected dogs, and genomic characterization of the bacterial isolates. (Supervisors: Toka, Muller, Butaye (External), Chair: Gutierrez)



Ashley Jepperson
(DVM/MSc) Assessing peripheral markers, ultrasonographic findings and side effects in pregnant jennies undergoing different protocols for early pregnancy termination (Supervisors: Segabinazzi, Gilbert, Bergfelt Chair: TBC)



Jessica Kulberg
(DVM/MSc) Detection and molecular characterization of viruses in wildlife, livestock and companion animals in the Caribbean Islands and Central America (Supervisors: Ghosh, Hooper, Toka. Chair: Yao)

PRESENTATIONS AT CONFERENCES



Isabella Liberti (MSc by Research)

Supervisors: Don R. Bergfelt, Natalie Ragland, Marcus Machado, Luis Pablo Hervé, Darryn Knobel, Elpida Artemiou, Cynthia Xue

Bella gave an oral presentation on her MSc by Research Behavioral and Hormonal Evaluation of Four Methods of Reinforcement Training in Donkeys (*Equus asinus*) Annual Animal Behavior Conference Bloomington, IN Mar 31–April <https://events.iu.edu/animalbehavior/event/806261-2023-iu-animal-behavior-conference>



Rebecca Zayas (DVM/MSc by Research)

Supervisors: Maria Jose Navarrete, Sarah Cavanaugh, Sarah Hooper, Lisa Greenhill

Gave an oral presentation on her MSc project 'Studying Abroad & Social Identity: The Impact of Cultural Immersion on Openness to Diversity' at the AAVMC Annual conference held 11–13 April 2024, Washington DC, USA