

Alumni News

Matthew Stacey (B.S. 2002, M.S. 2004) began working as a Technical Sales Representative in the High Plains area of the Eastern Region for Nichino America, Inc. in Bixby, Oklahoma in April. Nichino is a crop protection discovery company with an emphasis on bringing new chemistry to market. He was previously a Sales Representative for Agrium – Crop Production Services in Florida. Matt received his B.S. and M.S. degrees in Entomology from OSU in 2002 and 2004, respectively, and his M.S. advisor was **Dr. Phil Mulder**.

On the Move

Dr. Zhaorigetu (Jorigtoo) Hubhachen's last day at OSU was May 31 as funding for his Postdoctoral Fellow position with **Dr. George Opit** expired. He had been in this position since March 8, 2016. Dr. Hubhachen received his B.S. in Biology and M.S. in Entomology from Inner Mongolia Normal University in Huhhot, Inner Mongolia, People's Republic of China in 1987 and 1990, respectively, and his Ph.D. in Entomology from OSU in 2002 under the direction of **Dr. Jack Dillwith**. He is currently looking for new employment.

July Birthdays

Kyah Featherston	July 3
Tom Royer	July 3
Cora Vandaveer	July 18
Kevin Shufron	July 23
Nathan Walker	July 28
Jen Olson	July 31

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July Calendar of Events

Independence Day – University Holiday	Jul	4
Regular Registration Deadline for APS Annual Meeting	Jul	6
Summer Session 3 Ends	Jul	7
Summer Session 4 Begins	Jul	10
Seminar – Dr. Foster	Jul	11
Hotel Reservations Due for APS Annual Meeting	Jul	11
Faculty Meeting	Jul	21
Reception for Bob Sober	Jul	24

August Calendar of Events

APS Annual Meeting	Aug	5-9
Classes Begin	Aug	21

Seminar

Seminar will be held at 3:30 p.m. in Room 207 NRC.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Speaker</u>	<u>Title</u>
July 11	Dr. John Foster	Mentoring and Successes Working Across Disciplines

Congratulations!

Edmond Bonjour was reappointed to the Oklahoma Agricultural Leadership Professorship during the OSU/A&M Board of Regents meeting on June 16.

Dr. Wyatt Hoback was reappointed as Assistant Professor during the OSU/A&M Board of Regents meeting on June 16.

Dr. Damon Smith, Extension Field Crops Plant Pathologist in the Department of Plant Pathology at the University of Wisconsin – Madison received the Early Career Award from the North Central Division of the American Phytopathological Society on June 15. He was given this award for his discovery, learning, and engagement in plant pathology in the North Central region. He is a former Assistant Professor of Plant Pathology and Extension State Specialist for turf and horticultural crops at OSU from August 2017 to August 2012, and current Adjunct Professor.

Dr. Justin Talley was promoted from Associate Professor to Professor during the OSU/A&M Board of Regents meeting on June 16.

Retirement

Rocky Walker, Station Superintendent at the Entomology and Plant Pathology Farm and Stored Products Research and Education Center (SPREC), retired on May 1. He began working at the Plant Pathology Farm in February 1988. On October 1, 2005, the management of the Entomology and Plant Pathology Farm was transferred from our department and placed under the umbrella of the then new Oklahoma Agriculture Experiment Station Field and Research Services Unit (FRSU). With this realignment, Rocky was transferred out of our department. He added the duties of Station Superintendent at SPREC in 2010.

Rocky received his B.S. in Plant Health Management from OSU in 1978. He received the Outstanding Staff Award of Merit from Gamma Sigma Delta on April 19, 2012 in Stillwater. This award recognizes an exemplary individual employed by OSU who provides outstanding service in agriculture or related science over a sustained period of time.

During retirement, Rocky will help his parents on the farm in Eldorado, Oklahoma and he will enjoy spending time with his grandchildren.

Bob Sober, Insect Artist

Bob Sober is the artist who has donated 30 metal insect prints throughout our department, in the Noble Research Center atrium, and at the Insect Adventure. After retirement from his architectural practice, Bob's interest in design and detail grew. Art, architecture, math, science, structure, and surface are all inter-related parts of the whole. Without time constraints of a full time job, Bob was able to pursue the interrelated aspects of design and allow viewers to see what they had not seen before. He creates strikingly detailed, hyper-colored photographic metal prints of insects, some that are nearly as tall as a person. He creates these images through focus stacking, in which he focuses on one tiny section of an insect at a time and takes hundreds or even thousands of photos that are integrated into a final composite image. Our department "opened the doors" of the K.C. Emerson Entomology Museum allowing him the freedom to explore, learn, and create among the thousands of insects in our collection. Bob would work all night, surrounded by insects and listening to Led Zeppelin – it must have been oddly inspirational.

Bob received his bachelor's degree in architecture from OSU in 1973 where he studied architecture, photography, and art. He co-founded an architectural firm that grew to a staff of over 600, doing business in North America, Mexico, and South America. After 27 years, Bob retired from architecture and now creates artwork, helps other artists further their work, and is heavily involved as a leader in art and community non-profit organizations.

Bob was born in Tulsa, married Sandy, and they raised two sons who are now (happily) making a good living with their art degrees. His childhood was filled with outdoor adventure in the creeks near his home and during weekend visits to his grandparent's farm. These adventures are certainly the foundation for his deep love and appreciation of nature.

A recognition reception for Bob will be held on July 24 at 3:00 p.m. in the main atrium of the Noble Research Center.

Special Notice

Sincere sympathy is expressed to **Jeff Hope** whose grandfather, Glen Hope, age 98, died on June 21. Glen was the father-in-law of **Linda Hope**, former Supervising Secretary in our department from 1981-2002.