



FALL 2014

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# "On The Move" Newsletter

## Alumni Scholarship Recipients

Thanks again to support from some of our > 110 alumni, we were able to give scholarships to an incoming M.S. and Ph.D. student. Congratulations to Jacob Carrick (B.S. from the University of Missouri-Kansas City) and Heather Jackson (M.S. from Texas Tech), our 2014-2015 recipients. We are raising money for next year, so please consider making a donation (large or small).



## August 2014 Graduates

Congratulations to our 4 ENTX graduates who finished in August.

Chuanwen Lu Ph.D.

Sadia Almas Ph.D.

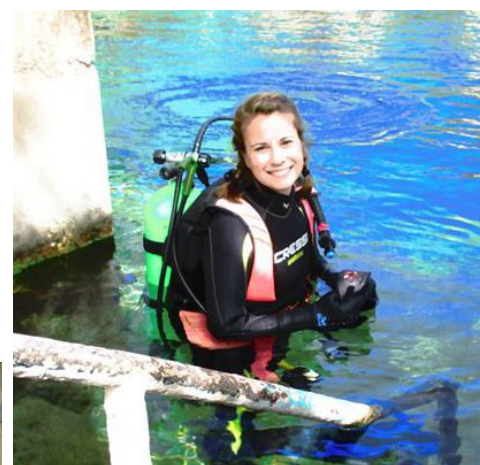
Kaylyn Germ Ph.D.

Anna Gibson Ph.D.

They brought our total for the 2013-2014 academic year to 14 graduates!

## Mary Hayden Awarded NSF Fellowship

ENTX graduate student Mary Hayden has been awarded a prestigious National Science Foundation (NSF) graduate research fellowship for the next 3 years. Mary is a student in Céline Godard-Codding's lab.



## Terracon Foundation

Thanks to help from ENTX alum Adam Finger, we recently received funding from the Terracon engineering consulting firm Foundation to support several student scholarship awards. See student news for this year's recipients.



## Late Breaking News

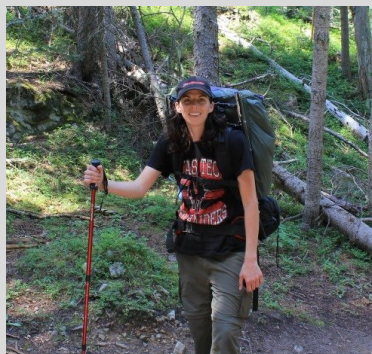
### We Are Hiring!

A new tenure-track faculty member in biostatistics/modeling. Email [todd.anderson@ttu.edu](mailto:todd.anderson@ttu.edu) for more info.



## New Students

Meet our Fall 2014 new graduate students.



Heather Jackson  
*M.S. Texas Tech*



Zhongwei Liu  
*Ph.D. National University of Singapore*



Beth Buckner  
*B.S. Colorado State*



Praveen Yegya  
*B.S. Anna University*



Amanda French  
*B.S. Central Missouri*



Melissa Sandoz  
*B.S. Linfield College*



Neha Sawant  
*M.S. Sikkim Manipal University*



Jocelyn Pierro  
*M.S. Indiana*



Kader Chowdhury  
*B.S. University of Dhaka*



Bryan Hettick  
*B.S. Lubbock Christian*



Courtney Alexander  
*B.S. Clemson*



Jacob Carrick  
*B.S. University of Missouri-Kansas City*



## Student News



Ph.D. student **Shanoy Anderson** was awarded 3 scholarships for the 2014-2015 academic year. Shanoy received a Presidential Scholarship from the Graduate School, the Jamaica Foundation of Houston Scholarship, and a scholarship from the Deer Breeders Corporation. Shanoy works with Dr. Ernest Smith.

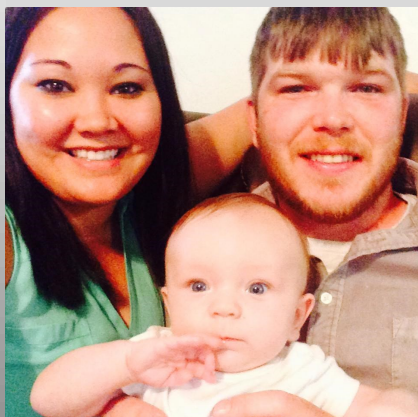
**Tommy Bilbo** received the Helen DeVitt Jones Graduate Fellowship from the Texas Tech Graduate School. The fellowship award is \$3,500 for up to 2 academic years (blood donation was not required).



Ph.D. student **Vinit Singh's** research on a non-woven cotton mat absorbing oil spills recently published in Industrial and Engineering Chemistry was featured in the alumni newsletter of the Institute of Chemical Technology (ICT). Vinit is a 2009 graduate of ICT (formerly UDCT). Vinit's work was also featured by Science News for Students (<https://student.societyforscience.org/article/soaking-oil-spills-with-cotton>).

The Terracon Foundation Award recipients were **Tommy Bilbo, Vinit Singh, Amanda Parra, Kristina Kohl, Kim Wooten, Melissa Sandoz, Kayla Campasino, and Meghan Cromie**.

**Amanda Parra, Dan Dawson, and Nick Dunham** received ARCS Scholarships for the 2014-2015 academic year.



Ph.D. Student **Nick Dunham** and his wife Priscilla are the proud parents of a son, Miles, born May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Alana Wandscheer** from the Universidade Federal de Santa Maria in Brasil is a visiting scientist in Jonathan Maul's lab.



**Dan Dawson** is the recipient of a prestigious EPA STAR Fellowship. The program engages the nation's best scientists and engineers in targeted research that complements EPA's own intramural research program and those of other federal agencies.



## Faculty News



**Jaclyn Cañas-Carrell** and husband John are the proud parents of a son, Thomas, born June 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Dr. Chad Paton** has joined ENTX as an assistant professor. Chad transferred from the College of Human Sciences at Texas Tech. His research interests are in human health and how excess nutrition, physical inactivity, and other environmental factors affect the regulation of metabolism, primarily through genetic mechanisms.



**Dr. Céline Godard-Coddling's** laboratory is hosting Carlos Alberto López Montalvo, a doctoral student at Universidad Autónoma de Baja California Sur (UABCS), México. Carlos is pursuing a three-month internship in Céline's lab as part of an international collaboration on Gray whales.

**Dr. Jaclyn Cañas-Carrell** is a Co-PI on a newly funded STEM grant from the National Science Foundation. NSF funded the Texas Tech Noyce Scholars Phase II Program at \$799,643 for four years. Dr. Cañas-Carrell will be a liaison with community colleges to help recruit participants for the program.

**Dr. David Klein** passed the National Registry of Certified Chemists (NRCC) exam and is now a Certified Toxicological Chemist. He is now qualified as a High Complexity Lab Director (HCLD) under the Clinical Laboratory Improvement Act (CLIA)

## Deer Research

In July, Texas Tech University officials celebrated a research investment totaling more than \$850,000 in support of a white-tailed deer and cervids research program at TIEHH. The new research program is led by Drs. Ernest Smith, Steve Presley, and Galen Austin. The research project is part of a collaboration between the university and the Deer Breeders Corporation, a group led by president Chris Timmons, a Texas Tech alum.





## Alumni Spotlight

ENTX alum **Beibei Qi** (M.S. 2009) is working in the Auckland, New Zealand office of Infotools Ltd ([www.infotools.com](http://www.infotools.com)) as a database specialist. Infotools develops software and tools for managing research data. The company has 16 locations on 6 continents; the head office is in Auckland. Beibei's role in the company is to manage, create, and customize research databases for clients.



The TIEHH Fighters (Morgan, Melissa, Evy, and Tommy) pirated the "high seas" in a fierce intramural game of Battleship.



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