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"On The Move" Newsletter

Presley Testifies

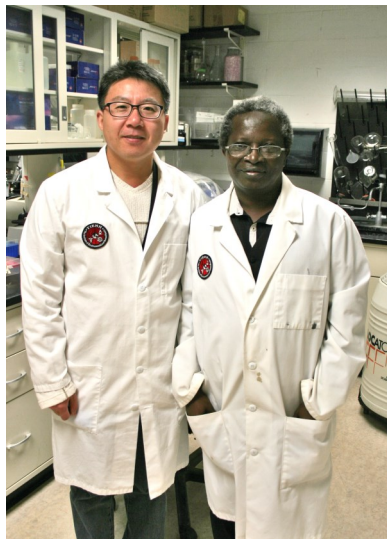
In May, Dr. Steve Presley was one of four scientists invited to testify before the Committee on Science, Space, and Technology of the U.S. House of Representatives. The full committee hearing was titled, "Science of Zika: The DNA of an Epidemic". Dr. Presley described surveillance activities in Texas and some of the challenges unique to the *Aedes aegypti* mosquito and Zika virus.



Jaclyn Cañas-Carrell and John are proud parents again! John Robert, born June 8th.

TIEHH News

The Advanced Materials Laboratory is hosting 2 undergraduate students this summer. Kristin Butenhoff, a sophomore at the University of Waterloo, and Leah Harper, a senior at Texas Tech, are collaborating with TTU graduate student Akshay Jain on developing products for oil spill remediation.



Dr. Weimin Gao's laboratory hosted Dr. Oladipo Ademuyiwa, from the Federal University of Agriculture in Abeokuta, Nigeria through the Society of Toxicology's 2016 Global Senior Scholars Program.

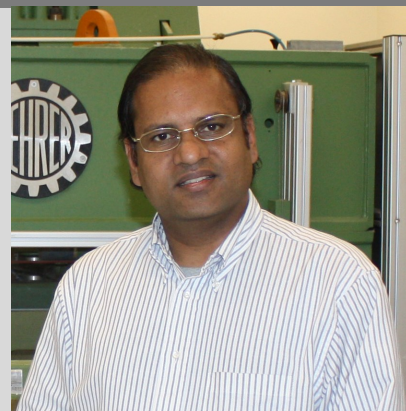
The Annual TIEHH Spring Banquet was held April 29th at the Llano Estacado Winery (see inside for student award pictures). **Analisa Guevara** and **Jerry Cowen** received the outstanding staff awards.

Faculty News

Seshadri Ramkumar is the recipient of the Nonwoven Division's Technical Achievement Award and Mark Hollingsworth Prize from the Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry (TAPPI). Dr. Ramkumar also received the 2016 Texas Tech University President's Excellence in Commercialization Award.

Phil Smith's lab is conducting a follow-up study to some 2010 research on the effects of perchlorate on native amphibians. The research is supported by the Navy.

In May, **David Klein** received the West Texas—Association for Women in STEAM (WT-AWIS) "Champion of Women (COW)" award.



Student News

The LE-SETAC student group was named Best Student Organization of the year for 2015-2016.



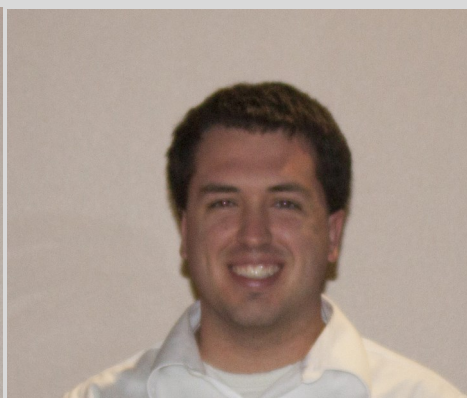
Yu Wei Chang received a Texas Tech Study Abroad Competitive Scholarship for Summer and Fall 2016.



Evy Zirena received several awards this Spring including 1st Place in the 3-Minute Thesis Competition, 2nd Place in the Graduate Poster Competition, and the Hispanic Association of Women Scholarship.

Logeswari Ponnusamy received a President's Excellence Award in Diversity and Equity, and the SOT Women in Toxicology Graduate Student Award.

At the Spring Banquet, the Syngenta Outstanding Ph.D. and M.S. student awards went to **Nick Dunham** and **Bryan Hettick**.



Amanda French received a President's Excellence Award in Diversity and Equity.



More Student News

At the Spring Banquet, the WCS Outstanding Ph.D. and M.S. student awards went to **Dan Dawson** and **Melissa Sandoz**. The awards this year were funded by the Jason Bradley family.



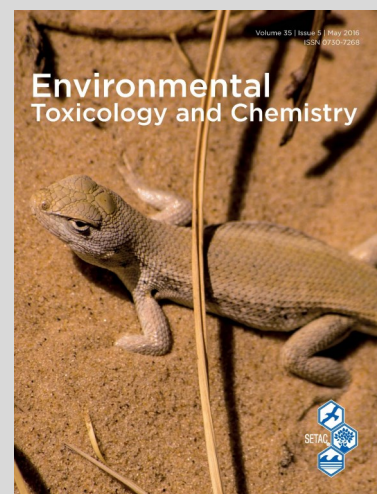
Mary Gendron recently participated in gray whale field research in Laguna San Ignacio, Mexico. Mary helped with photo identification, blubber and blow sample collections, and other activities.



A crew of LE-SETAC members participated in the Spring version of Adopt-A-Highway. Trash collectors included **Jacob Carrick, Naveen Kumar, Mary Gendron, Melissa Sandoz, Evy Zirena, and Meghan Cromie**.



TIEHH's research on the Dunes Sagebrush Lizard appeared on the cover of the May 2016 issue of *Environmental Toxicology and Chemistry*. The article was led by 2014 alum **Scott Weir**. *ET&C* began including cover images in 2011. It is believed that this is the first time TIEHH research has appeared on the cover of *ET&C*. Former faculty member Chris Salice took the photo.



A Few More Pictures



The LE-SETAC Student Group was named "A Raider who Rocks" for their community service and leadership efforts.



TIEHH Spring Banquet



TIEHH Spring Banquet speaker and ENTX alum, Rachel Schultz.

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