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## TAS FUTURE MEETING SITES

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#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Registration**: Meeting attendees may register by mail (see previous mailing) or onsite in the Millard Oakley STEM Center.

**Luncheon Tickets.** Extra tickets may be available at the registration table.

Membership: Application forms for membership in the Tennessee Academy of Science will be available at the Registration Desk. A completed application accompanied by first year dues may be left for the TAS Treasurer at the registration table or mailed to: Dr. Steven Murphree, Department of Biology, Belmont University, 1900 Belmont Blvd.. Nashville, TN 37212-3758. Current annual dues by category are: Regular \$40: Sustaining, \$50: Supporting, \$100; Life, single payment \$400; Student or Emeritus, \$10. Membership includes a subscription to the TAS Journal.

## MEETING SCHEDULE

#### Thursday, November 18

6:00 - 10:00

TAS Executive Committee Meeting Millard-Oakley STEM Center, Ray Morris Hall, TTU

#### Friday, November 19

7:30 - Noon	Registration – Millard Oakley STEM Center. Tennessee Technological University. Cookeville. TN.
7:30 - 9:00	Poster Set Up
8:00 ~ 9:00	Science & Engineering Chairs Meeting - STEM Center Conference Room
8:00 - 9:00	Virtual Theater Shows

## 9:00 -10:00

Plenary Lecture – STEM Center Auditorium "Next Generation Climate and Biomass Research: From Molecular Biology to Earth System Models and Back" Dr. Martin Keller, Oak Ridge National Laboratory

10:00	_	11	:00

**Poster Session Judging** (Poster Session open 9:00-12:00)

## 11:00 - 12:00

2010 TAS Business Meeting – STEM Center Auditorium

Dr. Michael Gibson, 2010 TAS President.

Presiding

## 11:00 - 12:00

## Virtual Theater Shows

12:00-1:00

TAS Luncheon - Nursing Building

Room 260

(Pre-paid or purchased on site for \$7.00)

#### 1:00 - closing

Section Business and Technical Sessions:

Nursing Building

(2 blocks east on 7th street from the

STEM Center – all sessions)

## PLENARY PRESENTATION 9:00 STEM Center Auditorium

## "Next Generation Climate and Biomass Research: From Molecular Biology to Earth System Models and Back"

Presented by

#### Dr. Martin Keller

Associate Laboratory Director, Biological and Environmental Sciences Directorate Oak Ridge National Laboratory

Martin Keller was appointed to his current position as Associate Laboratory Director of Biological and Environmental Sciences at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), on July 1, 2009. As Associate Laboratory Director. he is responsible for the biological and environmental research programs at ORNL supported by the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Science, as well as research programs supported by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and the National Institutes of Health. The scientific thrust of the directorate is to understand biological and environmental systems across multiple scales so that sustainable solutions to pressing societal challenges in energy, environment, and health can be developed. The directorate includes two research divisions (Biosciences and Environmental Sciences) and several research centers (BioEnergy Science Center, Center for Bioenergy Sustainability, Center for Molecular Biophysics, and the Center for Structural Molecular Biology).

## VIRTUAL THEATER 8:00 – 9:00 and 11:00 – 12:00

"To the Edge and Back: A Tour of the Universe"

Fly through the solar system, go to the edge of an active volcano, and experience more exciting learning adventures offered in this state-of-the-art theater. Shows begin approximately every 20 min.

## BOTANY Friday 1:00 p.m. Room 230, Nursing Building Dwayne Estes, Austin Peay State University, presiding

1:00 SECTION BUSINESS MEETING: ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2011

1:15 RELOCATION SUCCESS OF FEDERALLY THREATENED SCUTELLARIA MONTANA (LAMIACEAE, LARGE-FLOWERED SKULLCAP) FROM A PROPOSED HIGHWAY CORRIDOR. Jennifer Boyd and Joey Shaw, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

1:30 THE EFFECTS OF CANOPY THINNING AND BURNING ON TRANSPLANTATION OF FEDERALLY THREATENED SCUTELLARIA MONTANA (LAMIACEAE, LARGE-FLOWERED SKULLCAP) IN A SOUTHEASTERN DECIDUOUS FOREST. H. Mae Kile\*, Joev Shaw, and Jennifer Boyd, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

1:45 PLANT CONSERVATION AND THE ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT. Geoff Call, United States Fish and Wildlife Service. Cookeville, Tennessee.

2:00 THE VASCULAR FLORA OF THE TENNESSEE RIVER GORGE. HAMILTON AND MARION COUNTIES, TENNESSEE.

Emily R. Blyveis\* and Joey Shaw, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Chattanooga. Tennessee.

2:15 THE BAA-TANY GOAT PROJECT AND ROAN MOUNTAIN'S UNIQUE ALDER BALD.

James T. Donaldson, Todd V. Eastin, Frosty Levy,
Roger A. McCoy, and Joseph Powell\*, East
Tennessee State University. Johnson City, Tennessee
(JD, FL, JP). Shady Valley. Tennessee (TE). and
Tennessee Natural Heritage Program, Nashville,
Tennessee (RM).

2:30 IMPACTS OF GOAT BROWSING AND DISEASE ON *LILIUM GRAYI*, GRAY'S LILY. ON ROAN MOUNTAIN. *Joe Powell\**, *Frosty Levy, and Jamey Donaldson*, East Tennessee State University, Johnson City, Tennessee.

2:45 AN OVERVIEW OF FLORISTIC STUDIES IN TENNESSEE'S NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGES. Edward W. Chester and Stephanie Gunn-Zumo, Austin Peay State University. Clarksville. Tennessee. and Louisiana Office of Coastal Protection and Restoration. Baton Rouge. Louisiana.

3:00 THE VASCULAR FLORA OF THE CLARKS RIVER NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE, MARSHALL, McCRACKEN. AND GRAVES COUNTIES, KENTUCKY. Matt S. Bruton\* and Dwayne Estes, Austin Peay State University. Clarksville. Tennessee.

3:15 TAXONOMY OF LANTANA SECT. LANTANA: STATUS AND CHALLENGES. Roger W. Sanders, Bryan College. Dayton. Tennessee.

3:30 MACROTHELYPTERIS TORRESIANA
(THELYPTERIDACEAE) NEW TO
KENTUCKY. WITH AN UPDATE OF ITS
CONTINUED EXPANSION IN THE UNITED
STATES. Courtney E. Gorman\*, Matt S. Bruton\*,
and Dwayne Estes, Austin Peay State University,
Clarksville. Tennessee.

3:45 THE DISTRIBUTION. ABUNDANCE, AND HABITAT COLONIZATION OF THE INVASIVE SUBMERSED MACROPHYTE. HYDRILLA VERTICILLATA (HYDROCHARITACEAE). IN THE OBED WILD AND SCENIC RIVER. MORGAN COUNTY. TENNESSEE. Dwayne Estes, Chris Fleming, Angelina D. Fowler\*#, and Nathan Parker\*, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville. Tennessee.

4:00 FLORISTIC SURVEY OF THE OCOEE RIVER GORGE. Sunny Hart\*, Emily Blyveis\*, Matt S. Bruton\*, Clea Klagstad\*, Nathan Parker\*, Dwayne Estes, and Joey Shaw, Austin Peay State University. Clarksville, Tennessee (MB, CK. NP, DE) and The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Tennessee, Chattanooga, Tennessee (SH, EB, JS).

4:15 RECENT ADDITIONS AND NOTEWORTHY VASCULAR PLANT COLLECTIONS FROM TENNESSEE. Dwayne Estes, Todd Crabtree, Joey Shaw, and Edward W. Chester. Austin Peay State University. Clarksville, Tennessee (DE. EC), Tennessee Natural Heritage Program, Nashville, Tennessee (TC), and The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Chattanooga, Tennessee (JS).

4:30 FLORISTIC QUALITY ASSESSMENT: A
MEASURE OF CONSERVATION SUCCESS FOR
ARNOLD AIR FORCE BASE, AND TENNESSEE.
Kevin Willis, Arnold Engineering and Development
Center Arnold Air Force Base, Tennessee.

4:45 A FLORAL SURVEY AND CASTANEA DENTATA (FAGACEAE, AMERICAN CHESTNUT) CENSUS AT BENDABOUT FARM, BRADLEY COUNTY, TENNESSEE. Amelia Harris\*, J. Hill Craddock and Joey Shaw, The University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Chattanooga, Tennessee.

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## CELL and MOLECULAR BIOLOGY (C&M) HEALTH AND MEDICAL SCIENCES (H&M)

Friday 1:00 p.m.

Room 264, Nursing Building
Michael W. Thompson, Middle Tennessee State
University, presiding (C&M)

I. Michael Bodding, Tennessee Technological

J. Michael Redding, Tennessee Technological University, presiding (H&M)

- 1:00 SECTION BUSINESS MEETING: ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2011
- 1:15 PROSTATE SPECIFIC MEMBRANE ANTIGEN PROCESSES LAMININ DOWNSTREAM OF MATRIX METALLOPROTEASES IN ENDOTHELIAL CELL ACTIVATION AND ANGIOGENESIS. Alex Patterson\*, Bobby Rampp\*, Amanda D. Williams, Beth Conway. Lipscomb University. Nashville, Tennessee. (C&M)
- 1:30 RELATIVE CONNEXIN-26 MRNA LEVELS IN GT1-7 CELLS FOLLOWING PASSAGING. Megan J. Walker\* and Gilbert R. Pitts, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tennessee. (C&M)
- 1:45 ESTROGEN REGULATES RIGHT
  VENTRICULAR LOAD STRESS RESPONSES
  IN THE PULMONARY ARTERY BANDING
  MODEL. Karen Maynard, James West, John H.
  Newman, and Anna R. Hemnes. Division of Allergy.
  Pulmonary, and Critical Care Medicine, Vanderbilt
  University Medical Center. Nashville, Tennessee.
  (C&M)
- 2:00 ASPARAGINE<sup>362</sup> INCREASES ZINC AFFINITY OF LEUKOTRIENE A4 HYDROLASE THROUGH INTERACTIONS WITH ZINC-BINDING RESIDUES. *Michael W. Thompson, Alexis Schaible\*, Frank C. Bailey, Rebecca L. Seipelt, Middle Tennessee State University. Murfreesboro. Tennessee.* (C&M)
- 2:15 ONE UNIVERSITY'S RESPONSE TO THE H1N1 PANDEMIC OF 2009. *Elisa Lund\* and Chad Brooks*, Austin Peay State University. Clarksville. Tennessee (H&M)

## **CHEMISTRY**

Friday 1:00 p.m.
Room 218, Nursing Building
Daniel J. Swartling, Tennessee Technological
University, presiding

- 1:00 SECTION BUSINESS MEETING: ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2011
- 1:15 HARTREE-FOCK AND DENSITY
  FUNCTIONAL MODELING OF THE RAMAN
  SPECTRA OF MELAMINE DERIVATIVES AND
  B-LACTAM ANTIBIOTICS. William H. Ilsley and
  Ngee-Sing Chong, Middle Tennessee State University.
  Murfreesboro. Tennessee.
- 1:30 BEYOND THE COOKBOOK: LEARNING ABOUT KINETICS IN GENERAL CHEMISTRY LABORATORY. Stephanie E. Meadows\* and Scott H. Northrup, Tennessee Tech University.
- 1:45 EXTRACTIVE CHROMATOGRAPHY FOR THE TREATMENT OF USED NUCLEAR FUEL,

  Matthew D. Gott\* and Dale D. Ensor, Tennessee Tech University
- 2:00 USING LIQUID FLOW IN PLASTIC MODELS TO DEMONSTRATE GRAVITY CURRENTS IN THE CLASSROOM. *Harvey F. Blanck*, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville. Tennessee
- 2:15 REFINE OF THE SPECTROPHOTOMETRIC ANALYSIS OF Hg (II) USING DITHIZONE, Stephen Kojo Okine\* and Hong Zhang, Tennessee Tech. University, Cookeville. Tennessee.
- 2:30 MASS SPECTROMETRIC IDENTIFICATION OF DIFFERENTIALLY EXPRESED PROTEINS IN Chlamydomonas reinhardtii DUE TO TRICLOSAN TOXICITY. Upul Deepthike\* and Jeffrey O. Boles, Department of Chemistry. Tennessee Technological University. Cookeville, Tennessee.
- 2:45 PROTEOMIC PROFILING OF UNNATURAL AMINO ACID TOXICITY THROUGH DIFFERENTIAL EXPRESSION OF WILD TYPE VS. TELLUROPROTEINS IN ESCHERICHIA COLI DL41(DE3) pCOCK. Sarah C. Brinkley\* and Jeffrey O. Boles, Department of Chemistry. Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville, Tennessee.

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## ENGINEERING AND ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY

Friday 1:00 p.m. Room 252, Nursing Building

Ismail Fidan, Tennessee Technological University, presiding

- 1:00 SECTION BUSINESS MEETING: ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2011
- 1:15 MULTIPLE CURVE PRESENTATION AND ZOOMING PROCESSOR USING FPGA.

  Dhushyanth Venkatesan\*, Omar Elkeelany, Tennessee Technological University. Cookeville. Tennessee.
- 1:30 INCREASING THE STUDENT QEP SKILLS IN ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING PROJECTS.

  Kenan Hatipoglu\*, Ismail Fidan, Tennessee
  Technological University, Cookeyille, Tennessee.
- 1:45 "AUTOMATIC PARKING SYSTEM USING MICROCONTROLLERS AS A CAPSTONE PROJECT," *Hugo J. Chavez\**, *Stephen McKinley\**, *Adel Salama*, *Austin Peay State University*. Clarksville, Tennessee.
- 2:00 INTRODUCING ADDITIVE MANUFACTURING INTO THE APSU ENGINEERING TECHNOLOGY CURRICULUM. *Chin-Zue Chen and Adel Salama*, Austin Peay State University. Clarksville, Tennessee.
- 2:15 POLYACRYLAMIDE-MMT NANOCOMPOSITE HYDROGELS: EFFECT OF NANOPARTICLE LOADING ON PROTEIN ELECTROPHORETIC MOBILITY. Jeffery W. Thompson\*, Holly Stretz, Pedro Arce, Harry Ploehn, and Hongsheng Gao, Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville TN and University of South Carolina, Columbia South Carolina.
- 2:30 ANALYSIS AND VALIDITY OF THE METHOD OF AVERAGING IN ELECTROCHEMICAL SYSTEMS. Rajavardhan Reddy Nagolu\*, Vinten D. Diwakar, and Pedro E. Arce. Department of Chemical Engineering, Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville, Tennessee.
- 2:45 PREDICTION OF SURFACE TENSION FOR DILUTE BINARY AQUEOUS SYSTEMS USING A MOLECULAR THERMODYANMIC-BASED MODEL. Naresh Tadisina\*, Natalia Shlonimskaya\*, Donald P. Visco, Joseph J. Biernacki, Hamed Kayello\*, Tennessee. Technological University, Cookeville. Tennessee.
- 3:00 COMPARATIVE PYROLYSIS KINETICS FOR ONE LEGUME AND TWO GRASS HAYS.

  Jessica D. Murillo\*, Preejith Ambuken\*, Tiffany Hughes\*, Joseph J. Biernacki, and C. Pat Bagley, Tennessee Technological University, Cookeville. Tennessee.

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## HISTORY OF SCIENCE

Friday 2:00 p.m.
Room 260, Nursing Building
George E. Webb, Tennessee Tech University, presiding

- 2:00 SECTION BUSINESS MEETING: ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2011
- 2:15 KEPLER'S DETERMINATION OF THE INCLINATION OF THE ORBIT OF MARS.

  Brother Kevin Ryan, FSC, Christian Brothers
  University.
- 2:30 POPULAR VISIONS OF OAK RIDGE: THE FIRST DECADE. *George E. Webb, Tennessee Tech University.*
- 2:45 CENTENNIAL STUDIES: THE HISTORY
  OF TENNESSEE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE
  HISTORIES, 1914-PRESENT. James X. Corgan,
  Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tennessee.
- 3:00 CENTENNIAL STUDIES: JESSE SHAVER, SELF-MADE SCIENTIST AND SERVANT SCHOLAR. *Nora Beck, Tennessee Parks and Greenways Foundation. Nashville, Tennessee.*
- 3:15 CENTENNIAL STUDIES: TAS AND THE 1927 AAAS MEETING IN NASHVILLE. George E. Webb, Tennessee Tech University.
- 3:45 ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION: THE CENTENNIAL OF THE TENNESSEE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE. *Participants TBA*.

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## MATH and COMPUTER SCIENCE (M&C) SCIENCE and MATH TEACHING (S&MT)

Friday 1:00 p.m.

Room 254, Nursing Building

Ramanjit Sahi, Austin Peay State University, presiding (M&C)
Jennifer Thomas, Belmont University, presiding (S&MT)

- 1:00 SECTION BUSINESS MEETING: ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2011
- 1:15 A PARALLEL FINITE ELEMENT METHOD FOR THE CONVECTION-DIFFUSION-REACTION EQUATION. Robert D. French\*, Casey L. McKnight\*, Amber N. O'Connell\*, Ben Ntatin, Austin Peay State University. Clarksville. Tennessee. (M&C)
- 1:30 SOLVING ELLIPTIC PARTIAL DIFFERENTIAL EQUATIONS BY THE NUMEROV'S METHOD.

  Andrew D. Kerr\*, Samuel N. Jator, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tennessee. (M&C)
- 1:45 ANALYZING VARIATION IN COMMITMENT RATES OF CHILDREN AND YOUTH TO STATE'S CUSTODY IN TENNESSEE. Robert Cox\*, Cumberland University, Nashville, Tennessee. (M&C)
- 2:00 OMNIMOSAICS AND UNIVERSAL GRAPHS. Anant P. Godbole, East Tennessee State University. Johnson City. Tennessee. (M&C)
- 2:15 A NOTE ON THE STEEPEST DESCENT METHOD. (HIKING IN THE MOUNTAINS).

  B. Ntatin, Austin Peay State University. Clarksville.
  Tennessee. (M&C)
- 2:30 A SIMPLE AND EFFECTIVE METHOD TO PREDICT SEEDED TOURNAMENT OUTCOMES. Stephen J. Robinson, Belmont University. Nashville. Tennessee. (M&C)
- 2:45 INITIAL VALUE METHOD VERSUS BOUNDARY VALUE METHOD. Ramanjit K. Sahi, Austin Peay State University. Clarksville. Tennessee. (M&C)
- 3:00 TRENDS IN ASSIGNMENTS AND EXAMS IN BIOLOGY COURSES. *Darlene Panvini*, *Belmont University*, *Nashville*. *Tennessee*. (S&MT)
- 3:15 THE MORE THINGS CHANGE, THE MORE THEY STAY THE SAME: A COLLABORATIVE INVASIVE PEST PLANT EDUCATION PROJECT. Kim Cleary Sadler, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro. Tennessee. (S&MT)

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## PHYSICS and ASTRONOMY (P&A) GEOLOGY AND GEOGRAPHY (G&G)

Friday 1:00 p.m.

Room 216, Nursing Building

Eugene de Silva, Lincoln Memorial University, presiding
(P&A)

Peter Li, Tennessee Technological University, presiding (G&G)

- 1:00 SECTION BUSINESS MEETING: ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2011
- 1:15 THE JERK VECTOR IN PLANETARY MOTION.

  Arjun Tan, Gene Mize, and Matthew Edwards, Alabama
  Agricultural and Mechanical University, Normal,
  Alabama. (P&A)
- 1:30 EXACT VALUES OF DYNAMICAL QUANTITIES IN PLANETARY MOTION. Arjun Tan, Gene Mize, and Matthew Edwards, Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University. Normal, Alabama. (P&A)
- 1:45 DISCOVERING THE ANGULAR JERK IN PLANETARY MOTION. Arjun Tan and Matthew E. Edwards, Alabama Agricultural and Mechanical University: Normal, Alabama. (P&A)
- 2:00 KICK DRUM TUNNELS: A PHYSICAL ANALYSIS OF A RECORDING TECHNIQUE.

  \*\*Phil Feurtado\*\*, Belmont University Nashville Tennessee. (P&A)
- 2:15 SPIN-SPIN EFFECTS IN MODELS OF BINARY BLACK HOLE SYSTEMS. Scott H. Hawley, Belmont University. Nashville (P&A)
- 2:30 ANALYZING TORNADO TRACK DENSITIES IN KENTUCKY AND TENNESSEE USING GEOSPATIAL TECHNIQUES. Robert Mark Simpson, University of Tennessee at Martin, Martin. Tennessee. (G&G)
- 2:45 GANSU. CHINA'S MUDSLIDE TRAGEDY-NATURAL OR MANMADE DISASTER? **Shannon M. White\* and Dr. Hsiang te Kung,** The University of Memphis. Memphis, Tennessee. (G&G)
- 3:00 THE GEOGRAPHIC DISTRIBUTION OF CAVE FISH IN TENNESSEE. *Charles J. Sutherland\**, *Earth Sciences. Tennessee Technological University.* (G&G)

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## **ZOOLOGY**

Friday 1:00 p.m.
Room 232, Nursing Building
Timothy J. Gaudin, University of Tennessee at
Chattanooga, presiding

- 1:00 SECTION BUSINESS MEETING: ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR 2009
- 1:15 EARLY IRON DEPOSITION IN TEETH OF THE STREAMSIDE SALAMANDER, AMBYSTOMA BARBOURI. Michael A. Anderson\* and Brian T. Miller, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. (TAS member: Brian T. Miller)
- 1:30 THE EFFECTS OF SHORT-TERM STRESS ON CORTICOSTERONE, LEUKOCYTES. TESTOSTERONE, AND PROSTAGLANDIN E2 IN MALE SOUTHEASTERN FIVE-LINED SKINK (PLESTIODON INEXPECTATUS). Ryan Seddon\* and Matt Klukowski, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee. (TAS member: Ryan Seddon)
- 1:45 EFFECTS OF FOOD DEPRIVATION
  ON PLASMA CORTICOSTERONE AND
  TRIGLYCERIDES IN WATER SNAKES.
  NERODIA SIPEDON. Alison Carey\* and Matthew
  Klukowski, Middle Tennessee State University,
  Murfreesboro, Tennessee. (TAS member: Matthew
  Klukowski)
- 2:00 EFFECTS OF MATERNALLY TRANSFERRED METHYLMERCURY CHLORIDE ON STRESS INDUCED CORTICOSTERONE LEVELS IN NERODIA SIPEDON NEONATES. J. Patrick W. Cusaac\*, Raymond C. Wright\*, Cassandra Henry\*, and Frank C. Bailey, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro. Tennessee. (TAS member: Frank C. Bailey)
- 2:15 MERCURY CONCENTRATION IN
  FECAL SAMPLES AS AN INDICATOR OF
  METHYLMERCURY ABSORPTION IN DOSED
  NORTHERN WATER SNAKES. NERODIA
  SIPEDON. Raymond C. Wright\*, J. Patrick W.
  Cusaac\*, Cassandra Henry\*, Frank C. Bailey, Middle
  Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro. Tennessee.
  (TAS member: Frank C. Bailey)
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- 2:30 NICHE PARTITIONING AND OVERLAP BETWEEN WINTERING WOODPECKERS IN A BOTTOMLAND HARDWOOD FOREST IN NORTHWEST TENNESSEE. *Caitlin M. Gussenhoven and H. Dawn Wilkins, The University of Tennessee at Martin, Martin, Tennessee.* (TAS member: H. Dawn Wilkins)
- 2:45 AN ASSESSMENT OF CHROMOSOMAL POLYMOR PHISM IN THE SOUTHERN SHORT-TAILED SHREW (BLARINA CAROLINENSIS).

  A. Christopher Grow\*, Melvin L. Beck, and Michael L. Kennedy, The University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee. (TAS member: Michael L. Kennedy)
- 3:00 RELATIONSHIP OF THE OCCURRENCE OF THE VIRGINIA OPOSSUM AND SELECTED HABITAT VARIABLES. *Daniel M. Wolcott\* and Michael L. Kennedy, The University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee.* (TAS member: Michael L. Kennedy)
- 3:15 AN EXAMINATION OF INTERSPECIFIC ASSOCIATION BETWEEN EASTERN WILD TURKEY AND WHITE-TAILED DEER. *Corey T. Young\* and Michael L. Kennedy, The University of Memphis. Memphis, Tennessee.*
- 3:30 SAMPLING MACROINVERTEBRATES IN POND COMMUNITIES: A COMPARISON OF TWO TECHNIQUES. Laura A. Farmer\* and Steven W. Hamilton, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville, Tennessee.
- 3:45 THERMAL ECOLOGY OF HIBERNATION IN THE MIDLAND WATERSNAKE. *Jerrod D. Shipman\**, *Vince A. Cobb*, *Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro. Tennessee.*

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## BOTANY

IMPACTS OF NONPOINT-SOURCE POLLUTION ON DIATOM COMMUNITY STRUCTURE AND OXYGEN METABOLISM IN THE RED RIVER WATERSHED OF NORTH-CENRTAL TENNESSEE. Jefferson G. Lebkuecher, Stacy M. Rainey\*, Chelsea B. Williams\*, and Alex J. Hall\*, Austin Peay State University, Clarksville. Tennessee.

THE EFFECTS OF LONICERA MAACKII ON THE DIVERSITY OF SMALL WOODY PLANTS AT WARNER PARKS IN NASHVILLE, TENNESSEE. Julianna Bejma\* and A. Darlene Panvini, Belmont University, Nashville, Tennessee.

GENETIC DIVERSITY OF DALEA FOLIOSA USING ISSR MARKERS. Jay Pannell\*, Wes Rogers\*, Amanda D. Williams, and Mary K. Sledge. Lipscomb University. Nashville. Tennessee.

ALLELOPATHIC ACTIVITY OF PASSIFLORA INCARNATA EXTRACTS AS MEASURED BY HORDEUM VULGARE AND RAPHANUS SATIVUS. Adam W. Keasling\* and Frank C. Bailey, Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

## CELL AND MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

OLFACTORY RESPONSES OF C. ELEGANS TO SELECTED BACTERIAL SPECIES. Gabrielle Facey\* and Robert T. Grammer, Belmont University, Nashville. Tennessee.

SMALL EXTRACELLULAR MATRIX PEPTIDES REGULATE ENDOTHELIAL CELL ACTIVATION. Bobby Rampp\*, Alex Patterson\*, Amanda D. Williams, Beth Conway. Lipscomb University. Nashville, Tennessee.

THE ROLE OF ENDOTHELIN CONVERTING ENZYME-1 IN HUMAN BREAST CANCER CELL INVASION. Molly Watson\*, Amanda D. Williams, Beth Conway. Lipscomb University. Nashville. Tennessee.

## POSTERS ON DISPLAY

BRAIN DERIVED NEUROTROPHIC FACTOR EXPRESSION IN PROSTATE CANCER CELLS DURING STRESS. Kyle Brawner\*, Amanda D. Williams, Jon Lowrance. Lipscomb University. Nashville, Tennessee.

BRAIN DERIVED NEUROTROPHIC FACTOR EXPRESSION DURING CELLULAR STRESS IN T-LYMPHOBLASTS. *Porter W. Maerz\**, *Amanda D. Williams*, *Jon Lowrance*. *Lipscomb University*. *Nashville*. *Tennessee*.

ENDOTHELIN CONVERTING ENZYME-I EXPRESSION LEVELS IN BREAST CANCER CELLS. Ben Kellum\*, Amanda D. Williams, Beth Conway. Lipscomb University. Nashville. Tennessee.

CHARACTERIZATION OF THE DEAD ELVIS (DEL) MUTATION IN ZEBRAFISH. Lauren Milleville\*, Michael R. Taylor, Charles A. Lessman, and Ethan A. Carver, University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Chattanooga, Tennessee (LM. EC). St. Jude's Children's Hospital, Memphis. Tennessee (MT), and University of Memphis, Memphis, Tennessee (CL).

## **CHEMISTRY**

CHARACTERIZATION OF MOLDS BY ANALYZING VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS RELEASED USING GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY-MASS SPECTROMETRY. *Beng Guat Ooi*, *Department of Chemistry. MTSU*.

CHARACTERIZATION OF MOLDS BY ANALYZING VOLATILE ORGANIC COMPOUNDS RELEASED USING GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY-MASS SPECTROMETRY. Beng Guat Ooi\*, Middle Tennessee State University. Murfreesboro. Tennessee.

CALIBRATION OF DIAPHRAGM VACUUM GAUGE MEASUREMENTS OF WATER ASPIRATOR PERFORMANCE. Alae Rabiei\* and Martin V. Stewart, Middle Tennessee State University. Murfreesboro, Tennessee.

A HISTORY OF THE CHEMISTRY SECTION OF THE TENNESSEE ACADEMY OF SCIENCE: 1940 – 2010. Stokes R. Swann\*, James X. Corgan, and Martin V. Stewart, Middle Tennessee State University. Murfreesboro, Tennessee (SRS. MVS). and Austin Peay State University. Clarksville, Tennessee (JXC).

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