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Grantville, PA

March 31-April 2, 2006

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FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT



Welcome to 2006. May the New Year bring you happiness and may you successfully keep all your resolutions. Sometimes I believe that the New Year's resolution is a version of punctuated equilibrium, an attempt to jolt free of the status quo with a dramatic, profound change. But inertia is hard to overcome and old habits die hard.

As for me, I've dumped my usual fitness related resolutions, in favor of not procrastinating once I get around to it. This year we do have a change for our newsletter. It will now be available only on the PAS home page, <http://pennsci.org>.

I am excited about the PAS annual meeting to be held March 31 –April 2 at the Holiday Inn, Harrisburg. In the commonwealth the opportunities for students to participate in numerous ongoing research activities is evidenced by the nearly 140 abstracts submitted for the annual meeting.

Rather than make resolutions, we as an organization should try to accomplish the following: PAS still needs more members, and I encourage you to consider sponsoring the first year of membership for your undergraduate and graduate students. If you have ideas for symposia for future meetings, please don't hesitate to let us know. If you are interested in any of the offices for PAS, contact us for more information.

I would like to express my gratitude to all the members who have responded to the Annual Fund Campaign. The goal of the development fund is to generate sufficient money to cover the cost of publishing our journal and provide for undergraduate and graduate student research grants. We still have a way to go but with your help we will be able to achieve our goal.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in Harrisburg.

Jane E. Huffman, PhD
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UPCOMING MEETINGS

The **82nd Annual PAS Meeting** will be held at the *Holiday Inn, Grantville, PA, March 31-April 2, 2006.*

The **National Conference on Undergraduate Research (NCUR)[®] 20th Annual Meeting** will take place on *April 6-9, 2006, UNC Asheville, NC.* Please visit the website for more information <http://www.ncur.org/>

The **American Society for Microbiology 106th General Meeting** will take place **May 21 - 25, 2006, Orlando, FL.** Please visit the website for more information <http://www.asmta.org/>

The **Ecological Society of America 91st Annual Meeting** will take place Aug. 6-11 2006, Memphis, TN. Please visit the website for more information <http://www.esa.org/memphis/>

The **Geological Society of American Annual Meeting** will take place on **October 22-25, 2006, Philadelphia, PA.** Please visit the website for more information <http://www.geosociety.org/meetings/2006/>

CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

The members of the Pennsylvania Academy of Science are requested to submit nominations for the following offices of the Academy to be elected at the 2006 annual meeting:

President-elect (2006-8)
 Corresponding Secretary (2006-8)
 Treasurer-elect (2006-8)
 Director-at-large (2006-8) 2 positions (Nominated from among the committee chairs)

Nominations should be sent to:

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82nd Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Academy of Science Photo Contest

Calling All Photographers

Photographers are invited to enter their best photos in The Pennsylvania Academy of Science's 3rd Annual Conference Photography Contest. Categories for this year's contest are: Landscape, Flora, Fauna, Conservation Activities and Open. A panel of judges will judge entries and provide a critique of winning photos at the award presentation after dinner on Saturday night. Ribbons and tangible prizes will be awarded as follows: ribbon awards and prizes will be made for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each category. Best of Show and Peoples' Choice (voting by conference participants) awards will also be awarded prizes.

PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST RULES

- Entrant must be registered for the Conference to submit a photo.
- Entrant must have taken the photo and have all rights to its distribution and use.
- Entries cannot include photos submitted to a previous PAS conference.
- Maximum of four entries per category per entrant.
- All entrants must register their photos at the registration desk on Friday March 31st.
- Entry fee is \$2.00 per photo or \$10.00 total if five or more are submitted.

Entry categories are Landscape, Flora, Fauna, Conservation Activities and Open. Only hard-copy prints will be accepted. Images may have been taken on film, or captured digitally and manipulated to achieve the final image. Each photo may not be entered in more than one category. Photos of captive/captured animals or propagated plants may be submitted only in the Open category. Black and white or color photos may be submitted in any category.

Hard Copy Prints: The size of hard-copy prints must be between 5"x7" and 11"x16" (print photography contest booth will be staffed by volunteers during daytime hours, we cannot guarantee total security of your photos).

A panel of judges will select winning entries. Judges will evaluate photos on the basis of the image impact (message/feelings conveyed) 25%, and 15% each for clarity, color/contrast, composition, lighting, and overall impression. Conference attendees will select the Peoples' Choice winner among all the photos. Attendees will have until 4 PM on Saturday to cast their votes.

Ribbons and prizes will be awarded Saturday evening at the critique.

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES AT A GLANCE

82nd Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania Academy of Science

March 31 – April 2, 2006 – Holiday Inn, Grantville PA

FRIDAY, March 31

1:00 pm	Board of Director's Meeting	Congressional Suite
3:00-8:00 PM	Registration	Lobby
6:30-8:00 PM	<i>Dinner</i>	Majestic I & II
8:15 PM	Speaker	Majestic I & II

SATURDAY, April 1

7:30-9:00 AM	<i>Breakfast</i>	Majestic I & II
8:30-11:00 AM	Registration	Lobby
9:00-5:00 PM	Exhibits	Royale 1,2,3
9:00-12 Noon	Paper Presentations	
	I Molecular Biology / Chemistry / Physics	Congressional Suite
	II Aquatic Biology	Regency Suite
	III Parasitology / Microbiology	Pennsylvania Suite
9:00 AM-12 Noon	Poster Session I Cell / Molecular Medicine	Royale 1,2,3
10:00-10:30 AM	<i>Coffee Break</i>	Foyer
10:00AM-2:30PM	Advisory Council Meeting	Winners' Circle Saloon
12 Noon-1:15 PM	<i>Lunch</i>	Majestic I & II
1:00-5:00 PM	Paper Presentations	
	IV Medicine / Cancer / Immunology	Congressional Suite
	V Ecology / Environmental Science / Botany	Regency Suite
	VI Vertebrate Zoology	Pennsylvania Suite
1:00-4:00 PM	Poster Session II Ecology Aquatic Biology	Royale 1,2,3
2:30-3:00 PM	<i>Coffee Break</i>	Foyer
5:00 PM	Business Meeting	Congressional Suite
5:00-6:30 PM	<i>Social Hour (Cash Bar)</i>	Winners' Circle Saloon
6:30-8:00 PM	<i>Dinner</i>	Grande Ball Room
8:15 PM	<i>Mixer</i>	Winners' Circle Saloon

SUNDAY, April 2

7:30-9:00 AM	<i>Breakfast</i>	Majestic I & II
8:30-11:00 AM	Registration	Lobby
8:30-11:30 AM	Poster Session III Microbiology / Parasitology	Royale 1,2,3
11:00 AM	Board of Director's Meeting	Congressional Suite

PROGRAM SESSIONS

82nd Annual Meeting of the Pennsylvania
Academy of Science
Holiday Inn, Grantville, PA
March 31-April 2, 2006

Program Chairs

Lucinda H. Elliott and Marcie L. Lehman

SATURDAY, APRIL 1
9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON

Session I

MOLECULAR BIOLOGY/CHEMISTRY/PHYSICS
Congressional Suite

Lucinda Elliott, Session Chair

9:00-9:15

1. GENERATION OF A FULL-LENGTH CDNA CODING FOR THE *MANDUCA SEXTA* APOLIPOPHORIN PRECURSOR PROTEIN. **Elaine Steinke*** and **K. Joy Karnas** (Cedar Crest College, Department of Biological Sciences).

9:15-9:30

2. IDENTIFICATION OF LEPIDOPTERON APOLIPOPROTEINS. **Lynn Wilson*** and **K. Joy Karnas** (Cedar Crest College, Department of Biological Sciences).

9:30-9:45

3. PODOCORYNA CARNEA EST PROJECT. **Alicia M. Alcamo*¹**, **Heather L. House²** and **Diane Bridge¹** (¹Elizabethtown College, ²University of Maryland School of Medicine).

9:45-10:00

4. ENZYME THAT MAKES A CRITICAL CELL WALL COMPONENT FOR CAPSULE ATTACHMENT IN THE FUNGAL PATHOGEN *CRYPTOCOCCUS NEOFORMANS*. **Julianne A. Sefko*** and **Amy J. Reese** (Cedar Crest College, Department of Biological Sciences).

10:00-10:15

BREAK

10:15-10:30

5. USING RNA INTERFERENCE TO REDUCE THE LEVELS OF A CELL WALL REGULATION ENZYME IN THE FUNGAL PATHOGEN *CRYPTOCOCCUS*

NEOFORMANS. **Devika Rawal*** and **Amy J. Reese** (Cedar Crest College).

10:30-10:45

6. PURKINJE NEURON DEVELOPMENT: INTRACELLULAR SIGNALING PATHWAYS THAT REGULATE DENDRITE FORMATION. **Stamatis A. Zeris*** and **Mary E. Morrison** (Lycoming College, Biology Department).

10:45-11:00

7. EXTRACTION OF ISOFLAVONES FROM SOYBEAN. **Heather Plank***, **Ray Shively**, and **Deborah S. Austin** (Wilson College, Department of Chemistry).

11:00-11:15

8. METHYLTRIOXORHENIUM-CATALYZED EPOXIDATION OF OLEFINS IN HALOGEN-FREE IONIC LIQUIDS. **Jayna Reggi***, **Ray Shively**, and **Deborah S. Austin** (Wilson College, Department of Chemistry).

11:15-11:30

9. DETERMINATION OF WINDOWS OF VULNERABILITY FOR THALIDOMIDE INDUCED TERATOGENESIS IN SEA URCHIN EMBRYOS CULTURED IN VITRO. **Cherysse Lanns***, **Katie Plocharczyk**, **Steven Heverley**, and **Jan Reichard-Brown** (Susquehanna University, Department of Biology).

11:30-11:45

10. G PROTEIN RECEPTOR REGULATION OF ZEBRAFISH CARDIAC DEVELOPMENT. **Carl A. Hansen,^{1*}** **Anna Stauffer,²** and **Janet Robishaw²** (¹Bloomsburg University, Biological and Allied Health Sciences, ²Geisinger Clinic, Weis Center for Research).

11:45-12:00

11. MEASURING THE EFFICIENCY OF AN AUTOMOBILE ENGINE USING A METER STICK AND A STOP WATCH. **Neil M Shea*** (Kutztown University, Department of Physical Sciences (retired)).

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON

Session II

ECOLOGY/ENVIRONMENTAL/AQUATIC BIOLOGY

Keystone B

Peter Petokas, Session Chair

9:00-9:15

12. PRELIMINARY REPORT ON THE DISTRIBUTION, HABITAT, AND FOOD PREFERENCES OF JUVENILE AND ADULT EASTERN HELLBENDERS (*CRYPTOBRANCHUS ALLEGANIENSIS ALLEGANIENSIS*) IN NORTHCENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA. **Peter J. Petokas***, **James Rogers**, **Philip Kratochvil**, and **Noah Sterngold** (Lycoming College, Department of Biology).

9:15-9:30

13. ATTEMPTS BY SPORTSMEN TO EXTIRPATE THE EASTERN HELLBENDER (*CRYPTOBRANCHUS ALLEGANIENSIS ALLEGANIENSIS*) FROM NORTHCENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA STREAMS DURING THE 1930'S. **Peter J. Petokas*** and **James Rogers** (Lycoming College, Department of Biology).

9:30-9:45

14. A CHEMICAL AND PHYSICAL ASSESSMENT OF THE BUFFALO CREEK WATERSHED (UNION COUNTY PA). **Brad Musser***, **Katie Swanson**, **Laura Lockard**, and **Mel Zimmerman** (Lycoming College).

9:45-10:00

15. SEDIMENTATION ASSOCIATED WITH A WET-CONSTRUCTED STREAM CHANNEL RESTORATION PROJECT IN THE PENNSYLVANIA PIEDMONT: PLACING PERCEPTIONS IN PERSPECTIVE. **Matthew P. Hoch*** and **Jason S. Shirey** (Penn State University - York).

10:00-10:15 BREAK

10:15-10:30

16. EVIDENCE OF THE IMPORTANCE OF FIRST ORDER STREAMS IN THE PENNSYLVANIA LAKE ERIE WATERSHED AND WHY THEY SHOULD BE BETTER PROTECTED. **J. Michael Campbell*** and **Erik A. Weber** (Mercyhurst College).

10:30-10:45

17. BIOLOGY AND CHEMISTRY OF MINESHAFT OUTFLOWS IN TIOGA COUNTY, PA. **John Kirby**, **Gregory Carson**, and **Carissa Ganong*** (Mansfield University, Department of Chemistry).

10:45-11:00

18. AN EXAMINATION OF THE INTERACTION BETWEEN AN INVASIVE SNAIL AND NATIVE MOLLUSK BIODIVERSITY IN LAKE ONTARIO. **Ashley Kelley***, **Shane Lunnen**, and **Edward P. Levri** (Penn State – Altoona, Division of Mathematics and Natural Sciences)

11:00-11:15

19. CONTRIBUTING AREAS OF TWO MAJOR CARBONATE SPRING SYSTEMS IN SOUTH CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA DETERMINED BY FLUORESCENT DYE TRACING. **Ashley Brookhart*¹**, **Todd Hurd¹**, **Thomas Feeney¹**, **Martin Otz²**, and **Ines Otz²** (¹Shippensburg University, ²5788 Widewaters Parkway, Dewitt, NY 13214).

11:15-11:30

20. A STUDY OF *MYRIOPHYLLUM HETEROPHYLLUM* IN PENNSYLVANIA AND DELAWARE. **Amanda Treher*¹**, **Timothy Block¹**, **Ann Rhoads¹**, **Lucinda McDade²**, **James Macklin²** and **Carrie Kiel²** (¹University of Pennsylvania, The Morris Arboretum, ²The Academy of Natural Sciences, Philadelphia).

11:30-11:45

21. INFLUENCE OF ACLIMATION TEMPERATURE ON THE POST STOCKING MOVEMENT OF HATCHERY TROUT IN STREAMS. **Robert Wnuk*¹** and **John S. Smith²** (¹PA Fish and Boat Commission, ²East Stroudsburg University of Pennsylvania).

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

9:00 AM – 12:00 NOON

Session III

PARASTOLOGY/MICROBIOLOGY

Keystone C

Jane Huffman, Session Chair

9:00-9:15

22. THE EFFECTS OF ESTIVATION ON THE SURVIVAL AND LIPID COMPOSITION OF *BIOMPHALARIA GLABRATA* INFECTED WITH *SCHISTOSOMA MANSONI*. **Meredith M. White*** and **Bernard Fried** (Lafayette College, Department of Biology).

9:15-9:30

23. EMERGING TICK-BORNE INFECTIOUS DISEASE PREVALENCE IN NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA TICK POPULATIONS. **Judy Cherepko***¹, **Gary Fromert,**² **Michael Pula,**¹ and **Jane E. Huffman**² (¹Monroe County Vector Control, ²East Stroudsburg University, Applied DNA Sciences Laboratory).

9:30-9:45

24. HEMATOLOGY AND PREVALENCE OF *TOXOPLASMA GONDII* AND *TRICHINELLA SPIRALIS* ANTIBODIES IN NEW JERSEY BLACK BEARS (*URSUS AMERICANUS*). **Jane Huffman***¹, **Heather Kinyon,**¹ **Jack Pedone,**¹ **Kelcey Burguess,**² and **Patrick Carr**² (¹East Stroudsburg University, Department of Biological Sciences, ²New Jersey Division of Fish & Wildlife, Clinton Management Area, Hampton, NJ).

9:45-10:00

25. BACTERIAL PNEUMONIA IN THE OPOSSUM (*DIDELPHIS VIRGINIANA*) INFECTED WITH THE LUNGWORMS *DIDELPHOSTRONGYLUS HAYESI* AND *CAPILLARIA* SP. **Tanya Troutman*** and **Jane E. Huffman** (East Stroudsburg, Department of Biological Sciences).

10:00-10:15 BREAK**10:15-10:30**

26. SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPY OF THE TEGUMENTAL SURFACE OF *RIBEIROIA* SPP REDIAE AND CERCARIAE. **Shamus P. Keeler*** and **J. E. Huffman** (East Stroudsburg University, Department of Biological Sciences).

10:30-10:45

27. CONJUGAL TRANSFER OF ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE FROM ENVIRONMENTAL ISOLATES. **Colleen E. Walsh*** and **Laurie F. Caslake** (Lafayette College, Department of Biology).

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Session IV

CANCER/IMMUNOLOGY/MEDICINE

Keystone A

Jonathan Coren, Session Chair

1:00-1:15

28. DETERMINING THE ABILITY OF SV40 T-ANTIGEN TO REACTIVATE SILENT RIBOSOMAL PROMOTERS BY USING REAL TIME PCR. **Rachael S. Levine*** and **Jane F. Cavender** (Elizabethtown College, Biology Department).

1:15-1:30

29. LOCALIZATION OF B23 IN THE PRESENCE OF SIMIAN VIRUS T ANTIGEN. **Meghan E. Gowens*, Katherine Heberlein,** and **Jane F. Cavender** (Elizabethtown College, Biology Department).

1:30-1:45

30. LONG TEMPLATE PCR AMPLIFICATION OF GENOMIC DNA TO IDENTIFY CLONES WITH FULL LENGTH P53 GENES. **David Hamel*** and **Jonathon Coren** (Elizabethtown College, Biology Department).

1:45-2:00

31. ANALYSIS OF AN ARRAYED HUMAN GENOMIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTED IN THE PAC VECTOR PJCPAC-MAM2. **Robert Burke*, Yasunori Nagahama*,** and **Jonathon Coren** (Elizabethtown College, Biology Department).

2:00-2:15

32. GROWTH INHIBITION, CYTOGENETIC EFFECTS AND INDUCTION OF APOPTOSIS MEDIATED BY IMATINIB MESYLATE, AN EFFECTIVE ANTI-LEUKEMIA DRUG IN HUMAN CERVICAL CARCINOMA (HELA) CELLS. **I-Lee Hwa*, Christopher Sweitzer*, Aviva Goel,** and **Shyamal K. Majumdar** (Lafayette College).

2:15-2:30 BREAK**2:30-2:45**

33. MUTAGENESIS BY ANTHRACYCLINES IN AN *ESCHERICHIA COLI* PLASMID. **Caitlin Feather*** (Edinboro University, Department of Biology).

2:45-3:00

34. EFFECT OF CCL5 ON ANTIGEN SPECIFIC T CELL EFFECTOR FUNCTION. **Tye R. Murphy*, Daniela Simova,** and **Robert A. Kurt** (Lafayette College, Department of Biology).

3:00-3:15

35. INHIBITION OF CCL5 EXPRESSION BY A MURINE MAMMARY CARCINOMA USING RNA INTERFERENCE. **Mevan Jayasinghe*** and **Robert A. Kurt** (Lafayette College, Department of Biology).

3:15-3:30

36. TOLL-LIKE RECEPTOR MRNA EXPRESSION IN DENDRITIC CELLS FROM OTII TRANSGENIC MICE. **Collin J. LaCasse*** and **Robert A. Kurt** (Lafayette College, Department of Biology).

3:30-3:45

37. EFFECTS OF OBESITY AND CIGARETTE SMOKING ON REPRODUCTIVE SUCCESS. **Kristine Tofts***, **Aliceann Reilley,¹** and **Cynthia Surmacz²** (¹Geisinger Medical Center, The Fertility Center, ²Bloomsburg University).

3:45-4:00

38. COMPARATIVE HEALING IN A EQUINE MODEL: ANALYSIS OF THREADED VERSUS UNTHREADED OSTEOSTIXIS IN MCIII'S AND MTIII'S. **Kay Pfaff,^{1*}** **Gareth Spurlock,²** **M. Dana Harriger,¹** **Alicia L. Bertone,³** and **Brad E. Engle¹** (¹Wilson College, ²Spurlock Equine Associates, ³Ohio State University College of Veterinary Medicine).

4:00-4:15

39. EXPERIMENTAL ANALYSIS OF OCCUPATIONAL STRESS INDICATED BY CORTISOL. **Kyndal Cook*,** **M. Dana Harriger,** and **Brad E. Engle** (Wilson College, Department of Physical and Life Sciences).

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Session V

ECOLOGY/ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES/BOTANY

Keystone B

Richard Stewart, Session Chair

1:00-1:15

40. INVENTORY AND VALUATION OF SHADE TREES IN KINGSTON, PENNSYLVANIA USING CITYGREEN. **Nina Sweppenheiser*** and **Kenneth Klemow** (Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre).

1:15-1:30

41. INCREASE IN GRASS PRODUCTION WHEN INTERCROPPED WITH LEGUMES. **Jan Mikesell*** (Gettysburg College).

1:30-1:45

42. INTERPRETING VEGETATION CHANGES AND FIRE REGIMES IN THE NJ PINE BARRENS USING HISTORICAL AERIAL PHOTOGRAPHY. **Michael Allen*** (East Stroudsburg University).

1:45-2:00

43. COMPOSITION OF AND DISPERSAL PATTERNS FROM A FOREST FRAGMENT AT THE ACOPIAN CENTER FOR CONSERVATION LEARNING, ORWIGSBURG, PENNSYLVANIA. **Brandy M. Botek*** and **Amy E. Faivre** (Cedar Crest College, Department of Biological Sciences).

2:00-2:15

44. VARIATION IN FLOWER VISITATION AMONG THREE SPECIES OF BEES IN A PENNSYLVANIA MEADOW. **Andrea A. Edge*** and **Amy E. Faivre** (Cedar Crest College, Department of Biological Sciences).

2:15-2:30

45. A COMPARATIVE ASSESSMENT OF THE MICROBIAL COMMUNITIES IN SEDIMENTS OF THE LAKE ERIE BLUFF AND IN BLUFF TOP SOILS. **Maggie J. Campbell*,** **Mark N. Fahmeyer,** and **Marlene Cross** (Mercyhurst College).

2:30-2:45 BREAK

2:45-3:00

46. SPECIES COMPOSITION AND STRUCTURE OF THE GORDON NATURAL AREA, AN URBAN FOREST IN SOUTHEAST PENNSYLVANIA. **Greg Turner*,** **Robin R. Van Meter,** and **Gerald D. Hertel** (West Chester University).

3:00-3:15

47. VEGETATION RESPONSE AND LEACHATE QUALITY IN SOIL AMENDMENT-CULM MIXTURES: A COLUMN EXPERIMENT. **William J. Tarutis, Jr.*** (Lackawanna College, Mathematics & Science Division).

3:15-3:30

48. METAL-SULFATE-PH EFFECTS ON COLOR OF IRON HYDROXIDES IN SYNTHETIC COAL MINE DRAINAGES. **William J. Tarutis, Jr.*** (Lackawanna College, Mathematics & Science Division).

3:30-3:45

49. EFFECTS OF GLYPHOSATE (ROUNDUP®) ON GLUTATHIONE-S-TRANSFERASE ACTIVITY IN MUDWORMS, *LUMBRICULUS VARIEGATES*. **Jillian E. Smith* and John S. Smith** (East Stroudsburg University).

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

1:00 PM – 5:00 PM

Session VI

VERTEBRATE ZOOLOGY

Keystone C

Pablo R. Delis, Session Chair

1:00-1:15

50. DISPLAYED BEHAVIORS OF RATS (*RATTUS NORVEGICUS*) IN ENRICHED AND STANDARD HOUSING CONDITIONS. **Kathryn Servansky* and Ginger R. Fisher** (Wilson College).

1:15-1:30

51. HETEROZYGOSITY-FITNESS CORRELATIONS IN A POPULATION OF COLLARED LIZARDS, *CROTAPHYTUS COLLARIS*. **Danielle Wartko,^{1*} Linda Yeany,¹ John M. Hranitz,¹ and Troy A. Baird²** (¹Bloomsburg University, ²University of Central Oklahoma, Department of Biology).

1:30-1:45

52. INVESTIGATION OF THE EFFECT OF POPULATION STRUCTURE ON HETEROZYGOSITY-FITNESS CORRELATIONS IN COLLARED LIZARDS, *CROTAPHYTUS COLLARIS*. **Linda Yeany,^{1*} Danielle Wartko,¹ John M. Hranitz,¹ and Troy A. Baird²** (¹Bloomsburg University, ²University of Central Oklahoma, Department of Biology).

1:45-2:00

53. MOLECULAR IDENTIFICATION OF WHITE-FOOTED MICE AND DEER MICE (GENUS *PEROMYSCUS*) FROM NORTHEASTERN PENNSYLVANIA. **Jacqueline I. Balogach¹ Maria Kitchens-**

Kintz, and Howard P. Whidden (East Stroudsburg University).

2:00-2:15

54. TEMPORAL AND GEOGRAPHIC VARIATION IN SKELETAL MORPHOLOGY OF THE WOODCHUCK (*MARMOTA MONAX*) IN THE NORTHEASTERN UNITED STATES. **Stephen P. Niedzwiecki* and Thomas C. LaDuke** (East Stroudsburg University, Department of Biological Sciences).

2:15-2:30**BREAK****2:30-2:45**

55. ACID MINE DRAINAGE AND NESTING INSECTIVOROUS BIRDS ALONG TRIBUTARIES OF THE SUSQUEHANNA RIVER. **Nicholas T. Ernst* and Clay E. Corbin** (Bloomsburg University, Department of Biological and Allied Health Sciences).

2:45-3:00

56. FORAGING SUCCESS AND HABITAT USE BY A POPULATION OF GREAT EGRETS (*EGRETTA ALBA*) ON THE SUSQUEHANNA RIVER. **Terry Master and Don Detwiler IV*** (East Stroudsburg University, Department of Biological Sciences).

3:00-3:15

57. THE ROLE OF FORSTERS TERNS (*STERNA FORSTERI*) IN FEEDING AGGREGATIONS. **Lisa Schreffler*¹, John Leiser,² and Terry Master¹** (¹East Stroudsburg, Department of Biological Sciences, ²Northampton Community College, Department of Biological Sciences).

3:15-3:30

58. A POINT COUNT SURVEY OF BIRDS OF EARLY SUCCESSIONAL HABITATS IN THE DELAWARE WATER GAP NATIONAL RECREATION AREA. **Terry Master*, James Sheehan, Gregory George, and Beth Swartzentruber** (East Stroudsburg University, Department of Biology).

3:30-3:45

59. THE EFFECT OF SOIL AND FOOD QUALITY ON BLUEBIRD NESTLING SUCCESS. **Lori Kristin Simpers* and Daniel E. Ressler** (Susquehanna University).

3:45-4:00

60. REPRODUCTIVE SUCCESS OF THE WOOD DUCK, *AIX SPONSA*, ON THE CONODOGUINET CREEK IN SOUTHCENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA. **Earl L Nollenberger*** and **Jonathan Herbert** (Shippensburg University).

**POSTER SESSION I
SATURDAY, APRIL 1**

9:00 – 12 NOON

CELL/MOLECULAR MEDICINE

BALLROOM SOUTH

Jane Cavender, Session Chair

61. OXIDATION OF A NICKEL DITHIOLATE COMPLEX: MECHANISTIC INSIGHTS ENROUTE TO SULFATE FORMATION. **Balwant S. Chohan** and **Erik R. Hosler*** (Susquehanna University, Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry).
62. COMPARATIVE PHARMACOKINETIC STUDIES OF MEDIUM CHAIN ALKYL ALCOHOLS, ALKYL ALDEHYDES AND CARBOXYLIC ACIDS. **Kevin Curl*** and **James Sidie** (Ursinus College).
63. TIME COURSE OF ANESTHETIC ACTION AND RECOVERY OF ALKYL ALCOHOLS AND ALKYL ALDEHYDES. **Caitlin Hanlon*** and **James Sidie**. Ursinus College).
64. GAS CHROMATOGRAPHY/MASS SPECTROSCOPY MEASUREMENT OF ALKYL ALDEHYDE ANESTHETICS. **Erin Obermeier*** and **James Sidie** (Ursinus College).
65. SURFACE CHARACTERIZATION OF A BIOLOGICAL LAYER WITHIN A VENTRICULAR DEVICE VIA SEM. **Feroza McAndrew,^{1*} Gerald D. Hess¹, and Conrad M. Zapanta²** (¹Messiah College, ²Penn State College of Medicine, Hershey).
66. ANALYSIS OF FACTORS THAT INFLUENCE T CELL-DENDRITIC CELL CONJUGATE FORMATION BY CONFOCAL MICROSCOPY. **Kathryn Rose*** and **Robert A. Kurt** (Lafayette College, Department of Biology).
67. CHANGES IN LIM GENE EXPRESSION IN BREAST CANCER CELLS TREATED WITH HUMAN CHORIONIC GONADOTROPIN. **Athenesia Faggins*, Mayoora**

Muthu*, Thomas M. McGuire, and Eric P. Ingersoll (Penn State Abington).

68. HUMAN CHORIONIC GONADOTROPIN DECREASES PROLIFERATION OF BREAST CANCER CELL LINES AND AFFECTS THE EXPRESSION OF VARIOUS LIM-CONTAINING GENE. **Benjamin D. Glasberg*, John C. Madara*, Eric P. Ingersoll, and Thomas M. McGuire** (Penn State Abington).
69. THE ANGIOGENIC SWITCH IN PROSTATE CARCINOMAS OF THE LOBUND WISTAR RAT MODEL. **Amit Sharma,^{1*} Nicole Ciano,¹ Morris Pollard,² Charles Burns Sr.¹ and Linda S. Gutierrez¹** (¹Wilkes University, Department of Biology, and ²University of Notre Dame).
70. THROMBOSPONDIN 1 IN ULCERATIVE COLITIS-ASSOCIATED DYSPLASIA. **Patricia Shepherd*, Salman Punekar, Nicole Ciano, and Linda S. Gutierrez** (Wilkes University, Department of Biology).
71. EFFECTS OF ABT-510, A THROMBOSPONDIN 1- DERIVED COMPOUND IN A MODEL OF INFLAMMATORY BOWEL DISEASE. **Nicole Ciano*, Salman Punekar, Valerie G. Kalter, and Linda S. Gutierrez** (Wilkes University, Department of Biology).
72. EFFECTS OF SMOKING ON SALIVARY CORTISOL LEVELS AND BLOOD PRESSURE IN COLLEGE STUDENTS. **Stefanie Simon*, Lindsey Dymond, Stefanie Macri, and Valerie G. Kalter** (Wilkes University, Biology Department).
73. EFFECTS OF INTRACRINE SIGNALING PATHWAYS ON ANGIOTENSIN-II INDUCED TYROSINE PHOSPHORYLATION IN CHINESE HAMSTER OVARY CELLS. **Lucinda J., Hughes,¹ Rajesh Kumar², Kenneth M. Baker² and Chris E. Kule^{1*}** (¹Cabrini College, Science Department, ²The Texas A&M University System Health Science Center College of Medicine, The Cardiovascular Research Institute).

74. METHYLATION STATUS OF THE RIBOSOMAL PROMOTER IN THE PRESENCE OF THE KU AUTOANTIGEN BINDING SEQUENCE. **Linda M. Nilsson***, **Leah J Robinson***, and **Jane F Cavender** (Elizabethtown College, Biology Department).
75. ARRAYING OF A HUMAN GENOMIC LIBRARY CONSTRUCTED IN THE PAC SHUTTLE VECTOR PJCPAC-MAM2. **Robert Burke***, **Yasunori Nagahama**, **David Hamel**, **Wendy Chandler**, **Melissa Marschner**, and **Jonathon Coren** (Elizabethtown College, Biology Department).
76. CHARACTERIZATION OF RETINAL STEM CELLS IN A FISH MODEL SPECIES. **Helen Luu***, **Dawn Sadler***, **Amanda Sellers***, **Jennifer German**, and **Audrey J. Ettinger** (Cedar Crest College, Department of Biological Sciences).
77. CHARACTERIZING THE ROLE OF JNK IN SEA URCHIN EMBRYONIC DEVELOPMENT. **Erica Wagner***, **Jason Hamberger***, and **Margaret T. Peeler** (Susquehanna University, Biology Department).
78. JUVENILE HORMONE REGULATION OF YP1, YP2 AND YP3 GENE EXPRESSION IN FAT BODY AND OVARIES IN *DROSOPHILA MELANOGASTER*. **Emily E. Bowling*** and **David S. Richard** (Susquehanna University, Department of Biology).
79. INSULIN-SIGNALING AND DYNAMIN MAY BE INVOLVED IN THE REGULATION OF RECEPTOR-MEDIATED ENDOCYTOSIS IN *DROSOPHILA MILANOGASTER*. **Kristen Shilling*** and **David S. Richard** (Susquehanna University, Department of Biology).
80. LIFE AT THE EDGE: ALTERATION OF CORTICAL ACTIN CYTOSKELETAL DYNAMICS IN SEA URCHIN COELOMOCYTES. **David Cheung***, **Mary McClellan***, and **John Henson** (Dickinson College and Mount Desert Island Biological Laboratory).
81. DETECTION OF TELOMERASE ACTIVITY IN *HYDRA MAGNIPAPILLATA*. **Seth E. Ilgenfritz*** and **Jeffrey P. Thompson** (York College of Pennsylvania, Department of Biological Sciences).
82. DETERMINING SYNTHESIS AND EXPRESSION OF APOLIPOPROTEINS IN UNICELLULAR ORGANISMS. **Hilary Prescott*** and **K. Joy Karnas** (Cedar Crest College).
83. IDENTIFICATION OF CYTOPLASMIC MICROTUBULE ASSOCIATED PROTEIN GENES IN *CHLAMYDOMONAS REINHARDTII*. **Stephanie Nowotarski¹**, **Cristen Rosch²**, and **K. Joy Karnas¹** (¹Cedar Crest College, ²Kutztown University of Pennsylvania).
84. EXPRESSION OF VEGF RECEPTOR HOMOLOGUES IN THE CNIDARIAN *HYDRA MAGNIPAPILLATA*. **Alexander Theofiles***, **Curtis Nolt**, and **Diane Bridge** (Elizabethtown College).
85. COLOR-CODING THE PLANT TRANS-GOLGI NETWORK. **James Bochicchio***, **Ashley Moore**, and **William Terzaghi** (Wilkes University, Department of Biology).
86. MEASURING RESPIRATION, LIPID COMPOSITION, AND THERMAL PROPERTIES OF *ARABIDOPSIS* MUTANT. **Ashley McBrearty***, **Benjamin Palachick**, **Deana Mikhalkova**, **William Stine**, and **William Terzaghi** (Wilkes University, Department of Biology).
87. MAKING PLANTS WITH PEROXISOMES THAT FLUORESCENCE YELLOW. **Jennifer Ramil***, **Keith Heim**, **Stephen Lehmkuhl**, **David Scordino**, and **William Terzaghi**, (Wilkes University, Department of Biology).
88. HUNTING FOR VARIANT SCR ALLELES INVOLVED IN SELF-INCOMPATIBILITY IN *ARABIDOPSIS LYRATA*. **Kathleen Dwyer***, **Paurush Shah**, **Melissa Badenhop**, **Sarah Novik**, **Gregory Toole**, and **Colin Flannery** (University of Scranton)
89. ENGINEERING LEARNING MODULES AS A KEY TO SUCCESS IN TECHNICIAN TRAINING. **Duval Bhalodia**, **Helen Grebski**, **Wes Grebski***, and **John Skopek** (Penn State Hazleton).
90. SELENIUM AS A NEUROPROTECTIVE AGENT IN THE 6-OHDA STRIATAL LESION MODEL. **R. Siegfried***, **P. Varvarelis**, and **C. M. Fox** (Moravian College Department of Biology).

91. FORENSIC APPLICATION OF SINGLE-STRANDED CONFORMATION POLYMORPHISM (SSCP) ANALYSIS UTILIZING MICROCHIP ELECTROPHORESIS IN THE DIFFERENTIATION OF ZFX AND ZFY GENES FOR MAMMALIAN GENDER IDENTIFICATION. **Gary W. Fromert*** (East Stroudsburg University, Northeast Wildlife DNA Laboratory, Applied DNA Sciences).

**POSTER SESSION II
SATURDAY, APRIL 1**

**1:00 – 4:00 PM
ENVIRONMENTAL/AQUATIC BIOLOGY/EDUCATION
BALLROOM SOUTH**

Matthew Hoch, Session Chair

92. PREDATION RISK OF MALES AND FEMALES OF THE WOLF SPIDER PARDOSA MILVINA DURING COURTSHIP AND COPULATION. **Bryant Upton* and Matthew Persons** (Susquehanna University).
93. HABITAT PREFERENCE AND MOVEMENT OF THE WOLF SPIDER PARDOSA MILVINA IN A CROP SYSTEM. **Amanda Sangillo*, Sarah Kiemle, and Matthew Persons** (Susquehanna University).
94. SILK DRAGLINE DEPOSITION AND CONSPECIFIC COMMUNICATION IN THE WOLF SPIDER HOGNA HELLUO. **Christopher Latanich* and Matthew Persons** (Susquehanna University).
95. THE EFFECTS OF SPIDER CUES ON COLORADO POTATO BEETLE (LEPTINOTARSA DECEMLINEATA) FORAGING BEHAVIOR. **Jeffrey Garofalo*, Steven Heverley, and Matthew Persons** (Susquehanna University).
96. WATCHING YOUR FRIENDS GET EATEN: BYSTANDER EFFECTS ON PREDATOR RECOGNITION AND SUBSEQUENT SURVIVAL IN THE WOLF SPIDER PARDOSA MILVINA. **Ahmed Alkhateeb*, Mark Prokopovits, and Matthew Persons** (Susquehanna University).
97. USE OF HABITATS BY BIRDS IN PENNSYLVANIA AT LANDSCAPE LEVEL. **Ross Boozer* and Carlos A. Iudica**

- (Susquehanna University, Department of Biology).
98. POPULATION TRENDS IN SIX BIRD SPECIES: BLACK-THROATED BLUE WARBLER; PILEATED WOODPECKER; GREY CATBIRD; WOOD THRUSH; EASTERN TOWHEE; AND GOLDEN-CROWNED KINGLET; IN A 5 HECTARE OAK-HICKORY WOODLOT IN SOUTHCENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA. **Jonathan Herbert* and Earl L. Nollenberger** (Shippensburg University).
99. ASSESSMENT OF DEER IMPACT ON HUNTED AND NON-HUNTED LANDS OF MONTOUR PRESERVE. **Christopher Dempsy* and Mel Zimmerman** (Lycoming College).
100. BASE-LINE WATER QUALITY ASSESSMENT OF THE LOWER WEST BRANCH OF THE SUSQUEHANNA RIVER. **Laura Lockard, Heather Horsley*, and Mel Zimmerman** (Lycoming College).
101. PRESENCE OF PRECOCENES IN THE WHITE SNAKEROOT PLANT AGERATINA ALTISSIMA. **Priyam Patel*, Yee Lee*, Amy L. Bradley, Kenneth Klemow, and William J. Biggers** (Wilkes University, Departments of Biology and Chemistry).
102. EFFECTS OF ABANDONED MINE DRAINAGE ON DEVELOPMENT AND METALLOTHIONEIN. **John Untisz*, Ashley Fauver*, Sara Grab, April Kostick, Courtney Blasko, Kenneth Klemow, and William J. Biggers** (Wilkes University, Department of Biology).
103. ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE KEYSTONE STREAM TEAM AND THE APPLICATION OF NATURAL STREAM CHANNEL DESIGN (NSCD) FOR RESTORING PENNSYLVANIA STREAMS. **Peter J. Petokas* and Mel Zimmerman** (Lycoming College, Department of Biology).
104. COMPREHENSIVE BIOASSESSMENT OF WASTEWATER EFFLUENT IMPACTS ON SOUTH BRANCH CODORUS CREEK IN SOUTHCENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA. **Matthew P. Hoch*, Mark Brickner, Mavish Mango, Alexandra Prokuda, Sharon Shoop, and Peter Siwik** (Pennsylvania State University – York).

105. THE EFFECT OF PREDATOR PRESENCE ON THE GEOTACTIC RESPONSE IN THE FRESHWATER SNAIL *POTAMOPYRGUS ANTIPODARUM*. **Monique DeLisser***, **Pramod Gadam**, and **Edward P. Levri** (Penn State – Altoona, Division of Mathematics and Natural Sciences).
106. SUCCESS OF RIPARIAN BUFFER STRATEGIES ALONG THE CONEWAGO CREEK. **Steven J. Choc*** and **Thomas E. Murray** (Elizabethtown College, Department of Biology).
107. DIVERSITY AND ABUNDANCE OF AQUATIC PLANTS IN A CARBONATE SPRING ECOSYSTEM BEFORE AND AFTER CLOSURE OF BIG SPRING FISH CULTURE STATION. **Emilie Kohler***, **Layne Strickler**, **Nathan Fuller**, and **Todd M. Hurd** (Shippensburg University).
108. RELATIVE CONTRIBUTIONS OF STOCKED TROUT TO FISH-EATING BIRDS INHABITING STREAMS OF SOUTH-CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA. **Tonya Britt***, **Jessica Jerin**, **Yvonne Amedume**, and **Todd M. Hurd** (Shippensburg University).
109. ATTENUATION OF LIGHT BY A NATURAL ASSEMBLAGE OF ZOOPLANKTON. **Amy Overfelt*** and **Jessica Nolan** (York College of Pennsylvania).
110. SCANNING ELECTRON MICROSCOPE IDENTIFICATION OF YELLOW BREECHES DIATOMS. **Michelle Sabol*** and **Gerald D. Hess** (Messiah College).
111. EFFECTS OF WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT DISCHARGES ON DIATOM AND BENTHIC MACROINVERTEBRATE COMMUNITIES. **Nicole Taibi*** and **Jerilyn Jewett-Smith** (East Stroudsburg University).
112. SURVEY OF INVASIVE RIPARIAN PLANTS ALONG THE LOWER BRODHEAD AND CHERRY VALLEY WATERSHED: INTEGRATION OF FIELD SURVEYS, GPS AND GIS DATA FOR DEVELOPMENT OF AN INVASIVE SPECIES MANAGEMENT PLAN. **Jerilyn Jewett-Smith***¹ and **Edith Stevens**² (¹East Stroudsburg University, ²Brodhead Watershed Association).
113. ROLE OF PLANT ARCHITECTURE AND CUTICULAR FEATURES IN REMOVING IRON FROM WETLANDS CONSTRUCTED TO TREAT ABANDONED MINE DRAINAGE.

Rachel Giroux*, **Beth Karwaski***, **Kenneth Klemow**, **Therese Wignot**, **Donald Mencer**, and **Brian Whitman** (Wilkes University, College of Science and Engineering).

114. THE EFFECT OF THE NUMBER OF FLOWERS PER SUCCESS OF *KALMIA LATIFOLIA*. **Tara Mayhew***, **Maureen A. Levri**, and **Edward P. Levri** (Penn State – Altoona, Division of Mathematics and Natural Sciences).

**POSTER SESSION III
SUNDAY, APRIL 2**

8:30 – 11:30 AM

**ORGANISMAL/MICROBIOLOGY/PARASITOLOGY/
BALLROOM SOUTH**
Joy Karnas, Session Chair

115. PHYLOGENETIC DISTRIBUTION OF RIVERINE COLIFORMS. **Abigail L. Redmond***, **Aunisha Desai**, **Alfonsino Laveglia**, and **John R. Cybulski** (Wilkes University, Department of Biology, Chemistry, and Health Sciences).
116. INTERFERING WITH CAPSULE SYNTHESIS AND BINDING IN THE FUNGAL PATHOGEN, *CRYPTOCOCCUS NEOFORMANS*. **Carrisa Hunold***, **Jacqueline Pinder***, and **Amy Reese** (Cedar Crest College).
117. OVEREXPRESSION OF ALPHA-1,3-GLUCANASE FROM *CRYPTOCOCCUS NEOFORMANS* AS A REAGENT TO DEGRADE PATHOGENIC FUNGAL CELL WALLS. **Lindsay M. Horvath*** and **Amy J. Reese** (Cedar Crest College).
118. MICROBES IN MAKE-UP. **Catherine R. Massafra*** and **Amy J. Reese** (Cedar Crest College).
119. EFFECTIVENESS OF COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE MOUTH WASHES ON THE GROWTH OF ORALLY-DERIVED BACTERIA. **Bryon Martinez***, **Amy Valkovec**, **Lindsey Gruenewald**, **Tracee Popielarczyk**, **Richard Knowlton**, **Debra Wohl**, and **Jane F. Cavender** (Elizabethtown College, Biology Department).

120. CORRELATION OF ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE FOUND IN ORAL BACTERIA WITH OVERALL DENTAL HEALTH. **Lindsey Gruenewald***, **Tracee Popielarczyk***, **Amy Valkovec**, **Bryon Martinez**, **Richard Knowlton**, **Debra Wohl**, and **Jane F. Cavender** (Elizabethtown College, Biology Department).
121. DETERMINATION OF NITROGEN AND SULFUR CYCLING BACTERIA IN SOIL AFFECTED AND UNAFFECTED BY THE UNDERGROUND MINE FIRE OF CENTRALIA, PENNSYLVANIA. **Maria Wing*** (Susquehanna University).
122. DETAILED GROWTH CHARACTERISTICS OF AN EXTREME HALOPHILE. **Kathleen Grant***, **Katie Lowther***, and **David Dunbar** (Cabrini College).
123. DETERMINING THE DISTRIBUTION OF ERWINIA AMYLOVORA IN SOIL IN RELATION TO FIRE BLIGHT INFECTIONS IN AN APPLE ORCHARD. **Abbas A. Alibhoy*** and **Debra Wohl** (Elizabethtown College).
124. ISOLATION AND CHARACTERIZATION OF THERMOPHILIC BACTERIAL AND EUKARYOTIC MICROBES IN THE RHIZOSPHERE OF PLANTS WITHSTANDING EXTREME TEMPERATURES IN CENTRALIA, PENNSYLVANIA. **Melissa S. Stahl*** (Susquehanna University, Department of Biology).
125. A SURVEY OF COYOTE (*CANIS LATRANS*) ENDOPARASTES IN PENNSYLVANIA BASED ON FECAL ANALYSIS. **Evan Ogden***¹, **Craig Kindlin**,² **Pablo R. Delis**,¹ and **Richard Stewart**¹ (¹Shippensburg University, ²Letterkenny Army Depot).
126. THE EFFECTS OF MECHANICAL LOADING ON DIAPHYSEAL BONE GROWTH IN MAMMALS WITH TAPERED LIMBS. **J. P. Rivera***, **C. Zhang**, **S. A. Ebba**, **J. H. Plochocki** (Pennsylvania State University-Altoona, Department of Biology).
127. FUNCTIONAL ADAPTATION OF THE PROXIMAL FEMUR TO MECHANICAL LOADING. **C. J. Riscigno***, **M. Garcia**, **J. H. Plochocki**, (Pennsylvania State University-Altoona, Department of Biology).
128. A PICTORIAL KEY TO THE SCALE PATTERNS OF GUARD HAIRS OF INDIGENOUS PENNSYLVANIA MAMMALS. **Kellie L. Kremser***, **Melissa Cicchella***, and **Carlos A. Iudica** (Susquehanna University, Department of Biology).
129. THE MAMMALIAN FAUNA OF LETTERKENNY ARMY DEPOT, PENNSYLVANIA. **Richard L. Stewart***, **Craig Kindlin**, and **Pablo Delis** (Shippensburg University, Department of Biology).
130. RELATIVE TRAP EFFECTIVENESS AND THE IMPLICATIONS FOR INVENTORIES OF SMALL MAMMALS. **Samantha A. Sedivec***, **Stephen P. Niedzwiecki**, and **Howard P. Whidden** (East Stroudsburg University).
131. AN EMPIRICAL METHOD FOR DETERMINING MEASUREMENT PRECISION IN MORPHOMETRIC STUDIES. **Stephen P. Niedzwiecki*** and **Thomas C. LaDuke** (East Stroudsburg University, Department of Biological Sciences).
132. COMPUTER IMAGE ANALYSIS OF RETINAL OIL DROPLETS IN DIFFERENT VERTEBRATE SPECIES. **Corry M. Marcincin*** and **James R. Dearworth** (Lafayette College, Department of Biology).
133. THE PUPILLARY RESPONSE TO LIGHT IN THE ENUCLEATED EYE OF THE TURTLE. **Tory E. Littlefield*** and **James R. Dearworth** (Lafayette College, Department of Biology).
134. AMPHIBIANS AND REPTILES IN SOUTH CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA: MONITORING AND MANAGEMENT AT LETTERKENNY ARMY DEPOT. **Pablo R. Delis*** and **Richard L. Stewart** (Shippensburg University, Department of Biology).
135. HISTOCHEMICAL AND BIOCHEMICAL STUDY OF ARTEMIA FRANCISCANA HEMOCYTES DURING THE MOLTING CYCLE (CRUSTACEA: ANOSTRACA). **Donald D. Dangle*** and **Allan F. Wolfe** (Lebanon Valley College, Department of Biology).
136. ANALYSIS OF THE CS1A GENE ENCODING CHONDROITIN AC LYSASE FROM *FLAVOBACTERIUM COLUMNARE* ISOLATES. **Alexandra L. Schmidt*** and **Laurie F. Caslake** (Lafayette College, Department of Biology).
137. THE OPTIMUM CONCENTRATION OF SILVER THIOSULFATE (STS) FOR DELAY OF SENESCENCE IN CUT *CHRYSANTHEMUM MORIFOLIUM* FLORAL HEADS. **Renee D. Ulrich***, **Jessica N. Pfautz***, and **S. E. Williams** (Lebanon Valley College, Department of Biology).

138. ONLINE POLYCLAVE KEY FOR THE PLANTS FROM THE KIRBY PARK NATURAL AREA, WILKES-BARRE, PA. **Brea Dibble***, **Matt Johnston***, **Ted Orelie***, **Jeff Thompson***, **Kenneth Klemow**, and **Matthew Zukoski**. (Wilkes University).
139. ALLELOPATHIC POTENTIAL OF THE INVASIVE ALIEN, *ROSA MULTIFLORA*. **Lisa Fung-Kee-Fung***, **Philippe Vanier**, and **Lorraine Mineo** (Lafayette College).
140. ANALYZING THE ACCLIMATION POTENTIAL OF RED AND WHITE OAK SEEDLINGS. **Cassie Sailus***, **Cecelia Candelario**, **Christopher Pray**, **Kamran Kalim**, and **William Terzaghi** (Wilkes University, Department of Biology).
141. DETERMINING PARENT-OFFSPRING DISTANCES IN OAK FORESTS BY DNA FINGERPRINTING. **M. Shafqat***, **J. Carlson**, **D. Layer**, **H. Marking**, **A. McEuen**, **P. Smallwood**, **M. Steele**, and **W. Terzaghi** (Wilkes University, Department of Biology).
142. LIPID ANALYSIS OF RED AND WHITE OAK ACORN SHELLS. **Kristy Hicks***, **Jason Cao**, **Jeffrey Bellinger**, **Jennifer Ramil**, **David Scordino**, and **William Terzaghi** (Wilkes University, Department of Biology).
143. THE EFFECT OF ODDITY IN PREY SELECTION OF LARGEMOUTH BASS (*MICROPTERUS SALMOIDES*). **Nathan Keller*** and **Brad Rehnberg** (York College of Pennsylvania).
144. PREVALENCE OF NEST ECTOPARASITES IS INDEPENDENT OF GROUP SIZE AND NEST DENSITY IN BARN SWALLOWS (*HIRUNDO RUSTICA*). **S.A. Rogers**, **C.E. Corbin**, and **G.T. Wassmer*** (Bloomsburg University of Pennsylvania)

SYMPOSIUM I
SUNDAY, APRIL 2
9:00 – 11:00 AM
EMERGING DISEASES IN WILDLIFE
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SYMPOSIUM II
SUNDAY, APRIL 2
9:00-11:00
MIGRATORY BIRDS
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1. **PSBR Information**
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 Maintain a database and resource library of biomedical research information.
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 Conduct contests for students on topics related to animals in research
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 Provide educational materials and speakers to elementary, secondary and college classrooms
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