



## New Appointments/Personnel

**Dr. Tatineni Babu** arrived from India to work in the Coats lab for the summer on analysis of pesticide residues in fruit and vegetable crops.

**Keri Deppe** is a Research Intern in the Program for Women in Science and Engineering. She is majoring in Biology and Secondary Education and will be a senior at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa. Keri is working in the Coats Lab primarily on environmental fate and effects of pesticides with Jason Belden.

**Dr. Todd Phillips** has joined the Coats Lab as a postdoctoral research associate. Todd received his Ph.D. in Toxicology from Iowa State University in May. He conducted his graduate research with Drs. Robert Summerfelt and Gary Atchison in the Department of Animal Ecology, working on pesticides in fish, water and sediment.

**Dr. Mitko Subchev** from the Bulgarian Academy of Sciences, Sofia, Bulgaria is in the Jurenka laboratory for June and July studying the "Pheromone biosynthesis of *Scoliopteryx libatrix*."

**Amanda York** is a Research Intern in the Program for Women in Science and Engineering. She is a senior in Biology/Biotechnology at Cal Poly at San Luis Obispo. Mandy is working in the Coats Lab, primarily on mode of action of monoterpenoids with Justin Grodnitzky.

## New Graduate Students

**Patricia L. Anderson** is a new Ph.D. student. She began working in the Hellmich/L. Lewis lab this summer. Formerly, Patricia was an extension assistant for the Department of Entomology and Plant Pathology at Oklahoma State University.

**Sonthaya Tiawsirisup** has joined the Rowley lab as an M.S. student.

## Graduations

**Tracy Michaels** and **David Coyle** graduated in May with Ph.D. and M.S. degrees respectively. Tracy, who was in the Coats lab, works at Dow AgroSciences in San Diego. David Coyle left the Hart lab to take a position with the U.S. Forest Service, Savannah Research Institute in South Carolina.

The following students are arriving in the fall:  
M.S. student: **Julie Coan** will join the Rowley lab.  
Ph.D. students: **Johnson Ouma** will join the Krafur lab, and **Xin Zhou** will join the Rice or the Courtney lab.

## Awards and Honors

A research proposal submitted by **Tom Baker** to the USDA/NRI Entomology/Nematology Program was ranked number 1 out of all the proposals submitted this year. The title of the proposal was "On-site Odor Mixture Processing by Antennal Neurons in Heliothine Moths." The research involves determining the interactions between olfactory neurons that shape the information about odor blends that goes to the brain.

**Carol Fassbinder** received the Best Poster Award for an Undergraduate at the North Central Branch of the Entomological Society of America meeting in Minneapolis this spring. Carol presented her research on "Natural Products for the Control of Varroa Mites on Honey Bees." **Justin Grodnitzky** and **Joel Coats** were co-authors of her research poster.

**Alienor Gilchrist** was awarded a Fulbright Fellowship to spend a year in the Ivory Coast conducting research on malaria. Alienor conducted research and her undergraduate honors project in the Beetham lab, and graduated in May. She is the first