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BIOSCAN 2018

This coming **February 9-11** we will be hosting Bioscan. BioScan is an event hosted by the University of Saskatchewan's Biology Club every three years. This event is a collaboration of the Biology Department's staff and students to teach people of all ages about the importance of the biological sciences. We will be needing volunteers and would love your help! If you are interested in volunteering please visit <https://signup.com/client/invitation2/secure/2178111/false#/invitation> or drop by the lounge during our open hours from 10:00 a.m to 4:00 p.m

BIOLOGY DEPARTMENT CLOTHING

Missed out last semester? You're in luck! Come visit us at the Biology student lounge (Room 248) to place orders for this year's clothing! Choose your colour, style, and size with available try-ons for reference!

Pick from one of our three new designs!

T-Shirts - \$20

Bunny hugs - \$40



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BIOLOGY



See more information about news and events on our Facebook page

Meet the Department Video Game Night

Video games? Beer? Good company? We've got you covered! Come get to know members of the department as well as fellow Bio nerds while you enjoy some friendly video game competition.

Where: Bartari, 511 20th Street West

When: Thursday, January 24th from 7-9 p.m.

Price: Free with membership



Photo of the Month

If you have photos that are biology related share them with us along with a little story about them, here's how:
Instagram – #usaskbioclub or **e-mail**- katherinefedoroff@gmail.com

SPCA Donation box

We will be filling up a donation box to help fulfill the needs of the SPCA. Please visit us in the lounge (Room 248) with any of the following items on their wish list, every small donation helps!

Wish List

- Liquid laundry detergent and bleach
- Wet cat/ kitten food
- Non-clumping cat litter

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LOUNGE HOURS
10:00AM – 4:00PM

Events in the Community



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Featured Grad Student of the Month

Zach Balzer

M Sc Student

Lab: Dr. Art Davis

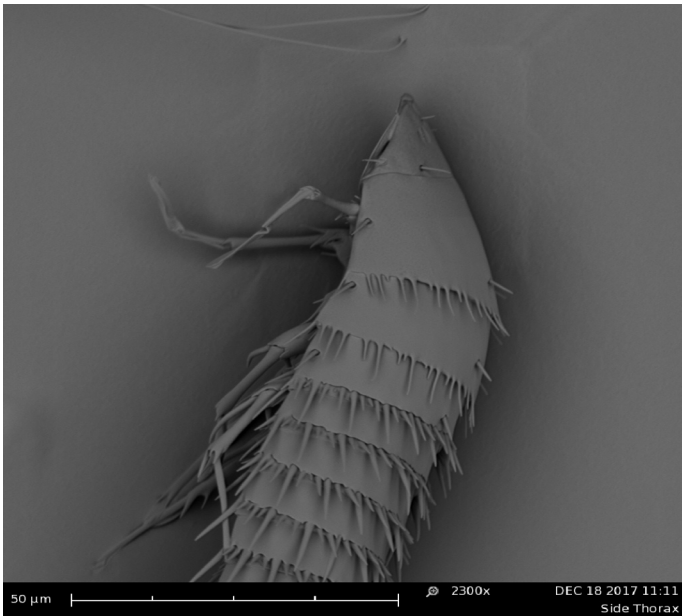
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Tell us about your research:

My research focuses on a unique parasite of the insect order Strepsiptera. Strepsiptera are an understudied, and relatively unknown group of parasites that infect several other insect groups. These groups include grasshoppers, cockroaches, wasps, as well as bees. I am looking at the anatomical and morphological effects of strepsipterans on the local bee species, *Andrena milwaukeensis*, as well as describing the morphology of the adult strepsipterans and the larvae. I am also looking at the prevalence of the strepsipteran species within the bee population.

How did you get your position?

I did an honours project on Strepsiptera, and knowing that I wanted to continue with research, I asked my supervisor if he had room for another grad student. He agreed to let me join his lab as a grad student, and after finishing my undergraduate degree, I immediately started my master's degree.



Any general tips for undergrads wanting to pursue future studies in biology?

The best thing you can do is get involved. Joining the Biology Club helped me meet people with similar interests and helped me figure out what I wanted to do, as well as how to go about doing it. I would also recommend doing a Biol 480 or 481 project. This course allows you to do research and experiments on a subject you are interested in, with the help of a supervisor. For me, this gave me some assurance that I wanted to continue my studies and pursue a graduate degree.



Job Postings

Great Lakes Area Summer Science Student Program

Organization: Fisheries and Oceans Canada

Location: Sault Ste. Marie, ON

Full-time (April 30 to August 31, 2018)

Students work in teams with DFO staff to collect, process, analyze, provide operational support and report on fisheries related operations. Generally, students are engaged in field and lab work but may also be involved with computer and office work.

More Information: <https://psjobs-emploisfp.psc-cfp.gc.ca/srs-sre/page01.htm?poster=161&lang=en>

Contact Information: William.Gardner@dfo-mpo.gc.ca

Student Border Services Officer

Organization: Canada Border Services Agency

Location: Across Canada

Full-time (May to August 2018)

Students will work in a CBSA postal service or international airport in collaboration with Border Services Officers to determine the admissibility of people and goods to and from Canada by performing various tasks such as interviewing travelers and examining goods.

More Information: <https://emploisfp-psjobs.cfp-psc.gc.ca/srs-sre/page01.htm?poster=101&lang=en>

Contact Information: FSWEPR_Recruitment-Recrutement_PFETE@cbsa-asfc.gc.ca

Student Capital Information Officer and Tour Guide

Organization: Canadian Heritage – Visitor Services

Location: Ottawa, ON and Gatineau, QC

Full-time (May to August 2018)

Be an ambassador to Canada's Capital by spending your summer outdoors, talking to visitors from over the world! Work on Parliament Hill, or in downtown Ottawa and Gatineau, including the National War Memorial, and the Capital Information Kiosk. Must be bilingual (English and French).

More Information: <https://emploisfp-psjobs.cfp-psc.gc.ca/srs-sre/page01.htm?poster=141&lang=en>

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