

News and Views

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For Alumni, Students, Associates and Friends of FSHN
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Supplier's Night 2018
Volunteers in Orlando, FL



Experimental Foods Lab is complete!
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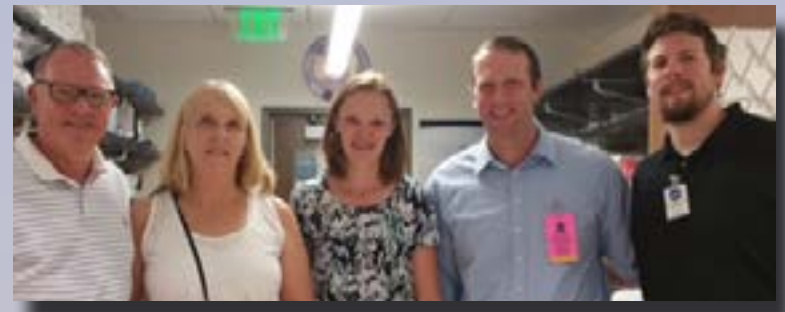
Alumni & Friends



Welcome, **Cooper John Rideout**, to the FSHN family! Congratulations to **Dr. Laura Strawn** (MS '09 under **Dr. Michelle Danyluk**) on the new addition to her family. Born on July 30, 2018, **Cooper** weighed 8 lbs 12 oz and measured 22 inches long. The newest Gator fan is already practicing his football tailgating!

Dr. Laura Strawn completed her PhD at Cornell University from 2009 to 2013. She did a post doc at Cornell for 10 months in 2014. Since then (2014-present), she has been an Assistant Professor at Virginia Tech. **Dr. Strawn** performs both research and extension activities in the field of food microbiology. Congratulations on all your success - both personally and professionally.

Photo Right: **Ken Gankofskie**, IT Administrator, and **Dr. Beth Gankofskie**, DPD Program Director, visited **Sara (Rathman) Zwart** (PhD '03 under **Dr. Jesse Gregory**) with their sons **Aaron & Seth** at NASA's Wyle Laboratory in Houston, TX. **Sara** showed them her research area, explaining how they test US astronauts for their ability to metabolize nutrients while in space. **Sara** shared interesting facts: NASA is preparing (still very preliminary stages) to use genetics to assist in the feeding process in space, and they are working to develop space food items that have extended shelf life from 3 years to 7-10 years to prepare for space flights to Mars. **Dr. Gankofskie** stated, "We sincerely appreciated the "Gator" network that allowed us to visit NASA research labs. Thanks to **Dr. Percival's** suggestion and the connection through **Dr. Gregory.**"



Above Photo Left (L to R): **T. Winniczuk & S. Hudson**; Above Photo Right (L to R): **D. Townsend, S. Kryger, A. Umesh, C. Soriano, & S. Koltun**

The FSHN Department & FL Section IFT co-hosted a booth at the 2018 IFT Expo in July, along with the annual Florida Party at Mother Hubbard's Sports Pub in Chicago. The event is always fun as alumni reconnect with former colleagues and friends. Check out the [video](#) from the FL Party to see familiar faces. (Video Credit: FL Section IFT) We look forward to seeing everyone in New Orleans next year! See you at Booth #409!

It's impossible to share all the success of our FSHN alumni. To name a few, **Amanda Ford** (BS '10, MS '11, PhD '17 Food Science) accepted a position with Red Lobster's Corporate Office as Total Quality and Food Science Manager. Many of our recent MS-DI shared their exciting job offers. **Claire Marie Fassett** (BS '16, MS-DI '18) accepted a position as in-patient dietitian for Florida Hospital. **Kelly Johnston** (MS-DI '18) was hired by Tacachale in Gainesville. **Pooja Tolani** (BS '16, MS-DI '18) received an offer from Broward Health in Ft. Lauderdale. Please continue to send us your updates. We love to hear from you - and if possible, share your success with others!

Where are they now?

Department Activities



#SomethingsBrewed!

The **Experimental Foods Lab** officially opened over the summer. The new facility is beautiful. In conjunction with our **Beverage Research Unit**, students and faculty will enjoy the updated Pilot Plant for learning, research, and experimentation. If you are interested in donating funds for additional expenses associated with the project, please contact **Dr. Susan Percival**.



L to R: **Timothy Arbeau, Verena Vancil, and Susana Park** successfully applied for Moo-Brew funding through a grant writing assignment in **Dr. Gankofskie's** DIE3310 class. Check out the story [here](#).



Top: 2018 College Bowl team heading to Athens, GA. Bottom: **Asmaa Fatani** baking muffins with pea hull fiber for **Dr. Dahl's** study to help patients on dialysis.



Top: Award winners at the Student Recognition Night hosted by FL Section IFT and FSHN. Bottom: 1st Year MS-DI students present their research at FL FANS.



See you later, Gator...



The FSHN Department said “see you later” to several familiar faces in the Spring 2019 semester. Although greatly missed, their influence on students will last forever.

Dr. Gail Kauwell, PhD, RDN, LDN



L to R: W. Gans, K. Johnston, P. Tolani, R. Savelle, C. Fassett, & S. Buddemeyer (2nd year MS-DI students) hosted their annual conference on integrative & personalized nutrition. Dr. Kauwell with L. Acosta did not miss out!

After 36 years with UF, **Dr. Gail Kauwell** retired from the FSHN Department. She was hired in 1982 through the Clinical & Community Dietetics Department. She transitioned to the FSHN Department in 1993 when she earned her PhD. Moving forward, she served as MS-DI Director for 20 years. **Dr. Kauwell** earned numerous accolades over the years for excellence in teaching and contributions to the field. Even as she retired, **Dr. Kauwell** continued to receive awards, including **CALS Graduate Teacher & Advisor of the Year**. Former students praise **Gail’s** teaching style, her ability to motivate (yet challenge), and her selfless attitude. One of her former students stated, “*Dr. K. made a point to prioritize my success - sometimes even more than I did.*” She was a true mentor to her students, and undoubtedly, a positive role model for them all. Thank you, **Dr. Kauwell!**



Dr. Kauwell received the **2018 Medallion Award** from the Florida Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics.

Mindy Edwards



Mindy Edwards, Program Assistant to the FSHN Advising Office, retired after 35 years at UF. Many students recall **Mindy** as the first friendly face of FSHN. **Mindy’s** ability to listen, along with her empathetic disposition, made her a vital asset to the department. **Janna Underhill** (photo far left) worked with **Mindy** for many years. She reflects, “*I first met **Mindy** when I was a graduate student in Wildlife Ecology and Conservation in the early 1990s. She was an invaluable source of information and support for me, so when I had the chance to hire her in FSHN as my advising assistant, I jumped at it. Not only did she provide great service to literally thousands of FSHN students for more than two decades, she was our office DJ, chef, interior decorator, and footwear fashion consultant. I hope right this minute she’s sitting under an umbrella on a white sand beach – she’s earned it!*” We couldn’t agree more! **Mindy** was a valuable resource when **Herschel & Jenna** joined the office. Thank you, **Mindy!**

Welcome Back, Kohrine!

Kohrine Counts, a former graduate of the department, returned in March as an employee. **Kohrine** is a registered and licensed dietitian who graduated with a B.S. from the FSU College of Business, a B.S. from the UF DPD (dietetics) program, and a M.S. from the UF Master of Science – Dietetic Internship (MS-DI) program. Previous to her current role as UF MS-DI Program Coordinator, she was a clinical dietitian. She welcomes student questions about the UF MS-DI program, as well as more general questions about dietetics and dietitians. Feel free to [contact](#) her.



Welcome to FSHN!

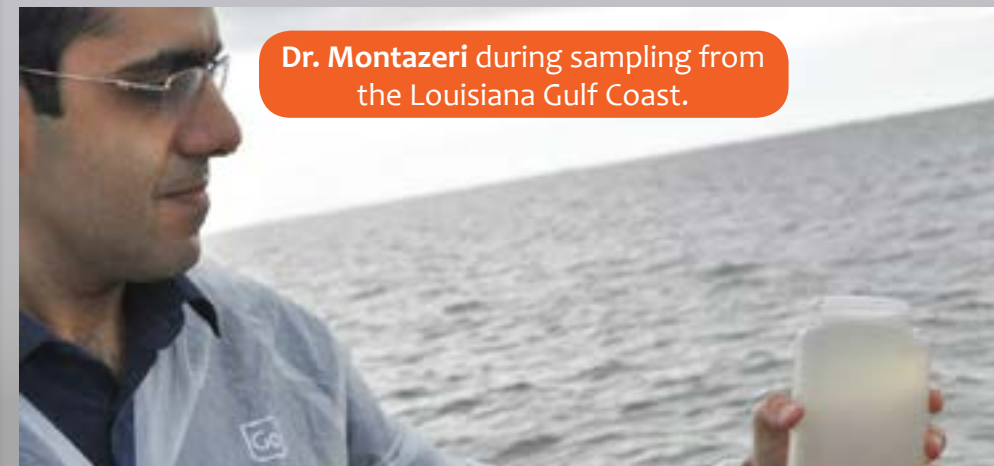
We also had the exciting opportunity to welcome new faculty into the department. **Dr. Jeanette Andrade** and **Dr. Naim Montazeri** joined the FSHN Department over the summer. Please share an FSHN welcome as they join the Orange and Blue!



Dr. Andrade with the 2020 MS-DI class
L to R: E. Smith, C. Andreo, E. Torna, H. Cooper, S. Curl, M. Lamothe, J. Goldberg, & J. Zeldman

Dr. Jeanette Andrade is the newest faculty member within UF’s Food Science and Human Nutrition Department and will serve as the MS/DI Director. She came to us from Illinois as the MS/DI Coordinator at Eastern Illinois University. Her research focuses on nutrition education, specifically on developing educational materials to promote dietary behavioral changes among low-income adults. She is also interested in using various educational techniques to advance health professionals’ counseling abilities. She is excited to begin her adventures at UF.

Dr. Naim Montazeri joined in February 2018 as an Assistant Professor of Food Virology. **Dr. Montazeri** earned his Master’s in Seafood Science at the University of Alaska Fairbanks and his PhD at Louisiana State University. He conducted his Ph.D. research on enteric viruses in the oyster and harvest water, and the contribution of wastewater treatment plants as a contamination source to surface water. He completed post-doctoral training at North Carolina State University where he led several research projects on thermal and chemical disinfection of human norovirus on contact surfaces. **Dr. Montazeri’s** major interest is in viruses in food and environment, both viruses that cause human illness, and those that can be potentially beneficial (bacteriophages) to serve as our allies against pathogenic bacteria. His appointment in research and teaching has allowed him to start building his program in food virology and also to develop and start teaching a new course in Food and Environmental Virology in Fall 2018.



Dr. Montazeri during sampling from the Louisiana Gulf Coast.



Faculty News



Dr. Dahl featured with two of her nominators (L to R) **Julie England & Wendy Lynch** for the Outstanding Specialist Award. **Nancy Gal** (nominator) was not in attendance

Dr. Wendy Dahl continues to earn well-deserved recognition for her contributions to the nutrition field. She was awarded a [University Term Professorship](#), which acknowledges and rewards tenure-track faculty members for their achievements. More recently, she received the **Outstanding Specialist Award** from the Florida Extension Association of Family & Consumer Sciences (FEAFCS). The award is open to any Florida Extension Specialist who provides outstanding support to Extension Family & Consumer Sciences (FCS) agents or a major phase of the FCS Program. **Dr. Dahl** was selected based on nomination and FEAFCS Board vote, along with consideration of her working relationship with FCS Agents, her leadership, and her educational programs. She was honored at the Distinguished Services Awards Banquet at the end of August. Congratulations!

Laura Acosta (BS'05, MS'07, Dietetics) recently received the **Outstanding Dietetic Educator Award (ODEA)**, which is given by NDEP (Nutrition and Dietetics Educators and Preceptors), a practice group within the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. Its purpose is to recognize the outstanding teaching, mentoring, and leadership activities of a faculty member in an ACEND-accredited dietetics education program. Criteria for the award include demonstrated innovative teaching skills and techniques; demonstrated mentoring as documented by letters from students; demonstrated leadership; and professional involvement on the district, state, and/or national levels. Congratulations on this well-deserved accolade! We are so proud!



L to R: **Laura Acosta** featured with **Melinda D. Cecil**, PhD, RDN, LDN and NDEP Lead Regional Coordinator

Dr. Charlie Sims traveled to Italy for his annual study abroad trip. Read about their exciting adventure [here](#). The trip continues to exhilarate both faculty and students. As **Dr. Sims** stated, *"I've had the real pleasure of taking 8 groups of students on this food adventure across Italy, and it just continues to get better. It's so rewarding to me to be able to provide this experience to the students and see how much learn, how much they grow, and how much fun they have!"*



L: **Dr. & Mrs. Sims** at the Trevi Fountain
Below: Gators learn about olives & olive oil



Produce Food Safety Update



Food Safety Team photos

From the Desk of Dr. Danyluk: Implementation of the Food Safety Modernization Act's (FSMA's) Produce Safety Rule (PSR) is well underway, and our largest farms, those with over \$500,000 in annual produce sales averaged over the previous 3 years, reached their compliance date this past Jan 2018.

In addition to the faculty in FSHN, **Dr. Michelle Danyluk**, **Dr. Renée Goodrich Schneider**, and **Dr. Keith Schneider**, the Produce Food Safety Team has added two State Specialized Extension Agents over the past two years, **Travis Chapin** and **Matt Krug**. **Travis Chapin** was previously a biological scientist, and moved into his role in December 2016. Prior to this he received his MS in Food Science from Cornell University and a BS in Food Science from Texas Tech. He's located at the Citrus Research and Education Center in Lake Alfred. **Matt Krug** joined us after completing his MS in Food Science from Kansas State University, where he previously received a BS. **Matt Krug** is located at the South West Florida Research and Education Center in Immokalee, where he arrived in April 2017. One of the requirements of the PSR under FSMA is that at least one individual from all growing, harvesting and packing operations covered under the PSR must attend "food safety training at least equivalent to the standardized curriculum recognized as adequate by FDA." The Produce Safety Alliance (PSA) Grower Training is the standardized curriculum that FDA recognized as adequate and there are not yet any alternative courses recognized as equivalent. We have offered the PSA Grower Training since October 2016. The Produce Food Safety Team worked to offset the cost of developing trainers in FL through the Southern Center for Training, Education, Extension, Outreach, and Technical Assistance to Enhance Produce Safety (sc.ifas.ufl.edu), established by a USDA NIFA grant in September 2015...[To continue reading the full article on our Food Safety Team, please visit the FSHN blog by clicking here.](#)

Job Opening in FSHN

The Food Science and Human Nutrition Department is looking to fill a **Teaching Laboratory Specialist II** position. First review of applicants will occur **October 5th** and the position will remain open until position is filled. This position involves managing and maintaining fully functional Teaching Laboratories for Food Science, Nutritional Sciences and Dietetics Programs. Person is responsible for teaching the Experimental Foods Laboratory in association with Food Chemistry, assisting with Food Science and food service systems courses, and other laboratory courses as needed.

It will encompass (1) supervision and organization of the laboratory and any related areas including supplying equipment and materials, monitoring disposal and clean-up for each lab (2) instruction and training of students in analytical, chemical and basic food management concepts (3) general oversight of departmental lab materials, Material and Supply Fees and Equipment Fees for various laboratory and teaching courses (4) supervision of teaching assistants and course assistants. Full position announcement and application details are available [here](#).

SAVE THE DATES

February 12:
Supplier's Night
Orlando, FL

June 2 - 5:
IFT19
New Orleans, LA

Need more info? Contact [Susan Percival](#), [Herschel Johnson](#), or [Jenna Grogan](#) with questions.



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