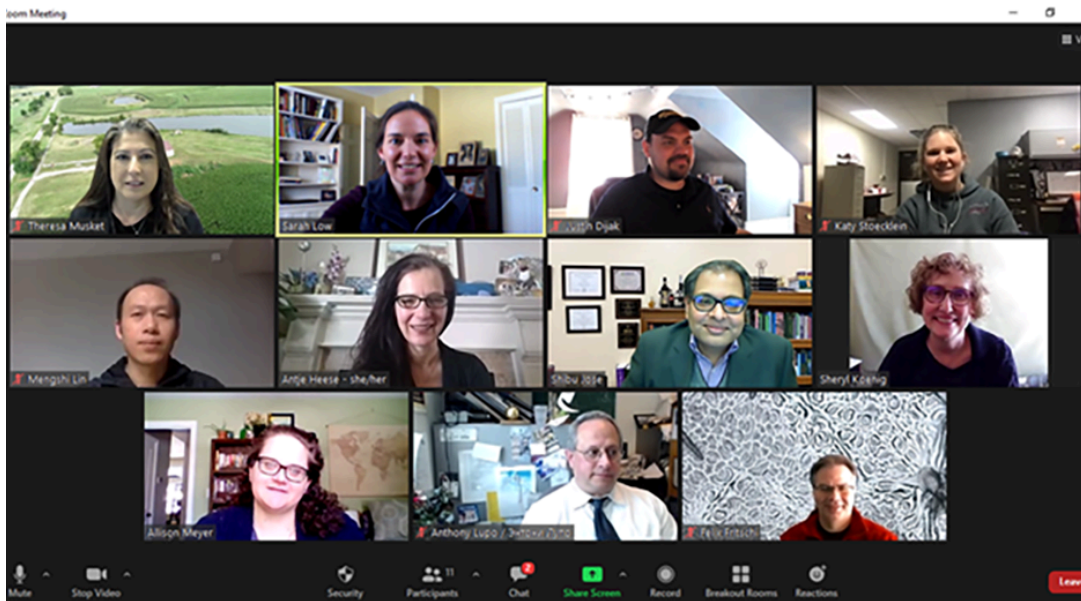


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## Feature Stories



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## CAFNR Research Council working to promote researchers and projects



### CAFNR Welcomes New Faculty »

Our college introduces four faculty members in the Spring 2021 semester

## Research Highlights



## Undergraduate research opportunities open doors for CAFNR students »

When Lauren Eagon came to the University of Missouri to study natural resource science and management, one of her goals was to complete her own research project. She has gained hands-on experience through various research projects, where she has partnered with CAFNR faculty, staff and graduate students.

### **CAFNR Research Council Webinar Series, March 17**

The CAFNR Office of Research is pleased to announce another CAFNR Research Council Webinar, Department of Energy Office of Science Opportunities: An Overview from BES and BER.

This webinar will feature speakers from the U.S. Department of Energy and will be held on March 17 at 3:30 p.m. CST. Find the Zoom link on the CAFNR Research Council's web page: [cafnr.missouri.edu/research/cafnr-research-council](https://cafnr.missouri.edu/research/cafnr-research-council).

## Grant Spotlight



## MU Researchers Receive Grant for Cover Crop Training

University of Missouri researchers recently received a grant from the Foundation for Food and Agriculture Research (FFAR) to provide technical, regionally customized cover crop training to industry farm advisors across the United States. Matching funding is coming from the Walton Family Foundation, Missouri Department of Natural Resources, North Carolina State University and American Seed Trade Association, for a total of nearly \$600,000.

Rob Myers, adjunct associate professor in the Division of Plant Sciences, is leading a group of scientists and collaborators who are conducting those trainings to showcase the importance of cover crops and their benefits, as well as encourage cover crop adoption. The goal is to provide consistent trainings across the industry so that farmers can receive the best support for soil health management.

“Cover crops have great potential to improve soil health and sequester soil carbon, while providing many other benefits such as weed control,” Myers said in the grant release. “By helping industry farm advisors have access to the latest information on cover crops, we feel farmers will ultimately benefit as they get management guidance from their private sector fertilizer and seed dealers and consulting agronomists.”

[Read more about the grant and about FFAR.](#)

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## Research Roars

### ***Jared Decker Part of Ag Innovation Panel Discussion***

Jared Decker, associate professor in the Division of Animal Sciences and Wurdack Chair in Animal Genetics, recently participated in an Ag Innovation Forum hosted by The Agricultural Business Council of Kansas City.

[Read more.](#)

### ***Students Earn Honors During Animal Sciences Graduate Forum***

The Division of Animal Sciences held its Animal Sciences Graduate Forum virtually in January. There were a total of 20 oral presentations and 19 poster presentations, as nearly all Animal Sciences graduate students participated.

[Read more.](#)

***CAFNR faculty members have received the following recent grants (listed by Principal Investigator):***

Thomas Bonnot, Evaluating the Use of Insecticides, 2/15/2021-2/14/2022, \$9,599, USDA.

## In the News

[The Midwest's Asian carp problem may be a solution for world hunger](#)

**FOX 2**

[Missouri wastewater testing finds UK COVID-19 variant throughout the state](#)

**KSDK**

[MU Agriculture Building lab to be named in honor of Henry Kirklin, MU's first Black teacher](#)

**Columbia Missourian**

[MU Southwest Center offers Rural Resiliency webinar series](#)

**Daily Journal Online**

[Applications open for Missouri Century Farms](#)

**Fulton Sun**

*The header photo showcases yesterday's celebration of the dedication of the Henry Kirklin Plant Sciences Learning Laboratory. Mr. Kirklin was the first African American to teach at the University of Missouri, instructing plant sciences students in the late 1800s in*

*the art of pruning and grafting. The hands-on nature of his instruction is echoed in the new laboratory. Learn more at [cafnr.missouri.edu/henry-kirklin](https://cafnr.missouri.edu/henry-kirklin).*



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