

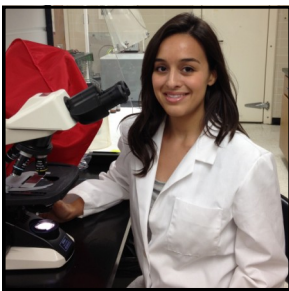
NATIONAL CENTER FOR VETERINARY PARASITOLOGY

NEWS FROM THE NCVP

People

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DR. JESSICA RODRIGUEZ IS NCVP MERIAL RESIDENT IN VETERINARY PARASITOLOGY

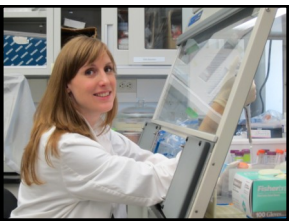


The advisory board is delighted to name Dr. Jessica Rodriguez, veterinarian (TAMU '09) and graduate student at Texas A&M University, as the first Merial Resident in Veterinary Parasitology. Dr. Rodriguez will complete her PhD and continue her clinical training toward board certification under the direction of Dr. Karen Snowden, a leading veterinary parasitologist and current Diplomate of the ACVM.

Jessica's research focuses on furthering our understanding of *Heterobilharzia americana*, an important trematode pathogen of dogs. In addition to her clinical experience at TAMU, her program will include parasitology training at the veterinary colleges of Oklahoma State University, Kansas State University, the University of Prince Edward Island, and Colorado State University.

We are very excited to have her on board. Please plan to meet Dr. Rodriguez at the upcoming AAVP meeting in Chicago this July, where she will be presenting the latest findings from her research, or at the NCVP board meeting in Stillwater in November. Welcome Jessica!

NEW PROJECT LEADER FOR NCVP



Dr. Kelly Allen has agreed to take on the role of NCVP Project Leader beginning May of 2013. Dr. Allen is a very talented parasitologist. She completed her MS at the University of Georgia and her PhD at Oklahoma State University.

As NCVP project leader, Kelly will be working on a number of special projects, including renovating the highly accessed public image database, compiling case-based quizzes for those teaching and reviewing veterinary parasitology, and coordinating our educational outreach programs and newsletters.

Dr. Allen will also serve as a key point of contact for sponsors and board members and will organize travel and hosting logistics for our twice-annual board meetings. We are very excited to have her on board. Please feel free to reach out to her for any NCVP needs at kelly.allen10@okstate.edu.

Events

NCVP Hosts Special Interactive Session at AAVP



To aid those reviewing for the board exam in veterinary parasitology and entertain everyone with an interest in clinical parasitology conundrums, the National Center for Veterinary Parasitology has organized a special interactive, case-based session at the upcoming AAVP meeting this July.

The NCVP has partnered with the American College of Veterinary Microbiologists to host a session in which leading clinical parasitologists will present challenging case-based clinical questions and encourage audience participation in identifying the answers.

The AAVP has invited us to hold the session from 10 am to noon on Tuesday, July 23. Presenters include NCVP board members Drs. Anne Zajac, Byron Blagburn, and Craig Reinemeyer and NCVP Co-Directors Drs. Susan Little and Mason Reichard.

Please join us for what is sure to be an entertaining and informative session.

Topics and presenters are listed below.

Session title: Interactive Cases in Clinical Veterinary Parasitology

- ACVM exam process - Susan Little, Anne Zajac, Lora Ballweber, Karen Snowden, and Linda Mansfield (ACVM Exam Committee)
- Parasites of small ruminants – Anne Zajac
- Protozoan parasites of small animal patients – Karen Snowden
- Equine clinical questions in veterinary parasitology – Craig Reinemeyer
- Wildlife parasites in small animal patients – Mason Reichard
- Parasites of pastured animals, or are they? – Andrew Peregrine
- Challenging small animal parasitic diagnoses – Byron Blagburn
- Clinical parasitology cases in cattle – Lora Ballweber

About the National Center for Veterinary Parasitology

Veterinary parasites impact human health and society in many ways. With the generous support of our sponsors, the National Center for Veterinary Parasitology works to promote greater understanding and control of parasitic diseases in animals through innovative partnerships between academia and industry. Housed in the Center for Veterinary Health Sciences at Oklahoma State University, the Center strives to create future generations of veterinary parasitologists, conduct targeted research, and provide diagnostic and consulting services worldwide. To learn more, please visit www.ncvetp.org.

