

NATIONAL CENTER FOR VETERINARY PARASITOLOGY

NEWS FROM THE NCVP

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CONGRATULATIONS DR. JESSICA RODRIGUEZ, NCVP-MERIAL RESIDENT!



Above, NCVP-Merial resident, Dr. Jessica Rodriguez, receives the TAMU CVM Outstanding PhD Student Award in April 2016.

NCVP-Merial resident **Dr. Jessica Rodriguez** has received two prestigious honors already this year! In January, she received the Texas A&M University Center for Veterinary Medicine (TAMU CVM) **High Impact Achievement Award** and in April she was named TAMU CVM **Outstanding PhD Student**. Congratulations, Jessica! Keep up the great work!

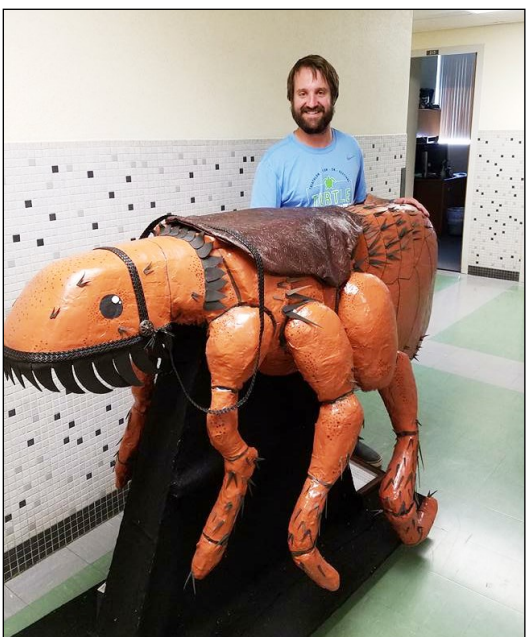
Jessica is completing her PhD and clinical training toward ACVM diplomacy in veterinary parasitology under the mentorship of **Dr. Karen Snowden** at TAMU. Her graduate research focuses on the geographic distribution and prevalence of *Heterobilharzia americana*, the pathogenic trematode of dogs, and detection methods in infected dogs as well as raccoons, the natural definitive host for the parasite. Dr. Rodriguez will present some of her most recent work at the 2016 American Association for Veterinary Parasitologists (**AAVP**) meeting in San Antonio, Texas. She is also an invited speaker at the concurrently held American Veterinary Medical Association (**AVMA**) meeting in San Antonio.

AN EXCITING SUMMER FOR NCVP RESIDENT DR. BRIAN HERRIN!

Dr. Brian Herrin earned his DVM in May 2014 as a veterinary student enrolled in the dual DVM-PhD program offered by Oklahoma State University Center for Veterinary Health Sciences (OSU-CVHS). He conducted his graduate work in Veterinary Biomedical Sciences under the mentorship of NCVP Co-Director **Dr. Susan Little**, Regents Professor and Krull-Ewing Endowed chair in veterinary parasitology at OSU-CVHS. Dr. Herrin successfully defended his **PhD dissertation** entitled "Geographic Distribution of Lyme Borreliosis in North America" on June 30, 2016. Congratulations, Brian!

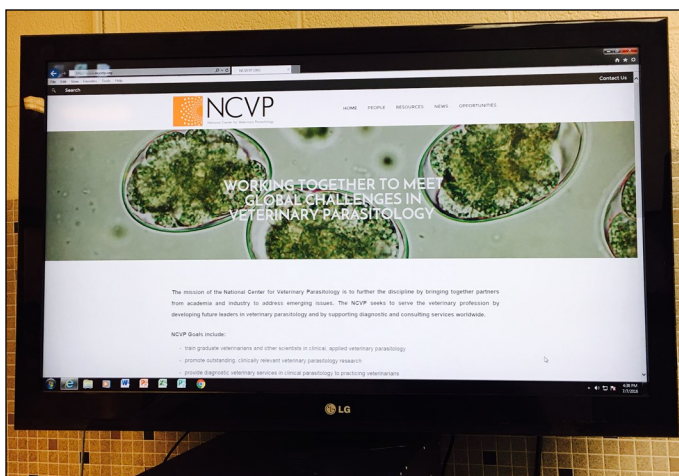
Brian was named the inaugural Boehringer Ingelheim (BI) Postdoctoral Scholar at OSU in 2016. This prestigious program funded the completion of his dissertational research, and will continue to support his post-doctoral training while he prepares for the veterinary parasitology board examination.

To add to his accolades, Brian will receive the Annual **AAVP-CAPC Graduate Student Award in Zoonotic Disease** this year for his research documenting the geographic expansion of *Borrelia burgdorferi*-infected *Ixodes scapularis* in North America. Brian is also an invited speaker at the **AVMA** meeting next month, so be sure to stop by and check it out!"



BI-NCVP resident Brian Herrin, DVM, PhD herding "flea biscuit" down the hallway for OSU's Annual Grandparent University Event. Brian defended his PhD on June 30, 2016. Congratulations, Dr. Herrin!

NCVP SPREADING THE PARASITE LOVE WITH A NEW WEBSITE!



Be sure to check out the new and improved NCVP website! ~ The NCVP Website Team.

To accommodate our growing program, the NCVP has launched a **new and improved website**. Be sure to check it out at www.ncvetp.org. You'll find all the features you are accustomed to using but in a **cleaner, friendlier, and more mobile-happy format**.

Be sure to check out the (growing!) image database, scroll through the cases of the month, and read about what the residents have been up to. New users can even sign up to receive the NCVP Newsletter.

As always, **feel free to send us any suggestions** (compliments also welcomed). We've already incorporated a few improvements recommended by board members and the results are **amazing**. Enjoy!

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



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