

## USDA-ARS SAA Gainesville Location

# FY 2000 EEO/CR Commemorations and Activities

**This report summarizes the activities of the  
Gainesville Location EEO Committee  
during FY 2000**

- **Black History Month, February 2000**

Dr. Thomas Wright presented a seminar on black entrepreneurship and the history of the Gainesville black history museum project

- **National Women's History Month, March 2000**

Maureen Tartaglione presented a seminar on workforce diversity

Gainesville Location personnel frequently participate in science education outreach activities. The EEO committee encourages and sponsors such activities to increase awareness of ARS career opportunities by minority students and enhance ARS workforce diversity. Activities in FY 2000 include:

- **Activities at Historically Black Colleges and Universities**

On March 28, 2000, Herb Oberlander, James Thomas, and Richard Mankin attended the Food and Agriculture Council Meeting at Florida A&M University, Tallahassee, FL. The new biological control program at FAMU was discussed along with summer internships and other outreach activities. These activities were discussed and updated at a second quarterly meeting in Gainesville, FL on June 27, 2000.

- **University of Florida, Junior Science, Engineering, and Humanities Symposium, February 7, 2000, Gainesville, FL**

The USDA-ARS Center for Medical, Agricultural and Veterinary Entomology (CMAVE) participated with the University of Florida in a tour of research laboratories

- **Insect Encounters Exhibit, Florida State Fair, February 9-22, 2000, Tampa, FL**

The USDA-ARS Center for Medical, Agricultural and Veterinary Entomology (CMAVE) participated with the UF Department of Entomology, the Florida Department of Agriculture and

Consumer Services, APHIS, the Florida Beekeepers Association, and Disney Epcot in the Florida Entomological Society's Insect Encounters exhibit at the Florida State Fair, February

9-22, 2000, in Tampa Florida.

- **Florida Local, Regional, and State Science and Engineering Fairs**

12/07/99, Spring Hill Middle School, High Springs, FL.

Judges: *Ulrich Bernier, Julia Meredith, Jerry Hogsette, Mike Patnaude*

12/09/99, Lincoln Middle School, Gainesville, FL.

Judge: *Dennis Shuman*

12/16/99, Oak View Middle School, Newberry, FL.

Judges: *Ulrich Bernier, Everett Foreman, Mike Patnaude, Paul Kendra, Paul Shirk*

01/06/00, Newberry High School, Newberry, FL.

Judges: *Terry Arbogast, Ulrich Bernier, Chris Geden, Steve Valles, Dan Kline, Jimmy Becnel, Rob Meagher, Jerry Hogsette*

02/23/00, Alachua County Regional Fair, Gainesville, FL.

Judges: *Ulrich Bernier, Jerry Hogsette, Robert Meagher, Paul Shirk*

04/08/00, Florida State Science and Engineering Fair, Gainesville, FL.

Category Judges: *Dave Carlson, Julia Meredith, Jerry Hogsette, Chris Geden, Paul Shirk, Steve Ferkovich, Jimmy Becnel*

USDA-ARS Special Awards Judges: *Ulrich Bernier, Nancy Epsky, Robert Meagher, Peg Rotstein, Jeffrey Shapiro, Robert Vander Meer*

USDA Special Recognition Awards Program at the Florida State Science and Engineering Fair is organized by *Ulrich Bernier*, (352-374-5917)

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- **Lectures and Demonstrations in Elementary and Middle School Classes**

09-11/00 Susanne Dyby volunteered as a science mentor, meeting weekly with students at Westwood Middle School. Her time was spent helping students think of problems in a scientific manner and devise proper experimental designs to solve those problems.

03/24/00 *Paul Shirk* (352-374-5720) *pshirk@gainesville.usda.ufl.edu*

03/10/00 *Paul Kendra* (352-374-5787) *pkendra@gainesville.usda.ufl.edu*

05/25/00 *Richard Mankin* (352-374-5774) *rmankin@gainesville.usda.ufl.edu*

- **Summer Programs**

During 2000, Summer, the Center for Medical, Agricultural, and Veterinary Entomology sponsored 7 high school student apprentices and 2 college student interns with ARS funds. All the candidates were women and/or members of minority groups, which makes this program highly supportive of ARS workforce diversity priorities. We cooperated with the University of Florida to sponsor laboratory training for two high school teachers, and with Santa Fe Community College to sponsor 5 students in the Youth Employment Start program, a work-training program for high school students. The students and their mentors are listed in the tables below. Al Handler mentored a student, Anita Kris, in the University of Florida Summer Student Training Program. Descriptions of the activities of the summer program participants will be posted at

<http://cmave.usda.ufl.edu/eo/scienceoutreach/summerprogindex00.htm> in August 2000.

### High School Teachers

Teacher	Supervisor
Suzanne Bryant	Dr. Don Silhacek
John Jackson	Dr. Robert Vander Meer

## College Student Interns

<b>Student</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>	<b>Institution</b>
Danielle Ford	Dr. Don Silhacek	University of Florida
Denise Chester	Dr. Richard Mankin	Bethune Cookman College*

\*historically African-American college

## High School Student Apprentices

<b>Student</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>
Kristina M. Arvesu	Dr. Rick Brenner
Kimberly Bass	Dr. Don Silhacek
Isaiah Branton	Dr. Steve Ferkovich
John Green	Dr. Richard Mankin
Amber Hickman	Dr. Consuelo DeMoraes
Jessica Marquis	Dr. Uli Bernier
Maria Prado	Dr. David Oi

## Youth Employment Start (YES) Students

<b>Student</b>	<b>Supervisor</b>
Dominic Burgess	Dr. Terry Arbogast
Ernest Cook	Dr. Robert Meagher
Ernest Jackson	Margaret Martin
Kyle Whitney	Dr. Robert Vander Meer
Tambria Williams	Martha Robinson