



Dr. Herrin Discusses Lone Star Tick

Brian Herrin, DVM PhD, DACVM, was one of three panel experts who discussed the Lone Star tick, its geographic spread and the zoonotic diseases it can transmit during the recent American Veterinary Medical Association Convention held in Indianapolis. Herrin earned his DVM from OSU in 2014 and recently completed post-doctoral research in the Department of Veterinary Pathobiology ([full article](#)).

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Patricia Coan, DVM, PhD, DACLAM, is the associate director of Animal Resources. Originally from Birmingham, Ala., she earned her DVM degree at Auburn University and her PhD at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. She is also a Diplomate of the American College of Laboratory Animal Medicine. Coan's research interests focus on immunology, infectious diseases and cancer prevention.

Patricia loves to deep sea fish and can shoot pistols pretty well. She enjoys being a mom, is involved with the Boy Scouts, likes to travel, read suspense novels and cook.

Congratulations Drs. Little and Herrin!

Susan Little, DVM, PhD, DACVM-Parasit, recently received the 2017 AAVP-BI Distinguished Veterinary Parasitologist Award from the American Association of Veterinary Parasitologists. This award recognizes an individual scientist for outstanding contributions to the advancement of veterinary parasitology. Little is honored for her contributions to veterinary parasitology that are recognized internationally as significant and important to the understanding and control of parasitic diseases of animals.

Brian Herrin, DVM, PhD, DACVM, received the 2017 AAVP-Merck Animal Health Outstanding Graduate Student Award. This award recognizes excellence in research conducted during a student's graduate program. Herrin, who completed his PhD in August 2016, is the fifth Oklahoma State University graduate student to receive this international award in the last 10 years. In August 2017, Herrin joined the faculty at Kansas State University's College of Veterinary Medicine as an assistant professor of Veterinary Parasitology.

Guest Lecturer Seminar

Please join us in welcoming guest lecturer **Dr. Polly Taylor**. Taylor, a veterinarian anesthetist, will present "Topcat Metrology, a Nociception Testing Unit: Uses and Applications" on Thursday, Aug. 10, at 8 a.m. in Room 104 at the Veterinary Medical Hospital.

Class of 2021 Induction Ceremony

Please consider sponsoring a future veterinarian for just \$50. Coat sponsorships for the Class of 2021 are due on Friday, Aug. 11. Please make checks payable to the OSU Foundation and RSVP to **Katie Hoipkemier** at katelyn.hoipkemier@okstate.edu or (405) 744-6595 by Friday.

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Favorite Quote: "This too shall pass."

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Haileigh Avellar, DVM, is an equine medicine and surgery intern. Originally from Sanger, Calif., she earned her DVM degree from Oklahoma State ('16).

Her research interests focus on the effects of bone density and joint/cartilage development in the performance horse, post-operative pain management, advanced imaging techniques, and applications of regenerative medicine.

In her spare time, Haileigh enjoys running, reading, and playing with her dogs.



Andrea Farkas, DVM, is a junior surgery and shelter medicine intern. Originally from Henderson, Nev., she earned her DVM degree from Oregon State University.

Andrea doesn't drink coffee or energy drinks. In her spare time, she enjoys hiking, running, nutrition, horseback riding, and anything to do with nature.

Favorite Quote: "Of all the paths you take in life, make sure a few of them are dirt." - John Muir

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