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March News!

In March, we have some of the first signs of spring coming, Mardi Gras celebrations happening on the 4th, Day Light Savings on the 9th at 2am. Spring break reaches NDSU on the 17th (along with St. Patty's day), summer/fall academic advising begins the 24th with registration on the 31st. Although we might have some snow storms throughout the month, we know for sure there's plenty of activities to keep us warm. Spring is truly right around the corner! ~ Josh Flute, Grad. Assistant



The Native American 4H club is seeking donations for a rummage sale they will have later this spring. If you have items you would like to donate to this fundraising activity, please contact Jaclynn at 701-231-7314.

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Faculty Spotlight: Dr. Robert Brueggeman



Dr. Robert Brueggeman is a Canadian relative from the Kootenai Clan of the Tobacco Plains 1st Nations of British Columbia. He has been with us at NDSU for 4 years. Dr. Brueggeman started at NDSU with the ambition to start a world class research program specializing in Barley pathology. As he explained, he wants to make a healthier, stronger version of barley that can naturally hold up against pathogens, like fungus. Dr. Brueggeman did not start out his educational career as a Barley scientist. He started in a local community college in Spokane Washington, at which time, he wanted to be a kindergarten teacher. He thought this until he walked into the kindergarten classroom and realized it wasn't for him. He decided to go into biology and genetics, by chance, and found himself with a Bachelor's degree and a passion to pursue his Masters and PhD, all of which he completed at Washington State University.

Dr. Brueggeman was a research assistant and eventually the lab manager in the barley lab studying a safer, 'green' approach to making barley a sustainable plant, resistant to diseases or pathogens. After the 6 month post doc experience he transferred to NDSU to begin his research lab and start the barley pathology program. While at NDSU he has been on a 90/10 track of 90% lab research, and 10% classroom work.

Recently, Dr. Brueggeman obtained a research grant to characterize the resistant genes and find any possible correlations between barley genetic changes and global warming. Currently, outside the lab, Dr. Brueggeman is developing an Undergraduate level Native American studies course focusing on the history of Native American Agriculture. His primary classroom work is a 700 level graduate course on Host Parasite Genetics. Because of his emphasis on research, Dr. Brueggeman's class is only offered once every two years. Dr. Brueggeman hopes to achieve tenure status soon and is continually striving towards solving the agricultural problems through technology. Ultimately, he would like to help make foods safer without the use of potentially harmful pesticides.

Dr. Brueggeman would also like to invite the future leaders, the youth, to explore science. As he emphasized, there is a great need for Native Americans in the sciences. There is a great opportunity for a Native American Graduate student to work with Dr. Brueggeman as a Graduate Assistant. For more information on his research and the Graduate Assistantship, please contact Dr. Brueggeman in the NDSU Plant Pathology department. Dr. Robert S. Brueggeman Assistant Professor, Barley Pathologist, PO Box 6050 Dept. 7660, Fargo, ND 58108-6050 Phone (701) 231-7078.

NDSU Extension Service Intern Program for Native American Students

Summer 2014

This intern program will provide Native American college students with an overview of professional employment with the NDSU Extension Service.

Position Information

Working under the supervision of an Extension agent, the Extension intern will have the following responsibilities:

- Assist Extension service staff in delivering various aspects of the overall Extension program. This may include work in agriculture and natural resources, family and consumer science, youth development/education, and community and economic development.
- Participate in 4-H programs, events and camping activities.
- Perform other duties assigned in support of Extension programming.

This position requires travel connected with official duties, including attendance at night and weekend meetings, participation in out-of-county events, access to a personal vehicle, and ability to obtain/maintain a valid driver's license. In addition, the intern is responsible for securing housing; however, the host office may assist the intern in locating housing in the community.

Qualifications

Completion of at least one year of college at a N.D. Tribal College or University if undergraduate; or graduate student with major course work and experience appropriate to the needs of the position. Suitable academic majors would include food and nutrition, child development, agriculture, education, community development or other related disciplines. Applicants from any accredited college or university are welcome to apply. Preference will be given to applicants who have at least a 2.5 GPA. Other qualifications to address in your application letter include:

1. Demonstrated ability to communicate effectively, both orally and in writing, with individuals, groups, and through mass media.
2. Experience in working with individuals, groups and co-workers to accomplish individual and/or group goals, as evidenced by college and/or community activities.
3. Ability to utilize electronic communication and computer applications within the framework of program development, delivery and management.
4. Must be a self-starter who can work with a minimum of supervision.
5. Familiarity with and commitment to working with adults and youth from various ethnic and socio-economic backgrounds.

Salary and Benefits

1. Salary is dependent upon length of employment.
2. Work injury benefits under the Worker's Compensation Act.
3. Reimbursement for travel related to achieving program objectives.

How to Apply

Send letter of application, resume, and unofficial copies of college transcripts to: Northeast District Director's Office, 151 So. 4th St. S-302, Grand Forks, ND 58201

A one-page letter of application should include a brief statement about such items as teaching or related experience; experience in planning programs; experience with diverse audiences/customers; leadership and volunteer roles in community groups; and why you have an interest in this position.

Your resume should include the following information:

1. Name, home/college address, telephone number, and email address.
2. Copy of a college transcript which includes dates attended, degrees earned or anticipated graduation date, major for each degree.
3. Work experience: List beginning with the present employer, including the dates of employment, names, addresses and telephone numbers of employers, and a brief description of work.
4. College related organizations or activities.
5. List three names of people familiar with your work including college instructors or employers. Include their mailing addresses and phone numbers.
6. Indicate which Reservation site you are willing to be located at for your internship.
7. Indicate your desire regarding working an 8, 10, or 12 week employment.

Location: County Extension offices on or near a North Dakota Reservation

Time Frame: Positions are available: 8, 10, or 12-weeks

Application Deadline:

March 15, 2014

Positions will remain open until suitable candidates are hired. To assure review, letter of application, resume, and unofficial transcripts must be received no later than March 15, 2014 in the Northeast District Director's Office. Applicants will be notified no later than March 31, 2014. **Direct questions to:** Lynette Flage, District Director, 701-780-8229 | lynette.flage@nds.u.edu North Dakota State University is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action Employer. County commissions, North Dakota State University and U.S. Department of Agriculture cooperating. North Dakota State University does not discriminate on the basis of age, color, disability, gender expression/identity, genetic information, marital status, national origin, public assistance status, race, religion, sex, sexual orientation, or status as a U.S. veteran. Direct inquiries to the Vice President for Equity, Diversity and Global Outreach, 205 Old Main, (701) 231-7708. This publication will be made available in alternative formats for people with disabilities upon request, (701) 231-7881.

This position is exempt from North Dakota Veterans' Preference requirement.

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Concordia College

English 358 Native American Literature class

Dr. James Postema, Concordia College English professor, assigned his English 358 Native American Literature class to work with Native American people for part of the semester. There were 15 students who worked with Jaclynn Davis Wallette on a few projects that serve Native American community members locally and statewide. The events were a grant writing project, an analysis on statewide Native American data, a winter story telling event, the local Native American 4H group, an Indigenous Research project, and the FM Native American community newsletter.

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Congratulations NDSU Students

Delilah Robb
(Turtle Mountain)

In March 2014, she will present research "On the prevalence of oral HPV in northern plains American Indian Women" at the Pathways into Health conference in Albuquerque, NM. Delilah is a junior majoring in health communication.

Gabe Brien
(Turtle Mountain)

Gabe is the new NDSU American Indian Sciences and Engineering Society Chapter President. Gabe Brien is a tribal college transfer student majoring in civil engineering.

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The **NDSU Indigenous Affinity Group** held its first meeting of spring semester on February 11th. This group will come together every other month. We meet on the second floor of the Equity and Diversity Center. Our next meeting will be in April (no date set). Jaclynn will make soup and Denise Lajimodiere has offered to make La Goullette.



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Here are two associations that provide information for

Native American tribal communities:

Intertribal Agriculture Council

Mission statement: to provide a unified effort to promote change in Indian Agriculture for the benefit of Indian People.

The intertribal Agriculture Council conducts a wide range of programs designed to further the goal of improving Indian Agriculture. The IAC promotes the Indian use of Indian resources and contracts with federal agencies to maximize resources for tribal members.

www.indianaglink.com

First Nations Development Institute

Mission statement: to strengthen American Indian economies to support healthy Native communities. They invest in and create innovative institutions and models that strengthen asset control and support economic development for American Indian people and their communities.

Guiding Principle: They believe that when armed with the appropriate resources, Native Peoples hold the capacity and ingenuity to ensure the sustainable, economic, spiritual and cultural well-being of their communities. www.firstnations.org