



Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics and Genomics

College of Agricultural & Environmental Sciences
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**IPBGG EXTENDS A HEARTY WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING
SEVEN NEW STUDENTS FOR FALL SEMESTER 2020:**



John Bagwell

Mr. John Bagwell is a Research Assistant in the IPBGG Ph.D. program for 2020. He is working with Drs. Bochra Bahri and Mohamed Mergoum. His duties include lab and field activities related to the genetics and pathology of wheat and turfgrass diseases.

Mr. Bagwell received his Bachelor of Science degree in Agriscience and Environmental Systems from the University of Georgia (2017). He received his Master of Science degree in Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences from Auburn University (2020).

John's previous work experience at UGA includes a position as an undergraduate researcher and technician as well as a greenhouse tech (2016-2018). Additionally, he held a position as a Graduate Research Assistant in the Crop, Soil and Environmental Sciences Department at Auburn while pursuing his degree.

Please welcome John to our Institute, his work space is located in room 136 of the CAGT building. His email address is: jbagwell@uga.edu.



Stephanie Botton

Ms. Stephanie Botton is a student in the IPBGG Master's program for 2020. She is working with Dr. Peggy Ozias-Akins and her research involves breeding in peanut for abiotic and biotic stress tolerance and seed quality traits using molecular markers. Additionally, Stephanie works for the Horticulture Department at UGA's Tifton campus as a Research Technician III.

Stephanie received her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Mercer University (2012). She also received an Associate of Science degree in Pre-Med from Abraham Baldwin Agricultural College.

Ms. Botton's previous work experience includes positions as a tutor and student worker (in myriad capacities including horticultural lab and field work). She has served as a mentor for

UGA's Young Scholars Program for seven years. Stephanie has held her current full-time position as a research technician since 2013.

Please welcome Stephanie to our Institute, her work space is located in Tifton at NESPAL room 213. Her email address is: sbotton@uga.edu.



Jordan Knapp-Wilson

Mr. Jordan Knapp-Wilson is a Research Assistant in the IPBGG Ph.D. program for 2020. He is working with Dr. Dario Chavez. His duties include stone fruit breeding and genetics with the use of traditional, molecular and computational techniques.

Jordan received his Bachelor of Science degree in Molecular Cellular Biology and Plant Sciences with a minor in Biochemistry from the University of Arizona (2019). Additionally, he received an Associate of Science degree in Biology from Pima Community College (2016).

Mr. Jordan Knapp-Wilson's previous work experience includes a position as a tutor at Pima, and positions as a teaching assistant and undergraduate research assistant at the University of Arizona (2017-2019).

Please welcome Jordan to our Institute, his work space is located at the Griffin campus in the Cowart Building, room 209. His email address is: Jordan.Knappwilson@uga.edu.



Mylee Mobley

Ms. Mylee Mobley is a student in the IPBGG Master's program for 2020. She is working with Dr. Peggy Ozias-Akins and her research involves exploring the potential for heterosis in cowpea hybrids. Additionally, Mylee works at the Plant Genetics Resources Conservation Unit as a Research Technician at UGA's Griffin campus.

Mylee received her Bachelor of Science degree in Pre-professional Biology from the University of West Georgia (2017).

Ms. Mobley's previous work experience includes a position as a research assistant in the Crop and Soil Sciences Department at UGA, Griffin campus (2017-2018). Mylee has held her current full-time position as a research technician since 2018.

Please welcome Mylee to our Institute, her work space is located at the USDA Greenhouse Complex, Room 101 B. Her email address is: mobley12@uga.edu.



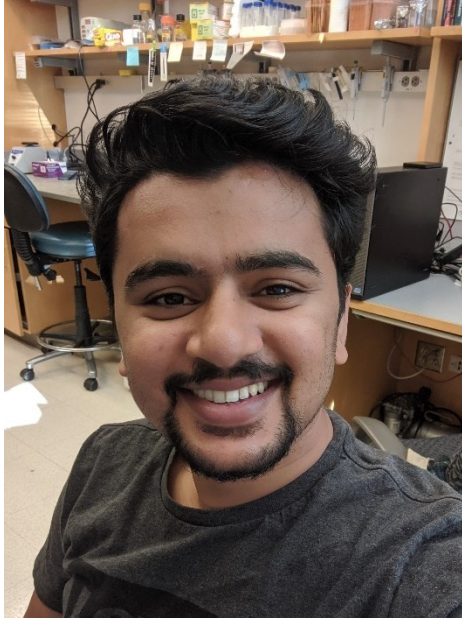
Vincent Pennetti

Mr. Vincent Pennetti is a Research Assistant in the IPBGG Master's program for 2020. He is working with Dr. Wayne Parrott. His duties include turfgrass tissue culture, transformation and genome editing.

Vincent received his Bachelor of Science degree in Human Physiology from Boston University (2020).

Mr. Pennetti's previous work experience includes a position as a research assistant at Cornell University's Long Island Horticultural Research and Extension Center (2014-2019); and a research assistant position at Boston University's College of Health and Rehabilitation Sciences (2017-2018). He also served as a resident assistant for Boston University's Residence Life Department while working on his undergraduate degree (2016-2020).

He arrived in Athens in July and worked in the Parrott lab prior to starting his assistantship. Please welcome Vincent to our Institute, his work space is located at: CAGT Rm 102. His email address is: Vincent.Pennetti@uga.edu.



Madhav Subedi

Mr. Madhav Subedi is a Research Assistant in the IPBGG Ph.D. program for 2020. He is working with Dr. Mohamed Mergoum. His duties include conducting research on wheats' major economic traits and participating in research activities of the UGA Small Grains Breeding and Genetics program.

Mr. Subedi received his Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture from Tribhuvan University in Nepal (2016). He received his Master of Science degree in Biological Science (agriculture) from the University of New Hampshire (2020).

Madhav's work experience includes a position as a Plant Science Instructor at a secondary school in Nepal (2016-2017); as well as serving as a Graduate Teaching Assistant at the University of New Hampshire (2017-2019).

Madhav arrived at UGA in August from New Hampshire. Please welcome him to our Institute, his work space is located at: CAGT, room 214. His email address is: ms02824@uga.edu.



Holly Wright Presley

Ms. Holly Wright Presley is a Research Assistant in the IPBGG Master's program for 2020. She is working with Dr. Ali Missaoui, and her duties include field trials and molecular analysis to understand the genetic basis of low pH tolerance in alfalfa and genomic selection in switchgrass.

Holly received her Bachelor of Science degree in Biology and Psychology from the University of Georgia (2018).

Ms. Wright Presley's work experience at UGA includes several undergraduate lab assistant positions (2015-2019), as well as a position as a disability van driver (2015-2017). Additionally, she worked as a floral clerk and cake decorator (2015-2019) while working on her degree. Holly started her work in the Forage Breeding Lab (UGA Crop and Soil Sciences) as a Research Technician working for Dr. Missaoui in 2019, and transitioned

into the Master's program this fall.

Please welcome Holly to our Institute, her work space is located in the Seed Lab, 107 Riverbend Rd., Room 24. Her email address is: holly.wright25@uga.edu.