



Institute of Plant Breeding, Genetics and Genomics

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**IPBGG EXTENDS A HEARTY WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING
FIVE NEW STUDENTS FOR SPRING SEMESTER 2021:**



Emile Barnes

Ms. Emile Barnes is a Research Assistant in the IPBGG Ph.D. program for 2021. She is working with Dr. David Bertioli. Her duties will contribute to the activities of the Wild Peanut Lab and may include the gathering of phenotypic and genetic data; preparation of nucleic acid samples; data compilation and analysis; and the care of plants and controlled hybridizations.

Ms. Barnes received her Bachelor of Arts degree in Biology from New College of Florida in Sarasota (2017). She received her Master of Science degree in Biotechnology from the University of South Florida in Tampa (2019).

Emile's previous employment experience includes both a supervisory position and role as a butterfly breeder at Flutterby Gardens in Bradenton, Florida (2015-2017). She also served as a medical assistant in a primary care facility (2017-2018).

Additionally, she held a position as a server in a folk-art café while also attending to her studies.

Let's welcome Emile to our Institute from the IPS Program. Her work space is located at: CAGT room 148. Her email is: Emile.Barnes@uga.edu.



Allysa Campbell

Ms. Allysa Campbell is a Research Assistant in the IPBGG Master's program for 2021. She is working with Dr. Esther van der Knaap and her duties include the genetic analyses of tomato fruit weight and flavor. She will conduct genotyping, plant maintenance and phenotyping.

Allysa received a dual degree from UGA in 2020. She received her Bachelor of Science degree in Plant Biology and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Spanish.

Ms. Campbell's previous experience includes research assistant positions as well as serving as an ambassador to the Plant Biology department. She also held positions as a barista and customer service representative while attending to her studies.

Please welcome Allysa to our Institute, her work space is located in CAGT room 120. Her email address is: allysa.campbell25@uga.edu.



Walter Dauksher

Mr. Walter Dauksher is a Research Assistant in the IPBGG Ph.D. program for 2021. He is working with Dr. Wayne Parrott and his duties include bioengineering of turfgrasses.

Walter received his Bachelor of Science degree in Biology from Davidson College in North Carolina (2020). He also attended Colorado State University and Denison University.

Mr. Dauksher's previous work experience includes an internship in the wheat breeding program at Colorado State. (2018).

Please welcome Walter to our Institute from the IPS Program. His work space is located at: CAGT room 102. His email is: Walter.Dauksher@uga.edu.



Samikshya Rijal

Ms. Samikshya Rijal is a Research Assistant in the IPBGG Ph.D. program for 2021. She is working with Dr. Cecilia McGregor. Her duties include greenhouse, field and laboratory research; and training in the vegetable breeding program.

Samikshya received her Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture from Tribhuvan University in Nepal (2016). She received her Master of Science degree in Agriculture from the University of New Hampshire (2020).

Ms. Rijal's previous work experience at the University of New Hampshire includes serving as a Teaching Assistant (2018-2020) and Graduate Research Assistant (2019-2020). Additionally, she held the role of Certified Private Crop Inspector at the Seed Quality and Control Center in Nepal (2017-2018).

Ms. Rijal arrived in Athens from New Hampshire. Please welcome her to our Institute, her work space is located in Miller Plant Sciences, room 1102B. Her email address is: s.rijal@uga.edu.



Yongjun Yue

Mr. Yongjun Yue is a Research Assistant in the IPBGG Ph.D. program for 2021. He is working with Dr. Donglin Zhang. His duties include breeding new Lagerstroemia as an annual shrub that is hardy in zones 3-10.

Yongjun received his Bachelor of Science degree in Horticulture from Southeast Missouri State University (2016). He received his Master of Science degree in Horticulture from the University of Georgia (2019).

Mr. Yue's previous work experience at UGA includes positions as a Graduate Research Assistant (2017-2019), Teaching Assistant, and temporary farm worker. He also worked briefly at Monsanto as a contractor focused on corn breeding.

Please welcome Yongjun to our Institute, his work space is located at: Miller Plant Sciences, room 1102. His email address is: Yongjun.Yue@uga.edu.