



**THE INSTITUTE OF PLANT BREEDING,
GENETICS AND GENOMICS EXTENDS A
HEARTY WELCOME TO THE FOLLOWING
SEVEN NEW STUDENTS FOR
2014-2015:**



Laxman Adhikari

Mr. Adhikari received an IPBGG Research Assistantship for 2014-2015, in the Ph.D. program. He is working with Dr. Ali Missaoui, and his duties include research in forage and biomass breeding and genetics.

Laxman received a Master of Science degree from Oklahoma State University (OSU) in 2014. He studied in the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources with a major in Plant and Soil Science. His thesis was development of lowland inbreds and upland-lowland hybrids in Switchgrass; and identification of male sterile genotypes in Switchgrass. Laxman received a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from Tribhuvan

University, Nepal, in 2009.

Laxman arrived at UGA in August from Stillwater, Oklahoma, where he served as a research assistant in the Department of Plant and Soil Sciences at OSU, beginning August 2011. He also served as a research assistant for the Nepal Agriculture Research Council, 2010-2011. Additional work experience includes an internship at the Arava International Center for Agriculture in Israel, 2009-2010.

Please welcome Laxman, his work space is located in Dr. Missaoui's Graduate Assistant Office in the CAGT building, room 210. His email address is: laxman.adhikari25@uga.edu.



Mary Allison Campbell

Ms. Campbell is a PBGG Research Assistant for 2014-2015, in the master's program. She is working with Drs. Zenglu Li and James Buck. Her duties include research on soybean pathogen resistance.

Mary received a Bachelor of Science degree from Mississippi State University in 2013. She studied in the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences with a major in Agronomy.

Mary arrived at UGA in August from Mississippi. Her internship and previous work experience includes the USDA Vegetable Lab in Charleston, S.C., and Middleton Place Plantation, also in Charleston. Additionally, Mary interned for a landscape architecture firm in New York and worked for a plant nursery in Mississippi.

Please welcome Mary, she works in CAGT, room 202. Her email address is: mary.campbell25@uga.edu.



Yuji (Kirk) Ke

Mr. Ke received a Provost's Scholar of Excellence Award for 2014-2015, as a PBGG Ph.D. student. He is working with Dr. Peggy Ozias-Akins, and his duties include discovery and analysis of apomixis-controlling genes.

Kirk received a Bachelor Degree of Agronomy from China Agricultural University in 2014. He studied in the College of Agronomy and Biotechnology, with a major in Agronomy.

Kirk arrived at UGA in August from China. His internship experience includes work at the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Xishuangbanna Tropical Botanical Garden; and the China Agricultural University Experimental Station in Wuqiao Hebei Province.

Please welcome Kirk to UGA. His email address is: keyuji1122@uga.edu.



Leynar Eduardo Leyton Naranjo

Mr. Leyton Naranjo received an IPBGG Research Assistantship for 2014-2015, in the Ph.D. program. He is working with Dr. Carol Robacker, and his duties include ornamental plant breeding.

Leynar Eduardo received a Bachelor of Science degree from Pontifical Catholic University of Chile in 2013. He studied in the College of Agricultural Engineering with a major in Horticultural Science.

Leynar Eduardo arrived at UGA in August from Chile. His previous work experience includes an instructor position as well as several teaching assistant positions. Additionally, he interned at a plant nursery and an Environmental Parks and Recreation Department.

Please welcome Leynar Eduardo, his work space address is: 1102B, Miller Plant Sciences. His email address is: leleyton@uga.edu.



Zhitong Li

Ms. Li received an IPBGG Research Assistantship for 2014-2015, in the master's program. She is working with Dr. John Ruter, and her duties include herbaceous and ornamental plant breeding. Her current research is: In Vitro Mutagenesis of Tea Oil Camellia.

Zhitong received a Bachelor of Agriculture degree from Beijing Forestry University in 2012. She studied in the College of Landscape Architecture with a major in Ornamental Horticulture.

Zhitong arrived at UGA in August from Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, where she served as an international intern at Longwood Gardens, beginning September 2013. Additional work

experience includes her job as an intern and later lab assistant at the Beijing Botanical Garden. Additionally, she served as a trainee at the Foundation Arboretum Park Harle in Bonn, Germany.

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Brian Nadon

Mr. Nadon received a Graduate School Assistantship for 2014-2015, as a PBGG Ph.D. student. He is working with Dr. Scott Jackson, and his duties include research in genetics and genomics of crop legumes.

Brian received a Bachelor of Science degree from Arizona State University (ASU) in 2013. He studied Biological Sciences (Genetics, Cell and Developmental Biology) in Barrett Honors College. His thesis was titled: Differential Nucleotide Diversity and Linkage Disequilibrium Levels at Homoeologous Loci Associated with Fiber Traits in Cotton.

Brian arrived at UGA from Tempe, Arizona. His previous professional experience includes: private tutor, supplemental instructor leader at ASU, and research assistant and technician positions at the USDA in Maricopa, AZ.

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Clint Steketee

Mr. Steketee received a Soybean Board Fellowship for 2014-15, as a PBGG Ph.D. student. He is working with Dr. Zenglu Li, and his duties include research in drought tolerance of soybeans.

Clint received a Master of Science degree from the UGA IPBGG master's program August 2014. He worked with Dr. Paul Raymer in Griffin, Ga. Clint's thesis was titled: Characterization of Dollar Spot Resistance in Seashore Paspalum.

Clint received a Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State University in 2012. His major was Crop and Soil Sciences, with a concentration in turfgrass management. He

served as research assistant at Michigan State University Hancock Turfgrass Research Center, 2009-2012, and held several turfgrass related internships.

Please welcome Clint, his work space address is: CAGT, room 202. His email address is: steketee@uga.edu.