Shimada Mentee Publishes Children's Book
NEWSLINE ARTICLE HIGHLIGHTS AUTHORS EVAN JOHNSON-RANSOM AND LIAM HENEGHAN FOR BRINGING SCIENCE TO YOUNGSTERS

Evan Johnson-Ransom graduated from DePaul in 2018 with a B.S. in biology and published three peer-reviewed papers with his mentor, Dr. Kenshu Shimada. Since then, Johnson-Ransom has earned an M.S. from Oklahoma State University and is currently a Ph.D. student at the University of Chicago. According to Newsline, "Evan recently authored 'Dinosaur World,' which extensively examines fossil evidence to spark interest in young paleontologists. The book uses colorful illustrations and easy-to-understand language to explain adaptations and specializations of each species, along the lines of what he learned in coursework at DePaul."

CSH Administrator Kurtis Todd wrote the article in today's Newsline highlighting Johnson-Ransom and ENV's Liam Heneghan, "who has co-authored several children's books on ecology." Liam's "Beasts at Bedtime," examines the environmental underpinnings of children's stories. Read the full article HERE.

(_PHOTO CONTRIBUTED BY K. SHIMADA)
LUNCH WITH A VIEW ENV students were treated to a free lunch in a main hall of the Field Museum. After visiting the exhibits, Dr. Noe de la Sancha conducted a behind-the-scenes-tour in the Department of Mammals. Dr. de la Sancha is a Research Associate at the museum.

(Photos courtesy of E. Drosos and J. Aponte)

Field Museum - Behind-The-Scenes Tour
DEI AND DR. DE LA SANCHA HOST 17 STUDENTS ON MARCH 3

ENV students had a great time at the Field Museum last Friday with Dr. de la Sancha!

Sponsored by ENV DEI, everyone was able to explore the museum and special exhibits before lunch. A determined few students were able to win prizes such as dinosaur eggs for taking pictures of the most animals on the picture scavenger hunt.

All had a lunch in the museum before the main "Behind the Scenes" Mammal Tour with Dr. de la Sancha! He led us through the vast mammalian collections, teaching us about the evolution of mammals and their diversity along the way. We were able to see a wide array of rodents, marsupials, bats, and a mix of other small to large mammals. At the end of the tour, we were all able to distinguish between rodents and other mammals.

We are all grateful for our guide, Dr. de la Sancha!

The next trip open to all ENV students will be to PlantChicago in April. Look for details soon!

This article contributed by Elene Drosos, MS '24 and DEI Coordinator
Registration Now Open! Chicago Wilderness Alliance's "Emerging Professionals Cafe", April 6, 7-8 pm CST

Building off the excitement generated at Congress 2022 through the career panel discussion, we are launching an emerging professionals cafe series.

This first event will include 3-5 panelists giving a short 5-minute introduction to their field and how they got involved, with breakout rooms that allow for conversations among emerging professionals and the panelists.

We encourage anyone interested in the conservation and environmental fields to attend the Cafe.

REGISTER FOR A ZOOM LINK HERE

Look for opportunities or post openings at our Job Board and find employment resources in our Career Center.

REMINDER: There is still time for students to apply for the InFLOW (Introducing Future Leaders to Opportunities in Water) program to attend the 2023 Illinois Wastewater Professionals Conference (IWPC), April 10-12 at the Crowne Plaza in Springfield, IL. The InFLOW program is a scholarship opportunity that engages undergraduate and graduate students representing historically underrepresented racial and/or ethnic groups and introduces them to career opportunities in water. The program provides travel assistance, hotel accommodations, registration, and networking opportunities to all participants. By helping students attend IWPC we hope to solidify their interest in working in the water sector and help them foster a network of professionals to increase probabilities for employment and long term success.

The IWPC planning committee would like to work with DePaul University to offer this scholarship opportunity to your students. Potential applicants should be full time and represent a minority group (African American, Hispanic, Female, LGBTQ+, etc.). The students are expected to fully participate in the conference by attending technical sessions, touring the exhibit hall, and engaging with other IWPC attendees. The applications can be completed online at https://www.illinoiswpc.org/inflow_scholarships.php. Additional information on the InFLOW program and other student activities can be found here: Opportunities for Students - Illinois Wastewater Professionals Conference (illinoiswpc.org).

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**Community Engaged Internship with Chicago Wilderness Alliance**

The Illinois-Indiana Sea Grant (IISG) program, in cooperation with the Chicago Wilderness Alliance (CWA), is offering an internship opportunity to one undergraduate student, to support conservation policy efforts through justice, equity, diversity, and inclusion. This paid, full-time summer internship will be 8-12 weeks long, depending on the intern’s availability, starting no later than June 1, 2022. The application deadline is March 31, 2023. DETAILS HERE
Paid Internship for Recent Grad
Assistant/internship opportunity for recent college graduate to join the Forest Service for a 32-week paid internship + direct hire eligibility. Great entry-level opportunity for someone early in their career. Urban & Community Forestry Intern - Portland, Oregon Mobilize Green seeks a conservation minded Urban & Community Forestry Program Specialist Intern to serve 32 weeks with the Pacific Northwest Region of the US Forest Service. The Resource Assistant (RA) will primarily work with the Urban and Community Forestry program to support U.S. Forest Service. The RA will be 100 percent virtual. Depending on location and interest, field opportunities will be available and require some physical outdoor exertion. Program is designed for recent graduates and new professionals to launch their natural and cultural resources careers. Location: Location is 100% remote. Term: 32 weeks, starting June 11, 2022; Full Time/40 hours per week. APPLY HERE

Internships With Congressman Sean Casten - Glen Ellyn and DC
Congressman Sean Casten’s District Office in Glen Ellyn (IL-06) has 2023 internship opportunities in the district and the Washington DC Office. The program will start Mid-May and run through early-August. Interns are provided the opportunity to assist the office in helping constituents navigate federal agencies ranging from topics like immigration, Medicare, and veterans’ affairs. District office interns are able to attend virtual webinars held by different government agencies and work with staff on various district-based projects and events. They are also asked to assist with office work including working on projects, doing research, answering phones, and drafting letters. The application deadline is March 31, 2023. There is some flexibility with school schedules though the applicant must be available at some point between 9 am – 5 pm. There is a preference for students with in-district ties. APPLY HERE

Full-Time Job Post: Agricultural Coordinator With Kane County
The Forest Preserve District of Kane County’s Natural Resource Department is accepting applications for one (1) Agricultural Coordinator.

WORKSITE LOCATION: HEADQUARTERS, GENEVA, ILLINOIS APPROXIMATELY 60 MILES WEST OF CHICAGO STARTING SALARY RANGE: $50,300 TO $60,360 PER YEAR - DOQ HOURS/SCHEDULE: FULL TIME, 40-HOURS PER WEEK, M-F APPLICATION DEADLINE: OPEN UNTIL FILLED All candidates must apply on-line HERE

Under the general direction of the Director of Natural Resources, the Agricultural Coordinator performs a wide variety of assigned and self-initiated tasks and projects designed to manage agricultural lands held by the District and improve the ecological health of those lands. May supervise volunteers, contractors and consultants during projects.
BEARD OR NO BEARD, THAT IS THE QUESTION...LAST WEEK, FACULTY WERE INVITED TO POSE FOR NEW PORTRAITS. DR. JIM MONTGOMERY (ABOVE) WAS TORN BETWEEN KEEPING HIS BEARD OR SHAVING IT OFF. THUS AVOIDING COMPARISONS WITH DR. LIAM HENEGHAN (RIGHT) HELP MONTY DECIDE - CAST A VOTE IN THE BEARD SURVEY HERE.