

Presentation Times

FALL 2022 PPOHA GRADUATE FELLOWS

Briscoe Administration Building Room 317

3:00 pm

Preston McKee

Natural Resource Management
Hope, NM

3:10 pm

Olivia Gray

Range & Wildlife Management
San Antonio, TX

3:20 pm

Erin O'Connell

Range & Wildlife Management
Southern Pines, NC

3:30 pm

Brooke Bowman

Range & Wildlife Management
Baytown, TX

3:40 pm

Maya Ressler

Range & Wildlife Management
Grapevine, TX

3:50 pm

Caleb Hughes

Range & Wildlife Management
Grandview, TX

TBD

Benjamin Thomas

Biology
St. Louis, MO

4:00 pm

Melissa Zapata Montoya

English
Fort Stockton, TX

4:10 pm

Christina Ketring

Animal Science
East Grand Forks, MN

4:20 pm

Leanna Morin

Range & Wildlife Management
Hondo, TX

4:30 pm

Kiahna Garcia

English
Del Rio, TX

4:40 pm

Kayla Waggoner

History
Lubbock, TX

4:50 pm

Andrew Deleon

Kinesiology
Roscoe, Texas

5:00 pm

Samiah Bass-Walker

Homeland Security
Lubbock, TX

Thank You

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thank you for your
attendance and support.

We hope to see you at our
future events!"

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Open House Graduate Fellows Symposium



Fall 2022
PROGRAM

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GRADUATE STUDIES



Preston McKee, MS

Natural Resource Management
" Opportunities to utilize the outdoor classroom in the NRM Department and the student chapter of The Wildlife Society led to an appreciation of the outdoors and research."

Fellowship Mentor
Justin French



Olivia Gray, MS

Range and Wildlife Management
" While still working on my thesis on the competitive interactions between desert bighorn sheep, aoudad, and mule deer, I was recently hired by Texas Parks and Wildlife as the county biologist for Jeff Davis and Reeves counties."

Fellowship Mentor
Dr. Carlos Gonzalez



Erin O'Connell, MS

Range and Wildlife Management
" I developed a passion for science and research from spending summers outside at my grandparents' farm in West Virginia. I now have the privilege to study iconic pronghorn at the Rocker B Ranch in West Texas."

Fellowship Mentor
Dr. Carlos Gonzalez



Brooke Bowman, MS

Range and Wildlife Management
" I am grateful to continue my education in Sul Ross's Range & Wildlife Management Master's program studying the effects of oil & gas development on Scaled Quail movement and behavior!"

Fellowship Mentor
Justin French



Maya Ressler, MS

Range and Wildlife Management
" I was drawn to the West Texas high deserts after I backpacked the Chisos Mountains at 16 years old. After that, I was hooked on the conservation of the natural world."

Fellowship Mentor
Dr. Ryan Luna

Meet Our Fellows



Caleb Hughes, MS

Range and Wildlife Management
"Being raised in a rural environment, activities such as hunting, and fishing developed a strong love for wildlife and wild places. This upbringing cultivated my interest in making a career out of studying and conserving natural resources."

Fellowship Mentor
Dr. Carlos Gonzalez



Melissa Zapata Montoya, MA

English
"I hope to complete my educational journey so that I may become an educator at the community college level as I believe those institutions open up a world of opportunities for lower income families to complete their post-secondary education."

Fellowship Mentor
Ian Peddie



Christina Ketring, MS

Animal Science
" Finding Alpine and Sul Ross has been wonderful; my time here will definitely add to the serendipity that has shaped my life so far! As random as my path has been I have been graced with good mentors and industry connections that still aid me today."

Fellowship Mentor
Dr. Carlos Gonzalez



Leanna Morin, MS

Range and Wildlife Management
" I am the coolest aunt to two nieces and two nephews, so some of my favorite things to do to share my love for nature is by taking them to parks, walking nature trails, and catching bugs together."

Fellowship Mentor
Dr. Carlos Gonzalez



Kiahna S. Garcia, MA

English
" In the future, my ultimate goal is to obtain my Ph.D. in English and teach English and/or Mexican literature at a university outside of the United States."

Fellowship Mentor
Audrey Taylor



Kayla Waggoner, MS

History
" After I graduate I'm hoping to dive further into my research in whatever direction that takes me. That has been my favorite part of the graduate experience, the research."

Fellowship Mentor
Dr. Savannah Williamson



Andrew Deleon, MS

Kinesiology
" I am currently working on my Masters in Sports Administration and currently in Orlando, FL working for ESPN sport complex."



Samiah Bass-Walker, MS

Homeland Security
" Upon graduation this spring, Samiah plans to attend the Texas Game Warden academy and one day go on to get her Doctorate Degree from Texas Tech University in Addictive Disorders and Recovery Studies."

Fellowship Mentor
Dr. Eric Busby



Benjamin Thomas, MS

Biology
"One day, when driving through Alpine, I thought I might just stay awhile. I don't need much in this life, just a garden and some free time."

Fellowship Mentor
Dr. Chris Ritzi



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