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CoSM Faculty Spotlight

Ahn Article Published

The joint paper "A rod-beam system with dynamic contact & thermal exchange condition" by **Dr. Jeongho Ahn**, associate professor of mathematics, and former student Zachary Rail, has been accepted and [electronically published by Applied Mathematics and Computation](#).





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Bellis and Marsico are Co-Authors of Study

A study co-authored by Dr. Emily Bellis, assistant professor of bioinformatics, Computer Science and Arkansas Biosciences Institute, **Dr. Travis Marsico**, professor of botany and associate chair, Biological Sciences, and colleagues was published recently in [Scientific Reports](#). In the project with the U.S. Forest Service, the researchers found significant environmental risks associated with nonnative seeds that arrive in U.S. ports on refrigerated shipping containers. The article is online.

CoSM Staff Spotlight

DeFazio Named Rookie of the Year

Lauren DeFazio, administrative assistant in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics, is this year's recipient of the [Distinguished Performance "Rookie of the Year" Award](#).





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Boves' Study Funded by Kays Board

A grant proposal by **Dr. Than Boves**, associate professor of wildlife ecology, has been approved by the Kays Foundation board. The \$8,400 grant will support his project, "Uncovering the factors associated with host-switching of specialized parasites," which is a study of one lineage of feather mites and a set of 50 closely related avian host species of warblers to examine how parasites can switch hosts or even species.

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Lorence Co- Authors Vision for Plant Science

Dr. Argelia Lorence, professor of metabolic engineering and James and Wanda Lee Vaughn Professor, was a member of the Plant Summit 2019 team that developed a vision for the advancement of plant science during the next decade in the United States. Their peer-reviewed paper is ["Plant science decadal vision 2020-2030: Reimagining the potential of plants for a healthy and sustainable future."](#)





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