



Back Row, Left to Right: Andrew Kosydar, Estevan Santana, Jane Mantey, Shannon Muir, Scott Sellars
Front Row, Left to Right: Laurie Harris, Vivian Ericson, Christine Hochmuth, Angee Doerr, Debra Cooper

2014-2015 Fellowships

Debra Cooper received her PhD in Neuroscience in March 2013 from Emory University. She received her BS in Psychology from Duke University. As a post-doc, she studied cocaine addiction in the Center for Addiction Research at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, TX.

Angee Doerr recently completed her PhD in the Ecology program at UC Davis focusing on the intersection of natural and social science in resource management. She has a BS from Duke University and an MBA. Currently, Angee is a LCDR in the Navy Reserves after doing eight years of active duty.

Vivian Ericson received her PhD from Stanford University in Molecular and Cellular Physiology studying how the nervous system is set up in order to better understand disease. Her undergraduate degree is from UC Santa Barbara in Cell and Developmental Biology.

Laurie Harris received her PhD from UC Davis in wildlife epidemiology. She studied respiratory illness in mountain gorillas, monkeys, and people at the wildlife-human interface in Rwanda. Laurie received both her BS in biology and her Doctor of Veterinary Medicine degree from Purdue University.

Christine Hochmuth is a cell and molecular biologist. She completed a three-year post-doctoral fellowship at UC San Diego studying blood stem cells in zebrafish. She has taught at both UCSD and the University of San Diego. Christine received her PhD in Biology from the University of Rochester.

Andrew Kosydar received his PhD in biology from the Univ. of Washington and his undergraduate degrees in wildlife biology and French at the Univ. of Montana. Since graduation, he has conducted studies in the fields of conflict and big data. Andrew relocated to Sacramento from Freiburg, Germany.

Jane Mantey received her PhD in Biomedical Sciences from Meharry Medical College in Nashville, TN studying the link between chemicals in foods and colon cancer. As a Vanderbilt University Scientist-In-The-Classroom teaching fellow, she taught 3rd, 4th, and 8th grade science to at-risk students.

Shannon Muir received her PhD in Biomedical Sciences from UC San Diego where she studied a rare form of cancer in children. She served as state-wide representative for graduate students in the UC system. She holds an MS in Pharmacology from Tulane University and BS in Psychobiology from UCLA.

Estevan Santana received his PhD in Microbiology studying infectious disease from The Ohio State University. He also did his undergraduate work at OSU and graduated with a BS in Biology. Prior to beginning his PhD, he worked at the University of Cincinnati in a lab generating mutant mice.

Scott Sellars completed his PhD in Civil Engineering from UC Irvine, studying rainfall patterns using satellite data. He received his BS in Meteorology from the University of Utah in Salt Lake City and his MA in Climate and Society from Columbia University in New York City.