



# ABE-GSA Biweekly Update

## Purdue ABE Graduate Student Association

### August 28<sup>th</sup>, 2018 • News & Announcements

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wants your  
feedback on  
#GradLife.

[Comment Here.](#)

## List of Upcoming ABE-GSA Activities

**Welcome Back Picnic - Thursday August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2018 5pm-7pm,**  
*Location: ADM Agricultural Innovation Center, West Lafayette, IN 47906, USA ([map](#))*

Anyone affiliated with ABE is welcome to attend and celebrate the beginning of a new academic year!

ABE graduate students who are interested in volunteering should sign up here:

[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EHzpCUzOpl-PkZY5fjLekN6iBgK7rF\\_iZanuGS9GxSI/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1EHzpCUzOpl-PkZY5fjLekN6iBgK7rF_iZanuGS9GxSI/edit?usp=sharing)

**Nine Irish Social - Friday August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 7pm-9pm,**

*Location: Nine Irish Brothers, 119 Howard Ave, West Lafayette, IN 47906, USA ([map](#))*

Meet new and returning ABE grad students! ABE GSA will pay for appetizers.

For more information visit:

<https://engineering.purdue.edu/abegsa/2018/08/27/nine-irish-social/>

**Philanthropy & BBBB Chair Applications Due - Saturday  
September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2018 11:59 pm**

To apply, email Sarah Daly ([daly24@purdue.edu](mailto:daly24@purdue.edu)) with a ½ page pitch of why you should be selected and a resume or CV. For questions contact Sarah.

For more information visit:

<https://engineering.purdue.edu/abegsa/2018/08/15/abe-gsa-officer-callout/>

**Mentor Program Sign up! - Friday August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018 11:59pm**

We are still in need of mentors as part of the ABE Mentor/Mentee program! Please consider signing up below!

<https://goo.gl/forms/TV0lkr3sOURwFaQJ3>

**Professional Development Seminar: “Jobs in Public Policy”  
Thursday September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 12pm - 1pm**

*Location: TBA*

ABE Alumni Dr. Anne Dare will provide insight, advice, and her experiences related to her work in public policy.

**Graduate Parent Support Network (GPSn) Callout (Graduate  
School) - Thursday September 6<sup>th</sup>, 2018 6pm - 6:30pm**

*Location: Purdue Graduate Student Center, 504 Northwestern Ave, West Lafayette, IN 47906, USA ([map](#))*

Are you a graduate student with children? Thinking about starting a family in academia?

Join the Graduate Parent Support Network (GPSn), an organization committed to supporting students who are parents!

Questions? [gpsn@purdue.edu](mailto:gpsn@purdue.edu)

## **Graduate Student Welcome & Networking Event (CoA) - Friday September 7th, 2018 4pm - 8pm**

***Location: Marriott Hall, 900 W State St, West Lafayette, IN 47906, USA***  
***([map](#))***

Grad Students, Post-docs, Staff, Faculty, Friends of Purdue interested in Agriculture and related sciences (broadly defined)! Bring a friend! Undergrads invited!

Poster registration here: <https://bit.ly/2jZNcKx>

**(Research themes within laboratories highly encouraged)**

## **Kerala Flood Relief & Rehabilitation - Please Consider Donating**

Kerala, India has faced the worst floods in over a century and is in dire need of financial support. This is the situation within the homeland of graduate students within our own department. All 14 districts in the state have been affected, more than 350 lives lost, around 1 million people displaced to rescue camps and damage of over \$3 billion has been reported (see [here](#) for pictures). Known as God's own country, it is one of the most visited places in India and we need your help to rebuild it. We have been getting tremendous support from people all over the world, but nothing is enough at this time.

Some of us at Purdue have collaborated with 'ASHA Purdue' and organized an online fundraiser to help the people affected. Please circulate the following link and help spread the word. Considering the currency exchange of USD to INR, even a small amount raised from Purdue will mean a lot to the people back in Kerala.

**Donate Now!! - <http://purdue.ashanet.org/keralaflood/>**

## **Featured Publications, Conferences, and Awards**

*Have a recently published article, conference presentation, or award? Have your work featured in the ABE-GSA Biweekly Newsletter by emailing the title or reference to Grace at [baldwing@purdue.edu](mailto:baldwing@purdue.edu).*

## **ABE-GSA Officer Spotlight**



**Grace Baldwin**  
**Position: Secretary**

Grace Baldwin is a second-year master's student studying under Dr. Bob Stwalley. She graduated with her bachelor of science from Purdue's Agricultural & Biological Engineering program with a focus in Environmental & Natural Resources Engineering. Her area of research is the continuation of her undergraduate Senior Design Capstone project which is focused on development of a tropical Agricultural Extension Demonstration Farm template. The main location of her project is in Amakom, Lake Bosomtwe, Ghana West Africa. The project is located within an impact crater. Through the support of the Hydrologist Helping Others Grant (H2O), she just returned from spending five weeks in Ghana providing extension support to small-holder farmers and conducting her farming practices survey which covered 12-villages. Grace currently serves as the ABE-GSA secretary. In addition, she enjoys traveling, playing soccer, sewing and spending times with friends. She would like to have a small hobby farm one day with some dairy cows.

## **ABE-GSA Raffle Prize Winner!**

*Remember to sign in at ABE GSA events for the chance to win a prize! The winner will be announced in the newsletter and the website!*

Johann Vera was the May-July Raffle Prize winner. Congratulations!

## **ABE Alumni-Where Are They Now?**



**Name: Laurent Ahiablame**

**Degree Earned in ABE: ABE MS 2009, PhD 2012**

**ABE GSA President 2009-2010**

**Current Job Title:** Director, Agriculture and Natural Resources

Hydrologist/Water Quality and Management Advisor San Diego Office, University of California

### **Current Job Description:**

I am the Director of University of California, Division of Agriculture and Natural Resources (UCANR), which is the statewide division of the UC system that provides science based information addressing complex issues through Cooperative Extension in the state. As director, I am responsible for the coordination and overall operation of extension programs in San Diego County. I am responsible for 30 employees. I manage research and continue to do research.

### **Advice for Current Grad Students:**

Work hard

## **Student Concern Form**

Have a concern you want ABE-GSA to address? Please follow the link below to fill out the student concern form.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfn9H9zxvbFFeM4cHxofdMtWrEAtjGJUyRrlobE8IAazMseahQ/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfn9H9zxvbFFeM4cHxofdMtWrEAtjGJUyRrlobE8IAazMseahQ/viewform?usp=sf_link)

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## Purdue/Local Community Events

Description

<https://www.homeofpurdue.com/events/calendar.php>

**Event:** West Lafayette Farmers Market

**Dates:** Wednesdays, May-October 3:30-7:00PM

**Location:** Cumberland Park 3065 N. Salisbury W. Lafayette

For more information: <http://wlfarmersmarket.com/>

**Event:** Lafayette Farmers Market At Purdue

**Dates:** August-October, Thursdays 11:00AM-3:00PM

**Location:** Purdue campus, North End Memorial Mall

For more information: <http://www.lafayettefarmersmarket.com/>

