

"Supporting the Next Generation of Scientists"

ANNUAL REPORT

2014 - 2015

Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science





FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Friends and Supporters,

AM PLEASED TO SHARE with you the 2014-2015 Annual Report of the Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science at UC Davis.

Few universities have matched UC Davis's consistently high standards in research and education. The university

ranks 1st in the U.S. in the number of faculty publications in agriculture, entomology, food science, and plant and animal sciences (ScienceWatch). And for the third consecutive year, UC Davis ranked No. 1 in the world for teaching and research in agriculture, forestry and veterinary medicine (QS World University Rankings, 2015).

These stellar rankings are due, in part, to the excellence of our students. The Robert Mondavi Institute significantly increased its support of students last year, awarding over \$60,000 in Fellowships, Travel and Research Grants, Internship Awards, and Poster Awards to graduate students in the departments of Food Science and Technology, Viticulture and Enology, and Entomology and Nematology.

Within the Institute, the Honey and Pollination Center and Olive Center have each, independently, played an important role in supporting students while making lasting contributions to their industries. The Olive Center has mentored 20 graduate students and 70 undergraduate students since it was established in 2008. A multidisciplinary team of undergraduates working with the Olive Center won the prestigious grand prize at iGEM, an international competition in Boston, with over 2,500 participants. Their project developed a simple, cost-effective biosensor to detect olive oil quality. Other Olive Center accomplishments last year included receiving a \$367,000 grant from the USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program, \$60,000 for table olive research and \$40,000 for olive oil research. Sensory and Master Milling Short Courses attracted over 150 participants from 15 states and 10 countries, and olive product sales topped \$125,000.

The Honey and Pollination Center supports students through sales of its products (honey, flavor wheel, and notecards). A portion of the proceeds are directed to support bee health research in the Department of Entomology and Nematology. Philanthropy has also helped support our students through the Center. Doug and Juli Muhleman, members of the Institute's Board of Executives, created the "Pollinator Fund" to support graduate students whose research area is related to bee health, pollination science or native pollinators. The Honey and Pollination Center greatly expanded its outreach efforts last year. The 2nd annual Mead Making Short Course attracted attendees from more than a dozen states and as far away as England. Almost 400 individuals attended our first annual Bee Health Symposium, made possible by a generous gift from the Henry J. Kaiser Foundation.

The generosity of our donors, members of the Friends Program, and our Industry Partners has enabled the Robert Mondavi Institute to support and promote our next generation of scientists. Continued support will allow us to implement our RMI 2020 Vision: To generate and sustain a vibrant ecosystem of relationships among university researchers and students, industry thought leaders, and consumers.

I'm confident we are blazing the path Robert Mondavi set us on more than a decade ago!

CLARE HASLER-LEWIS

Executive Director, Robert Mondavi Institute for Wine and Food Science Departments of Food Science and Technology Viticulture and Enology

RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

On April 11, 2015 the Departments of Viticulture and Enology and Food Science and Technology gathered in the Robert Mondavi Institute Silverado Vineyards Sensory Theater for the first joint departmental research symposium. The day featured 12 faculty research updates and guided discussions in four areas: food innovation, food integrity and authentication, food functionality, and environmental stewardship in food production.





Inaugural Bee Symposium Graduate Student Poster Awards

Graduate students from the Department of Entomology and Nematology participated on May 9, 2015. They were awarded \$1,500, \$1,000 and \$750 for first, second and third place, respectively.

1st PLACE

REISCAMPAVIA is a Ph.D. student of Professors Ed Lewis and Neal Williams. Her poster title: Native Bee Nest Site Selection in Agroecosystems.

2nd PLACE

 $\mathsf{JENNIFER} \ \mathsf{VANWYK}_{\ is\ a\ Ph.D.}$

student in the Graduate Group in Ecology and a student of Neal Williams. Her poster title: Wet Meadow Restoration Buffers the Impact of Climate Change: Pollinator Resilience During the California Drought.

3rd PLACE

LESLIE SAUL-GERSCHENZ is a Ph.D. student of Professor Neal Williams. Her poster title: Native Bee Parasite Shows Multitrait, Host-Specific Variation and Local Adaptation.

Fifth Annual Graduate Student Research Poster Competition

Graduate students from the Departments of Food Science and Technology, and Viticulture and Enology took part in the competition on September 26, 2014. First, second and third place winners received \$1,500, \$1,000, and \$750, respectively.

1st PLACE

LUIS GARAY is a Ph.D. student in the Department of Food Science and Technology. His poster title: Towards a Yeast Based Multivalue Technology Platform.

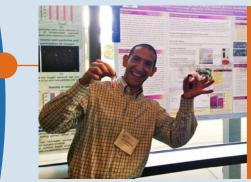
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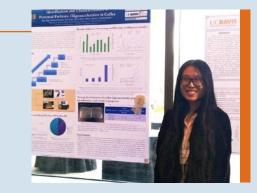
ALICE TANG is a Ph.D. student in the Department of Food Science and Technology. Her poster title: Characterization of Volatile Compounds of Virgin Olive Oil Originated in the United States.

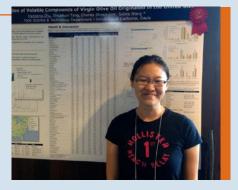
3rd PLACE

TIEN TIEN is a Ph.D. student in the Department of Food Science and Technology. Her poster title: Identification and Characterization of Potential Prebiotic Oligosaccharide in Coffee.









in **GRADUATE STUDENT** Research

2015 GRADUATE STUDENT TRAVEL AWARDS



ANA PETERSON Doctoral Student, Viticulture and Enology AWARD: \$1,500 MEETING: 2015 In Vino Analytica Scientia; Trentino, Italy ABSTRACT: Analysis of Acetaldehyde Condensation Reaction



ALEXANDER LEVIN Doctoral Student, Viticulture and Enology **AWARD: \$750 MEETING:** American Society for Enology and Viticulture Annual Conference: Portland, Oregon **ABSTRACT:** The Effect of Water Deficits on Berry Growth and Composition of Seventeen Wine Grape Cultivars in the San Joaquin Valley



NINA KIRMIZ Doctoral Student, Food Science and Technology **AWARD:** \$750 **MEETING:** Federation for Academic Societies for Experimental Biology; Big Sky, Montana **ABSTRACT:** Insights into human milk oligosaccharide utilization by Bifidobacterium longum subsp. longum SC596 and Bifidobacterium breve SC95



STEPHEN YOUNG Doctoral Student, Food Science and Technology AWARD: \$750 MEETING: Institute of Food Technologists Annual Meeting & Food Expo 2015; Chicago, Illinois ABSTRACT: Enhanced

Encapsulation of Bioactives into Yeast Microcarriers using Pressure Facilitated Infusion



RYAN DOWDY

JAKE URETSKY Doctoral Student, Viticulture and Enology **AWARD:** \$750 MEETING: 66th American Society of Enology and Viticulture National Conference; Portland, Oregon **ABSTRACT:** Split-Container

Culture Reveals

Developmental Differences in Grapevine Roots Grown in Heterogeneous Soils

Doctoral Student, Food Science and Technology **AWARD:** \$500 **MEETING: SIMB** 37th Symposium on Biotechnology for Fuels and Chemicals; San Diego, California **ABSTRACT:**

Evaluation of Tomato Waste Feedstocks for Microbial Food Cells

ROBERT MONDAVI INSTITUTE INTERNATIONAL INTERNSHIP AWARD

The recipient of this inaugural award was Michael Garrison, a Master's Student in the Department of Viticulture and Enology. The \$4,000 award supported Garrison's 6 month internship at Domaine Graménon, Côtes du Rhône. Garrison graduated from Virginia Tech in 2003 with a B.S. in Aerospace Engineering.

INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Helping Industry Innovate



The 2015 Arla Foods Graduate Student Fellow is FANG (DIANE) DOU, a Ph.D. student in the Department of Food Science and Technology working with associate professor Nitin Nitin. Ms. Dou received \$40,000 to support one year of her

research focusing on the **detection of bacteriophage contamination in dairy streams**. Arla cooperative is a global dairy company owned by European dairy farmers with headquarters in Aarhus, Denmark. Arla is the **third largest dairy** cooperative in the world.



OLIVIA YU, a Ph.D. student in the laboratory of Dr. Kerri Steenwerth, Department of Viticulture & Enology was the 2013 Pentair Graduate Fellow. Her research focused on advancing the knowledge of greenhouse gas emissions

from vineyard floor management practices. Pentair is a global water, fluid, thermal management, and equipment protection partner with industry leading products and services.

2014 - 2015 GRADUATE STUDENT FELLOWS

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BENEFITS OF MEMBERSHIP IN THE INDUSTRY PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM:

Single point of access to connect to faculty across UC Davis

Annual research update tailored to each Partner interest area

Graduate Fellows Receive \$40,000 to support one year of their research in an area of interest to the Partner.

Facilitated access to state-of-the-art facilities, including the LEED Platinum winery, brewery, and food, and milk processing laboratories

The opportunity to name a Graduate Fellow in the company name

The WALT KLENZ Lectureship on Wine Business

The Walt Klenz Lectureship series is a bi-annual event that brings renowned wine makers and wine industry professionals to the UC Davis campus.



Don St. Pierre, Jr.

Co-founder & Board Member, ASC Fine Wines

November 6th 2014

Don St. Pierre, Jr. founded ASC Fine Wines and was CEO until 2012, when he assumed the role of Executive Chairman. In 2011, he was ranked the #7 most influential person in the wine industry by Decanter magazine and was awarded "International Man of the Year" by Wine Enthusiast magazine.

May 19th 2015

Richard Mendelson has handled legal matters involving almost every aspect of the wine business. Responsible for obtaining recognition for some of the most well-known American Viticultural Areas, he assisted the California government with the legislation to protect the world-famous Napa Valley geographical indication.



Richard Mendelson

Director, Wine Law and Policy Program UC Berkeley; Attorney, Dickenson, Peatman & Fogarty, Napa



News & Events

NOVEMBER 2014: A team of UC Davis undergraduates was named the grand prize winner of the iGEM international competition at MIT in Boston. Over 240 entries were submitted from four continents.

SEPTEMBER 2014: The California Department of Food and Agriculture approved the first grading and labeling standards for California olive oil based on research conducted at the UC Davis Olive Center.

OCTOBER 2014: The Center received a \$367,000 grant from the USDA Specialty Crop Block Grant Program to examine ways to de-bitter California ripe olives to reduce waste-water impacts, and improve the nutritional quality of the product.

UC Davis Students Win Big at International Competition

Photo: Karin Higgins, UC Davis

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"It's all about the details." – Pablo Canamasas

OCTOBER 2014: The sixth annual Master Milling Short Course

NOVEMBER 2014: Twenty volunteers joined director Dan

JUNE 2015: The Olive Oil Sensory Course was the largest and most successful yet, attracting participants from 18 states and 6 countries.

Stay up to date: olivecenter.ucdavis.edu/events



Bee Health Symposium May, 2015

Keeping Bees Healthy attracted almost 400 beekeepers, gardeners, scientists and students. Topics included bee health, backyard beekeeping, and the effects of pesticides on bee populations. Marla Spivak, a MacArthur "Genius" Grant recipient for her research on bee health, was the Keynote. The symposium was made possible by a generous donation from the Henry J. Kaiser Family Foundation.



Picnic Day attracted 2,000 visitors who tasted a variety of California honeys and learned about apiculture from our on-site beekeeper. An observation beehive was on display.

Mid-Winter Beekeepers Feast January, 2015

An opportunity to showcase the bounty bees help bring to the table and honor Center donors and supporters. The menu featured local fare, most donated by northern California farmers and producers. A highlight was a guided tasting of meads led by Darrell Corti.

Introduction to Mead Making November, 2014

The two-day course featured talks by mead makers at the forefront of this growing beverage sector including: Petar Bakulic, president, Mazer Cup International Mead Competition; Michael Fairbrother, owner, Moonlight Meadery; Mike Faul, owner, Rabbit's Foot Meadery; and Ken Schramm, author, *The Compleat Meadmaker* and owner, Schramm's Mead.

















Honey Flavor Wheel

The Wheel offers a huge lexicon to describe various flavors in honey. The Center worked with 25 tasters and sensory scientist Sue Langstaff of Applied Sensory, Sacramento, Calif. Aromas and flavors cover



the full sensory experience from primary tastes of sweet, bitter, sour, salty through common fruity and floral flavors, to the uncommon marshmallow and cinnamon and over 90 more! The Wheel was featured on NPR's 'Salt', in *Smithsonian* and *Science Magazine* online, and other food oriented magazines.

Muhlemans Establish Pollinator Func

This past June, the Muhleman Family established the Pollinator Fund with a private donation and the proceeds from the Soderquist Award from the University. \$10,000 will support graduate student research in bee health, pollination science or native pollinators.

Center Supporters and Donors

\$25,000 Kaiser Family Foundation \$2.500 Mike Cicchella Natural American Foods \$1,000 American Beekeeping Federation Les Dames d'Escoffier, San Francisco \$500 Carmel Honey Company Moonlight Meadery O Olive Oil Sonoma Syrup Co. Z Specialty Food \$250 First Northern Bank









at the Robert Mondayi Institute





The Winkler Dinner is named after the historic Winkler Vine, and honors the late Albert J. Winkler, chair of the Department of Viticulture and Enology from 1935 to 1957. Proceeds from the dinner support student activities, including international scholarship awards. This annual dinner is hosted by the department's student members and consists of five courses prepared by individual chefs, paired with wines made by a UC Davis alum, and accompanied by auctions and live music in the Good Life Garden.

May 16th, 2015

BUGS and **BEER**

November 1, 2014

David George Gordon, known as "THE BUG CHEF" and author of the award-winning *Eat-a-Bug Cookbook*, joined "THE POPE OF FOAM" Charlie Bamforth, Anheuser-Busch Endowed Professor of Malting and Brewing Sciences, to pair EIGHT BUG DISHES with EIGHT DIFFERENT BEERS. Bugs and Beer: Why Crickets and Kölsch Might Be Matches Made in Heaven, was the most popular event the Institute has ever hosted.



GREAT CHEFS SERIES September 13, 2014 & February 28, 2015

Chef Daniel Olivella is a native of Spain who owns B44 Catalan Bistro in San Francisco and Barlata Tapas



Bar in Austin, Texas. During the morning session, 14 attendees had the opportunity to cook with Olivella in the Institute's Food Innovation Kitchen. After lunch, Olivella hosted a paella-making demonstration and tasting of Spanish wines.

Chef Patrick Mulvaney is the owner of Mulvaney's B&L in Sacramento, Calif., a mainstay of the region's Farm-to-Fork Movement. The full day event educated the public on sustainable culinary practices beginning with in-depth cooking instruction for 17 on how to transform a hog from the UC Davis Meat Lab into a delicious lunch.



FOOD > WINE > BEER > ARTS

Harvest was a celebration of autumn on Sunday,
Oct. 12, 2014. The Good Life Garden showcased
the region's agriculture with tastings from
40 wineries, breweries and food
purveyors. The event was sponsored by
a grant from the Julia Child Foundation
for Gastronomy and the Culinary Arts.

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at the Robert and Margrit Mondavi Center for the Performing Arts

An exclusive wine tasting experience for members of the Friends of the Robert Mondavi Institute Program at or above the Reserve level. We thank the wineries that poured during the 2014-15 season.

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The Institute welcomed 80 members of the Friends program to the Fall Welcome Reception. They gathered in the Sensory Building Lobby to learn about student research projects, enjoy tastings of olive oil and honey and to tour the LEED Platinum Teaching and Research Winery.



Holiday Soirée Ends Year on a High Note



The Robert Mondavi Institute hosted its first annual Holiday Soirée on the evening of December 4, 2014 in the Sensory Building Lobby. It was an opportunity to thank donors and Friends who supported the institute's outreach, education and research mission during the year.



First-Ever Spring "Sense-ation"



Students led sensory experiences during the Spring "Sense-ation" on March 26, 2015. Henry Wedler, Ph.D. candidate in Organic Chemistry, led a blindfolded "Sightless Sipping" of wine; Shawn McIlvenna, Senior, V&E, explored how glass shape impacts the taste of sparkling wine taste; and Maile Kahn, Junior, FST, demonstrated "spherification," shaping liquids into spheres.

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As vice president and general manager of Napa operations, Workman oversees nearly every aspect of the Robert Mondavi Winery. Since 2004, he has helped manage the entire facility, ncluding winemaking operations, Finances, retail and hospitality. Workmar has been a prominent member of the winery's team since 1975.

Board of **Executives**

ROBERT BOYNTON is adjunct professor of applied economics and management at Cornell University and retired senior vice president of Marketing and Sales, Leprino Foods Company.

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HAROLD McGEE is an author, New York Times columnist, and recipient of the prestigious "Johannes van Dam Prize," awarded to him in 2014 by the University of Amsterdam. His book On Food and Cooking: the Lore of the Kitchen, is a standard reference in culinary schools. DOUG (Vice Chair) and JULI MUHLEMAN are long-time supporters of UC Davis and the institute. Doug served as a UC Davis Foundation trustee and chair of the Dean's Development Task Force for the College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences. He currently chairs the Brewing Science Strategy Group within the Department of Food Science and Technology.

GLENN NEDWIN Previously CEO and President of Taxon Biosciences, Inc., has over 30 years of experience in the biotechnology industry.

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UC Davis supported Robert Mondavi's transition from a grape merchant to a world-renowned California wine maker. In return, his gift to build the Robert Mondavi Institute has become an asset to the research efforts of the Departments of Viticulture and Enology, and Food Science and Technology. The Institute has continued to bring scientific recognition to UC Davis. Robert Mondavi would be extremely proud of his legacy and how we executed his vision.

MARGARET LAWSON

Founding Member, Board of Executives



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