



MARCH 2022 NEWSLETTER

WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

The National Association of LSAMP Alumni celebrates Women's History Month, a recognition of women's contributions to history, culture and society. The theme this year is "Women Providing Healing, Promoting Hope."

This theme is "both a tribute to the ceaseless work of caregivers and frontline workers during this ongoing pandemic and also a recognition of the thousands of ways that women of all cultures have provided both healing and hope throughout history."

Access resources and events for [Women's History Month here.](#)

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NALA MENTORSHIP COMMITTEE MEMBER OPEN POSITIONS

- Mentor Pairing Coordinator(s)
- Mentorship Development Coordinator(s)
- Mentor Relationship Coordinator(s)

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- Recruiting Coordinator(s)
- Conference Coordinator(s)
- Workshop Coordinator(s)

NALA SOCIAL MEDIA COMMITTEE MEMBER OPEN POSITIONS

- Content Developer
- Facebook/LinkedIn Coordinator(s)
- Twitter/Instagram Coordinator(s)



Get to know our Executive Staff

Ana Chicas- Mosier, PhD

Treasurer



What university are you currently at, and what kind of research are you doing?

I'm a Postdoctoral Fellow at Auburn University, in Auburn, Alabama. I research a lot of things - roach oviposition behavior, kudzu bug (a soy pest) and it's parasitoid wasp, a moth that destroys the trunks of peach trees, squash pests...

I do bugs!

Where did you grow up, and has that had an impact on your science journey?

I grew up in Stillwater, Oklahoma, which is where Oklahoma State University is, and where I ended up doing my undergrad and PhD at. Living in a college town, so many people are related to the university. My grandfather was a professor, and my grandmother was an adjunct professor, so I was encouraged to explore science from a young age. Science became a special thing - my grandpa would show me rocks, it was fun, it never felt like pressure.

How have your travels influenced your perspective on science?

Science has funded my travel, almost exclusively. When I was a freshman undergrad, Dr. Abramson, who eventually became my PhD advisor, had an REU (Research Experience for Undergraduates) set up, so I went to Turkey and Greece that summer, and studied honey bees in the mediterranean, where they are native. I've been able to do electrofishing in Montana, study flowers in Colorado, and research a sub-species of honeybee in Puerto Rico. I went back to Turkey as a grad student, but when the coup happened, we had to flee to Greece.

My advice: Apply to REU programs, at least 5 a summer. Apply for the NSF GRFP, which funded my graduate study travel. It doesn't necessarily matter if you don't have a great GPA, or don't have research experience - but if you get in, you can go to incredible places to do research, and they'll pay you to do it.

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

2022 ILSAMP Symposium

Paul Faronbi (NALA President) and Steven Philipcott (Outreach Chair) were onsite for the 2022 ILSAMP Symposium hosted by Chicago State University at Hilton Rosemont near the Chicago Airport. It was full circle for NALA as that's where the idea for uniting LSAMP Alumni nationwide was first introduced at the 2020 conference. Paul shared the history, how far we've come in the last 2 years, and ways to get involved. It was a Friday evening session for NALA, and both Steven and Paul spent time after connecting with students, faculty and other attendees.



SAVE THE DATE

KY-WV Annual Research Symposium

When: April 9, 2022

Where: Virtual

[Click here for more information](#)



NYC-LSAMP Research Symposium

When: May 9, 2022

Where: Virtual



LS-PAC Models Diversity in STEM Conference

When: July 21-23, 2022

Where: New Orleans, LA

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